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Curriculum Vitae as of 7/1/2025

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Current Affiliations

July 2025 – Present	Robert D. Burch Associate Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley
July 2025 – Present	Director, Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance, University of California, Berkeley
September 2020 – Present	Research Associate, Public Economics, National Bureau of Economic Research
January 2023 – Present	Member, Conference on Research in Income and Wealth, National Bureau of Economic Research
October 2023 – Present	Co-founder and Chief Economist, The Budget Lab at Yale
September 2022 – Present	Co-editor, <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>
January 2024 - Present	Board of Editors, <i>American Economic Review: Insights</i>
August 2022 – Present	Member, IRS Statistics of Income Consultants Panel
April 2016 – Present	Affiliate, Berkeley Opportunity Lab Initiative on Taxation and Inequality
July 2022 – Present	Member, Leibniz ScienceCampus MannheimTaxation Scientific Advisory Board

Prior Affiliations

January 2021 – July 2022	Chief Economist, White House Office of Management and Budget
July 2020 – January 2021	Co-editor, <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>
January 2020 – January 2021	Associate Editor, <i>Econometrica</i>
August 2017 – January 2021	Member, IRS Statistics of Income Consultants Panel
April 2014 – January 2021	Member, Leibniz ScienceCampus MannheimTaxation Scientific Advisory Board
May 2020 – November 2020	Co-chair (volunteer), Biden-Harris Policy Committee on Tax & Budget
January 2019 – March 2020	Senior Economic Adviser (volunteer), Pete For America
August 2018 – June 2019	Visiting Scholar, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
July 2020 – June 2025	Associate Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley
July 2020 – June 2025	Associate Director, Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance, University of California, Berkeley
July 2014 – June 2020	Assistant Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley
July 2014 – September 2020	Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
July 2012 – June 2014	Postdoctoral Scholar, University of California, Berkeley
September 2006 – August 2007	Business Analyst, McKinsey & Company

Education

September 2007 – June 2012	Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University
September 2002 – June 2006	A.B. in Economics <i>summa cum laude</i> , Harvard University

Honors and Grants

2018	Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship
2016	Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant
2016	Hellman Fellows Award
2015	Laura and John Arnold Foundation Grant
2015	UC Davis Center for Poverty Research Grant
2015	Washington Center for Equitable Growth Grant
2014	Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Grant
2013	Oxford Centre for Business Taxation Award for Best Paper by a Young Scholar
2012	Rutgers University J. Robert Beyster Fellowship

2010	Harvard University Justice Welfare and Economics Fellowship
2009	State Farm Doctoral Dissertation Award
2006	Allan A. Young Prize (best undergraduate economics thesis at Harvard)
2006	Thomas T. Hoopes Prize (one of the best undergraduate theses at Harvard)
2005	Phi Beta Kappa

Research

“Place-Based Redistribution”

(with Cecile Gaubert and Patrick Kline)
American Economic Review forthcoming.

“The Growth Dividend and Excess Interest”

Tax Policy and the Economy 2025, volume 39(1), pp. 29-52.

“Robust Fiscal Stabilization”

(with Alan Auerbach)
Brookings Papers on Economic Activity 2024, fall, pp.239-293.

“What Is the Average Federal Individual Income Tax Rate on the Wealthiest Americans?”

Oxford Review of Economic Policy 2023, volume 39, pp. 438-450.

“The Rise of Pass-Throughs and the Decline of the Labor Share”

(with Matthew Smith, Owen Zidar, and Eric Zwick)
American Economic Review: Insights 2022, volume 4(3) pp. 323-340.

“Income Segregation and Intergenerational Mobility Across Colleges in the United States”

(with Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, Emmanuel Saez, and Nicholas Turner)
Quarterly Journal of Economics 2020, volume 135(3) pp.1567-1633.

“Capitalists in the Twenty-First Century”

(with Matthew Smith, Owen Zidar, and Eric Zwick)
Quarterly Journal of Economics 2019, lead article, volume 134(4) pp.1675-1745.

“Employment Hysteresis from the Great Recession”

Journal of Political Economy 2019, volume 127(5) pp. 2505-2558.

“The SOI Databank: A Case Study in Leveraging Administrative Data in Support of Evidence-Based Policymaking”

(with Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, and Emmanuel Saez)
Statistical Journal of the IAOS 2018, volume 34 pp. 99-103.

“Business in the United States: Who Owns It and How Much Tax Do They Pay?”

(with M. Cooper, J. McClelland, J. Pearce, R. Prisinzano, J. Sullivan, O. Zidar, and E. Zwick)
Tax Policy and the Economy 2016, volume 30 pp. 91-128.

“Supply vs. Demand under an Affirmative Action Ban: Estimates from UC Law Schools”

Journal of Public Economics 2016, volume 137(May) pp. 38-50.

“Capital Tax Reform and the Real Economy: The Effects of the 2003 Dividend Tax Cut”

American Economic Review 2015, lead article, volume 105(12) pp. 3531-3563.

“How Does Your Kindergarten Classroom Affect Your Earnings? Evidence from Project STAR”

(with Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, Nathaniel Hilger, Emmanuel Saez, and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach)
Quarterly Journal of Economics 2011, lead article, volume 126(4) pp. 1593-1660.

“Optimal Taxation in Theory and Practice” (with N. Gregory Mankiw and Matthew Weinzierl)

Journal of Economic Perspectives 2009, volume 23(4) pp. 147-174.

“Intergenerational Impacts of Layoffs: Evidence from Administrative Data”
(with Kevin Rinz and David Wasser)
In progress.

“Equality of Opportunity vs Equality of Outcomes: A Theory of Optimal Predistribution”
(with Raj Chetty, Henrik Kleven, and Damian Vergara)
In progress. Presented at the 2024 Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar: Tax and Transfer Systems.

“What is the All-In Tax Rate on Top Capital Income? Evidence from Administrative Data on U.S. Billionaires and Their Businesses”
(with Akcan Balkir, Emmanuel Saez, and Gabriel Zucman)
In progress. Presented in April 2025 at the Paris School of Economics.

“Capital Gains Withholding”
(with Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman)

“Riding the Bubble? Chasing Returns into Illiquid Assets”

Conference Organizing and Academic Refereeing

Co-organizer, 2023 NBER Summer Institute Public Economics Program Meeting

Co-organizer, 2020 NBER Summer Institute Public Economics Program Meeting

Co-organizer, 2020 Taxing Capital: Wealth and Income Tax Design conference

Co-organizer, 2017 Fall NBER Public Economics Program Meeting

Co-organizer, 2017 National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation’s Corporate Tax Program

Scientific Committee, Annual Congress of the 2019 International Institute for Public Finance

Referee at American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Public Economics, Public Finance Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Labor Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economy Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Economic Journal, Economica, Review of Economics and Statistics, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Review of Corporate Finance Studies, Smith Richardson Foundation, National Science Foundation