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CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Economics, Brown University (2020-present)

PRIOR ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Assistant Professor, Harvard University (2024-2025)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University (2019-2020)

AFFILIATIONS

Affiliate, Annenberg Institute (2019-present)

Affiliate, Wheelock Educational Policy Center (2021-present)

Research Affiliate, MIT Blueprint Labs (2023-present)

Affiliate, Brown University Population Studies and Training Center (2023-present)

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (2024-present)

Affiliate, Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (2025-present)

Affiliated Faculty, Brown University Education Department (2026-present)

Faculty Fellow, Watson School at Brown University (2026-present)

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, Boston University, 2019

MA in Political Economy, Boston University, 2017

BS in Mathematics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2012

BA in Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2012

PAPERS

Published and Accepted Work

Community Engagement with Law Enforcement after High Profile Acts of Police Violence (with Desmond Ang, Panka Bencsik, and Ellora Derenoncourt), *American Economic Review: Insights* (2025).

The Effects of Combat Deployments on Veterans' Outcomes (with Kyle Greenberg, Matthew Gudgeon, Evan K. Rose, and Yotam Shem-Tov), *Journal of Political Economy* (2024).

Regulatory Arbitrage in Teacher Hiring and Retention: Evidence from Massachusetts Charter Schools (with Scott Imberman and Marcus A. Winters), *Journal of Public Economics* (2022).

Professional Development at Scale: The Causal Effect of Obtaining an SEI Endorsement Under Mas-

sachusetts' RETELL Initiative (with Nathan Jones, Yasuko Kanno, and Marcus Winters), *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* (2022).

Working Papers

Path Dependence in the Labor Market: the Long-run Effects of Early Career Occupational Experience (with Jake Fabian, Luke Gallagher, Matthew Gudgeon, Adam Isen, and Aaron Phipps), Revise and resubmit at the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

Who Benefits from Remote Schooling? Self Selection and Match Effects (with Christopher Campos and Eric Chyn), Revise and resubmit at the *American Economic Review*

The Consequences of Sorting for Measuring Educational Quality, Revise and resubmit at the *American Economic Journal: Applied*

Who Chooses and Who Benefits? The Design of Public School Choice Systems (with Christopher Campos, Eric Chyn, and Antonia Vazquez)

Do Test Scores Misrepresent Test Results? An Item-by-Item Analysis (with Michael Gilraine, Jens Ludwig, and Sendhil Mullainathan)

Gender Composition and Group Behavior: Evidence from US City Councils (with Emilia Brito, Thea How-Choon and Anna Weber)

Competition in the Black Market: Estimating the Causal Effect of Gangs in Chicago (previously circulated under the title, "The Geography of Gang Violence.")

Crime and Public Housing: A General Equilibrium Analysis

Work in Progress

Policing for Profit? Evidence from Post-Ferguson Reforms in Missouri (with Brian Knight and Nathan Schiff)

Other Writing

Lottery Evidence on the Impact of Preschool in the United States (with Emily Emick)

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Advising

Advisor: Fu Jin (2024, Cornerstone Research)
Committee: Matthew Schaelling (2026, Brigham Young University)
Jacob Fabian (2025, ISO New England)
Mercedes Ponce de Leon (2025, Cornerstone Research)
Luca Rizzotti (2025, Institute for Fiscal Studies)
Emilia Brito (2024, Post-Doc at UCLA)
Assaf Kott (2023, Assistant Professor at Ben-Gurion University)

Referee Service

Awards: Excellence in Reviewing Award, AEJ Policy (2024, 2025)

Journals: AERA Open, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American

Political Science Review, Eastern Economic Journal, Econometrica, Economics of Education Review, Education and Finance Policy, European Economic Review, Economic Journal, Health Economics, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy: Micro, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics

Departmental Service

Annenberg Institute Education Policy Research Seminar (2026-2027)
 Annenberg Institute Education Policy Workshop (2026-2027)
 Brown University Economics Graduate Admissions committee (2026)
 Annenberg Institute Half-Baked Workshop (2025-2026)
 Brown University Economics First Generation Advisor (2023-2024, 2026-2027)
 Annenberg Institute Director search committee (2022-2023)
 Brown University Economics Junior search committee (2022-2023)
 Annenberg Institute Post-Doc search (2021-2023)
 Brown University Fall Applied Micro Seminar (2021, 2022)
 Brown University Spring Applied Micro Seminar (2021, 2026)
 Annenberg Institute Faculty search (2021)

Conferences and Invited Seminars

Future	Boston University, Cornell University, Northeast Economics of Education Workshop (Cambridge, MA), University College London
2026	University of California (Berkeley), BluePrint Labs, University of Rochester
2025	SUMI Community of Practice convening (virtual), NBER Summer Institute (Labor Studies), University of Chicago, Purdue University, Northwestern University, University of Pennsylvania, Cowles Summer Conference (New Haven, CT), University of Nebraska (Lincoln), Michigan State University, University of Connecticut ARMs (virtual), Arnold Ventures convening on veterans (Washington, DC), University of Colorado (Denver), Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2024	Federal Reserve Bank (New York, NY), AEA Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX), 8th Annual Empirical Micro Conference at ASU (Phoenix, AZ), University of Arizona, Harvard Kennedy School, Tufts University, Federal Reserve Board (Washington, DC), Northeastern University, Harvard University, Columbia University, Clark University, Micro and Macro Labor Conference (San Francisco, CA)
2023	Duke University, Chapman University, Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars (Boston, MA), Workshop on Soldiers (Copenhagen, Denmark), NBER Summer Institute (Economics of Education), Econometric Interactions Workshop (Northwestern), San Diego State University, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime (Ann Arbor, Michigan), APPAM (Atlanta, GA), MIT Preschool Research Convening (Nashville Tennessee)

- 2022 AEA (Virtual), Northeast Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists (Princeton, NJ), APPAM (Austin, TX), SOLE (Minneapolis, MN), St. Lawrence University, Causal Inference with Spatial Data Workshop (Essen, Germany), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Miami, FL), ALEA (New York City, NY), Urban Economic Association Annual Meeting (Washington, DC), Boston University (Wheelock Education Policy Center), Dartmouth College
- 2021 AEA (Virtual), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Princeton University (Education Research Section), Northeast Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists (virtual), University of Oslo, NBER Summer Institute (Crime), ALEA (Virtual), APPAM (Virtual), University of British Columbia
- 2020 Princeton University, SOLE/EALE/AALE World Conference (Virtual), AEFPP (Virtual), ALEA (Cancelled), Covid-19 Economics of Education Digital Seminar, Covid-19 Economics of Crime Online Seminar, Boston University (Virtual), Bocconi University - CLEAN (Virtual), RWI Leibniz Institute for Economic Research (Virtual), NBER Economics of Education Fall Meeting (Virtual)
- 2019 University of Rochester, Queen's University, Syracuse University, University of Chicago, Notre Dame, University of Toronto, Colby College, Brandeis University, Abt Associates, University of California San Diego, Rutgers University, Brown University, SOLE (Arlington, VA), Kansas State University, Northeast Economics of Education Workshop (Amherst, MA)
- 2018 AEFPP (Portland, OR), ALEA (Boston, MA), US Military Academy West Point, University of Chicago Urban Labs

Other Service

- Workshop on Educational Measurement, 2026 (*Organizer*)
- Arnold Ventures Criminal Justice Initiative, 2025-2026 (*Reviewer*)
- North American Meeting of the Urban Economic Association, 2023-2025 (*Scientific Committee*)
- Northeast Economics of Education Workshop, 2023, 2025 (*Organizer*)
- Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, 2021 (*Program Committee*)
- Northeast Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists, 2020 (*Founder and Organizer*)

GRANTS

- "The Effects of Magnet Schools: Randomized Lottery Estimates from Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)," Arnold Ventures, 2025
- "Fines, Fees, and Policing for Profit: Evidence from Policy Reforms in Missouri," Arnold Ventures, 2024
- "Estimating the Experience of a Workers First Job," Russell Sage Foundation, 2024
- "Using Machine Learning to Uncover which Skills Contribute to Student's Future Economic Mobility," Student Upward Mobility Initiative, 2024
- "The Impact of Early Childhood Education in North Dakota: Non-cognitive Skills, Universal Access, and Parental LFP – A Feasibility Study," J-Pal North America, 2022
- "Inter-district School Choice," Boston University Summer Research Grant, 2017

“Crime and Public Housing: A General Equilibrium Analysis,” Boston University Initiative on Cities, Early Stage Urban Research Award, 2017

TEACHING

The Education Policy Reading Group, Brown University (2026-2027)

Statistics for Public Policy, Brown University (2022-2026)

Annenberg Undergraduate Fellowship, Brown University (2020-2024)

Applied Research Methods for Economists, Brown University (2021)

Economics of Less Developed Regions, Boston University (2017)

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Boston University (2016)

Precalculus, Springfield Public Schools (2012-2013)

Advanced Mathematical Decision Making, Springfield Public Schools (2012-2013)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Marcus Winters, Boston University (2017-2019)

Research Assistant for Claudia Olivetti, Boston University (2015)

Math Educator, Springfield Public Schools (2012-2013)

Non-commissioned Officer, United States Army, diverse locations (2005-2009)