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Affiliations

July 2014 – Present	Assistant Professor of Economics, University of California-Berkeley
July 2014 – Present	Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
July 2014 – Present	Faculty Associate, Berkeley Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance
April 2016 – Present	Director, Initiative on Taxation and Inequality at the Berkeley Opportunity Lab

Education

2012	Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University
2006	A.B. in Economics <i>summa cum laude</i> , Harvard University

Previous Employment

July 2012 – June 2014	Postdoctoral Scholar, University of California-Berkeley
September 2006 – September 2007	Business Analyst, McKinsey & Company

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

“Capitalists in the Twenty-First Century”

(with Matthew Smith, Owen Zidar, and Eric Zwick)

R&R at Quarterly Journal of Economics.

“Employment Hysteresis from the Great Recession”

Journal of Political Economy, forthcoming.

“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.

“Mobility Report Cards: The Role of Colleges in Intergenerational Mobility”

(with Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, Emmanuel Saez, and Nicholas Turner)

“Optimal Taxation in Theory and Practice” (with N. Gregory Mankiw and Matthew Weinzierl)
Journal of Economic Perspectives 2009, volume 23(4) pp. 147-174.

“Business in the United States: Who Owns It and How Much Tax Do They Pay?”
(with John McClelland, James Pearce, Richard Prisinzano, Joseph Sullivan, Owen Zidar, and Eric 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.

“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.

“Riding the Bubble? Chasing Returns into Illiquid Assets”

Professional Service

Co-organizer, 2017 Fall NBER Public Economics Program Meeting.

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

Consultans Panel Member, 2017-2020 IRS Statistics of Income Division.

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.