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Research Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Public, Health, Labor, Environmental

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy

August 2025 -

Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage

Postdoctoral Scholar

July 2024 - July 2025

Center for Economic and Social Research, University of Southern California

Education

Arizona State University, Ph.D. in Economics

2018-2024

Davidson College, B.A. in Economics, *cum laude*

2011-2015

Working Papers

Dynamic Complementarity in Public Insurance Provision: Evidence from Medicaid Expansion [Draft]

Assessing the Costs of Balancing College and Work Activities: The Gig Economy Meets Online Education [Draft]

(with Esteban Aucejo and Basit Zafar)

Optimal Second-best Menu Design: Evidence from Residential Electricity Plans [Draft]

(with Maria Garcia-Osipenko, Nicolai Kuminoff, and Nicholas Vreugdenhil)

Work in Progress

Cognitive Decline and Health Insurance Decisions and Outcomes

(with Jonathan Ketcham and Nicolai Kuminoff)

Striking a Balance with Income Driven Repayment: Default Protection vs. Labor Market Distortions

(with Jacob French and Alex Toy)

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

"Moving Out to Move Up: Who Leaves and Where Do They Go?" (with Raven Molloy and Christopher L. Smith) In "Locked in Place," ed. Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, Winter 2019, Pathways Magazine.

Grants

Salt River Project, 2023-2024. \$50,042. For "Predicting Residential Price Plan Enrollment and Energy Use" with Nicolai Kuminoff and Nicholas Vreugdenhil

Teaching Experience

Instructor

Public Economics (Advanced undergraduate), Fall 2022 & Spring 2023

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Labor Economics, Econometrics, Honors Intermediate Microeconomics

Presentations & Workshops

- 2024 University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Texas San Antonio, Federal Trade Commission, Office of Management and Budget
- 2023 NBER Economics of Education Program Meeting, NBER Behavioral Public Economics Bootcamp, Western Economics Association Graduate Student Workshop, Eastern Economics Association Conference, American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference
- 2022 APPAM 2021 Fall Research Conference

Professional Experience

Federal Reserve Board of Governors
Senior Research Assistant

2015 – 2018

Research Assistance

Department of Economics, Arizona State University
Research Assistant to Esteban Acuejo

2020 - 2022

National Bureau of Economic Research

Research Assistant to Nicolai Kuminoff and funded by the National Institute of
Aging

2021 - 2022

Department of Economics, Arizona State University
Research Assistant to Alex Bick

Summer 2019

NYU Wagner School of Public Service, Financial Access Initiative

Research Assistant to Jonathan Murdoch and Timothy Ogden

Summer 2014

Referee Experience

Economic Modeling