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Academic Employment

Assistant Professor of Economics, Davidson College, July 2019 to present

Education

University of California, Davis	PhD, Economics	2019
	Dissertation: "Essays in Labor Economics"	
	Fields: Labor, Public, Applied microeconomics	
Wellesley College	BA (*cum laude*), Economics	2010

Research Interests

Family Economics, Infant Health, Fertility, Incarceration, Intergenerational Mobility,

Published Work

Tasks and Black-white Inequality over the Long Twentieth Century, with Rowena Grey, Sarah Quincy, and Zachary Ward
Forthcoming in the *Journal of Human Resources*

The Effect of Increased Sentencing Severity on Fertility and Family Formation
Journal of Law & Economics, November 2026, 69 (4): 825-851.

Does the Delivery of Primary Health Care Improve Birth Outcomes? Evidence from the Rollout of Community Health Centers, with Esra Kose and Maria Rosales-Rueda
Journal of Human Resources, September 2026, 61 (5): 1669-1705.
Featured in the NBER Bulletin on Health: No. 2, June 2022: *Summary*

Head Start Access: No Evidence of Changes to Lifetime Fertility, with Esra Kose and Maria Rosales-Rueda
AEA Papers and Proceedings 115: 108–13, 2025.

Old Immigrants, New Niches: Russian Jewish Agricultural Colonies and Native Workers in Southern New Jersey, 1880 – 1910, with Sarah Quincy
Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences, Vol. 4 (1): 20-38, 2018.

Working Papers

Birth order in the very long-run: Estimating first-born premiums between 1850 and 1950, with Angela Cools, Jared Grooms, Krzysztof Karbownik, Joseph Price, and Anthony Wray.
Available as *NBER Working Paper 32407.*
Coverage: *Marketplace*

Work in Progress

The Intergenerational Effects of Head Start on Infant Health (with Esra Kose and Maria Rosales-Rueda)

Maternal Stress, Compositional Change, and Infant Health after a State Sentencing Reform

Teaching Experience

Davidson College (professor):	Introductory Economics (ECO 101)
	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (ECO 202)
	Public Economics (ECO 325)
	Beckerian Economics (ECO 495)
UC Davis (teaching assistant):	Principles of Microeconomics
	Principles of Microeconomics
	Introduction to Data Analysis
	Labor Economics

College Service

Committee Work:

Omicron Delta Epsilon Faculty Advisor	2022 – Present
Academic Advising Committee Member	2023 – 2026
Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Member	2021 – 2023
Davidson Holistic Advisor	2021 – 2023
Departmental Advisor	2020 – present

Awards, Honors, and Grants

Davidson College Faculty Study and Research Grant	2025
⇒ *Selected for the F. Hutton Barron Fund for meritorious faculty projects*	
Hollingsworth Visiting Scholar (Furman University)	2023
Davidson College Faculty Study and Research Grant	2020
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Poster Session Award, First Place	2018
Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship	2018 – 2019
Dissertation Workshop Invited Participant, WEAI	2018
UC Davis Institute for Social Sciences Dissertation Improvement Grant	2018
UC Davis Center for Poverty Research Travel Grant	2018
UC Davis Nonresidential Tuition Fellowship	2013 – 2014
National Science Foundation GRFP, Honorable Mention	2013, 2014
Peggy Howard Fellowship (Wellesley College)	2013

Presentations

2026: Triangle Health Economics Workshop, Liberal Arts College Public & Labor Conference, Wellesley Economics Alumnae Conference

2025: Allied Social Science Associations, University of New Mexico, Wofford College, Nebraska Labor Summit, Economic Demography Workshop, Southern Economic Association

2024: Eastern Economics Association, University of North Carolina Greensboro, Liberal Arts College Public & Labor Conference, Vanderbilt Economic History Network Conference, Carolina Regional Empirical Economics Day, UC Merced

2023: Furman University

2022: Allied Social Science Associations, Carolina Regional Empirical Economics Day, NBER Fall Health Meetings

2021: Eastern Economic Association, Carolina Regional Empirical Economics Day, Liberal Arts College Public & Labor Conference, Southern Economic Association

2020*: Allied Social Science Associations, Population Association of America, Southern Economic Association

2019: Davidson College, Xavier University, Charles River Associates, Southern Economic Association

2018: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management California Regional Student Conference, Population Association of America, UC Davis (x2), Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Workshop, Western Economic Association International, University of Nevada Reno, San José State University, All California Labor Economics Conference (poster), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (poster)

2016: Russell Sage Foundation

2012: Society of Government Economists Annual Conference

**includes scheduled*

Professional Activities

Referee: Economic Inquiry, Economic Letters, Economics of Education Review, Forum for Health Economics & Policy, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Nature Human Behavior, Population Research and Policy Review.

Conference reviewer: ASHEcon Annual Conference (2021), Liberal Arts Colleges Public and Labor Conference (2023)

Organizer: Liberal Arts College Public and Labor (LAC-PaL) Virtual Seminar (2024-present)

Session organizer: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2019, Allied Social Science Associations 2022.

Session chair: Allied Social Science Associations 2023 (x2).

Discussant: Western Economic Association Annual Meetings (2019), Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings (2020, 2021, 2025), Liberal Arts Colleges Public and Labor Conference (2023, 2024), Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings (2024), Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meetings (2025), Southeastern Health Economics Study Group (2025).

Member: American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association.