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Employment:

2018 – Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), University of California – Berkeley
2013 – 2018 Assistant Professor of Economics, University of California – Berkeley

Temporary Positions:

Spring 2017 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Chicago
Fall 2016 Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
November 2015 Visiting Lecturer, Becker/Friedman Institute, University of Chicago
September 2014 Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

Affiliations:

2019 – Faculty Affiliate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab
2019 – Researcher, Department of Economics, University of Oslo
2014 – Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, Programs on Education and Labor Studies
2013 – Affiliated faculty, MIT School Effectiveness and Inequality Initiative (SEII)

Education:

2008-2013 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. in Economics
2004-2008 University of Virginia, B.A. with Highest Distinction, Economics and Philosophy

Research Interests:

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Applied Econometrics

Teaching:

UC Berkeley - Econ 152: Wage Theory and Public Policy, undergraduate (Spring 2015-2016, 2018-2019)
UC Berkeley - Econ 244: Applied Econometrics, Ph.D. level (Fall 2015, 2017-2018)
UC Berkeley - Econ 250A: Labor Economics I, Ph.D. level (Spring 2018, Fall 2018)
UC Berkeley - Econ 250B: Labor Economics II, Ph.D. level (Spring 2014-2016)
University of Chicago - Econ 34620: Topics in Human Capital, Ph.D. level (Spring 2017)

Fellowships, Honors, and Grants:

2018-2020 Russell Sage Foundation presidential grant (with Patrick Kline)
2018-2020 Laura and John Arnold Foundation grant (with Atila Abdulkadiroglu, Joshua Angrist, Peter Hull, and Parag Pathak)
2017-2018 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*
2017-2018 Cash Transfers for Child Health Initiative grant (with Alejandro Ganimian and Karthik Muralidharan)
2015-2018 Spencer Foundation grant (with Joshua Angrist, Peter Hull, and Parag Pathak)
2015 Best Teacher Award, UC Berkeley Graduate Economics Association
2014-2015 Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment research grants
2014 Berkeley Center for Equitable Growth research grant

2012-2015	Institute for Education Sciences grant (with Joshua Angrist, Susan Dynarski, Brian Jacob, and Parag Pathak)
2012-2013	National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship
2008-2012	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2008	Sheri Gayle Richman Memorial Scholarship
2008	Edgar F. Shannon Award for Best UVA Arts and Sciences Student
2008	Outstanding Major Award, UVA Economics Department
2008	Outstanding Major Award, UVA Philosophy Department
2008	Best Thesis Award, UVA Economics Department
2007	Phi Beta Kappa (junior year)

Publications:

“Do Parents Value School Effectiveness?” (with Atila Abdulkadiroglu, Parag Pathak, and Jon Schellenberg). Conditionally accepted, *American Economic Review*.

“On Heckits, LATE, and Numerical Equivalence” (with Patrick Kline). *Econometrica*, 87(2), 2019.

“The Demand for Effective Charter Schools.” *Journal of Political Economy*, 126(6), 2018.

“Free to Choose: Can School Choice Reduce Student Achievement?” (with Atila Abdulkadiroglu and Parag Pathak). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 10(1), 2018.

“Leveraging Lotteries for School Value-Added: Testing and Estimation” (with Joshua Angrist, Peter Hull and Parag Pathak). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 132(2), 2017.

“Evaluating Public Programs with Close Substitutes: The Case of Head Start” (with Patrick Kline). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 131(4), 2016.

“Interpreting Tests of School VAM Validity” (with Joshua Angrist, Peter Hull and Parag Pathak). *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 106(5), 2016.

“Stand and Deliver: Effects of Boston’s Charter High Schools on College Preparation, Entry, and Choice” (with Joshua Angrist, Sarah Cohodes, Susan Dynarski, and Parag Pathak). *Journal of Labor Economics*, 34(2), 2016.

“Inputs in the Production of Early Childhood Human Capital: Evidence from Head Start.” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 7(4), 2015.

“Explaining Charter School Effectiveness” (with Joshua Angrist and Parag Pathak). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 5(4), 2013.

“Who Benefits from KIPP?” (with Joshua Angrist, Susan Dynarski, Thomas Kane, and Parag Pathak). *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 31(4), 2012.

“Inputs and Impacts in Charter Schools: KIPP Lynn” (with Joshua Angrist, Susan Dynarski, Thomas Kane, and Parag Pathak). *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 100(2), 2010.

“Do Subsidized Housing Units Depreciate Faster than Unsubsidized Ones?” *Journal of Housing Economics*, 18(1), 2009.

Working Papers:

“Audits as Evidence: Experiments, Ensembles, and Enforcement” (with Patrick Kline). IRLE Working Paper no. 108-19, 2019. Revise and resubmit, *Econometrica*.

“Identification of Causal Effects with Multiple Instruments: Problems and Some Solutions” (with Magne Mogstad and Alexander Torgovitsky). NBER Working Paper No. 25691, 2019. Revise and resubmit, *American Economic Review*.

“The Impact of State Budget Cuts on U.S. Postsecondary Attainment” (with David Deming). NBER Working Paper No. 23736, 2017. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Human Resources*.

“Can Successful Schools Replicate? Scaling Up Boston’s Charter School Sector” (with Sarah Cohodes and Elizabeth Setren). NBER Working Paper No. 25796, 2019. Revise and resubmit, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

Presentations (including scheduled):

- 2020 Tel-Aviv University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Clemson University, University of Southern California Center for Economic and Social Research, University of California – Riverside, Stanford University
- 2019 Arizona State University, University of British Columbia, Tinbergen Institute, Stockholm School of Economics, University of Oslo, University of California – Irvine, NBER Labor Studies Summer Institute, RAND Corporation, California Econometrics Conference, University of Michigan, UC Berkeley Center for Studies in Higher Education
- 2018 American Economic Association Annual Meetings, University of Hawaii, University of Rochester, Princeton University, University of Maryland, University of California – Berkeley, Yale Y-RISE Conference
- 2017 American Economic Association Annual Meetings, University of Chicago Education Workshop, University of California – Berkeley, University of Chicago Harris School, University of Chicago Econometrics Lunch, University of Chicago Interactions Conference, University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, University of Wisconsin – Madison, NBER Labor Studies Fall meetings
- 2016 American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Brown University, Duke University, Yale University, University of Chicago Workshop on Quantitative Methods, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, All California Labor Economics Conference, University of California – Merced, University of Arizona, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Northwestern University, University of California – San Diego, Stanford Opportunity Lab Workshop, University College London
- 2015 American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Harvard University, Stanford University, Association for Education Finance and Policy, NBER Public Economics Program Spring meetings, Columbia University, University of California – San Diego, Society of Labor Economists, Western Economic Association International, NBER Labor Studies Summer Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Becker Friedman Institute Topics in Applied Microeconomics Conference, University of Chicago Education Workshop, University of Chicago Becker Applied Economics Workshop, Uppsala University, University of California – Berkeley, SEII/FRB Boston Conference on Improving K-12 Education, MIT, Vanderbilt University
- 2014 Association for Education Finance and Policy, University of Virginia, University of California – Berkeley, NBER Education Program Spring meetings, All California Labor Economics Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Association for

2013 Public Policy Analysis and Management, Arizona State University
Stanford Graduate School of Business, Warwick University, University of California
– Davis, Society of Labor Economists, Association for Education Finance and
Policy, Duke University, University of California – Los Angeles, Northeastern
University, University of Michigan, Cornell University, University of Chicago
Harris School, University of California – Berkeley, Mathematica Policy Research

2012 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Society for Research on
Educational Effectiveness

2011 Association for Public Policy and Management

2010 Econometric Society

2008 American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association

Professional Journal Service:

Co-editor: *Journal of Public Economics*

Associate Editor: *Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Human Capital*

Referee: *AERA Open, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Educational Policy, European Economic Review, IZA Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Journal of Sports Analytics, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, National Science Foundation, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Social Science Research*

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