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## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Economics, UCLA, Anderson Graduate School of Management	2025-present
Research Associate, NBER	2025-present
Research Affiliate, CEPR	2020-present
Research Associate, California Center for Population Research	2017-present
Research Affiliate, CESifo Research Network	2017-present

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Economics, UCLA, Anderson Graduate School of Management	2017-2025
Visiting Assistant Professor, SIEPR, Stanford University	2022-2023
Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan	2016-2017
Faculty Research Fellow, NBER	2023-2025

## EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D., Economics	2016
University of California, Berkeley, B.A., Economics and German, <i>magna cum laude</i>	2007

## PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

“The Summer Drop in Female Employment” (joint with Brendan Price)

*Review of Economics and Statistics*, Forthcoming

“Global Evidence on Children’s Living Arrangements”

(joint with Anne Ardila Brenøe)

*American Economic Association Papers & Proceedings*, May 2025

“Males at the Tails: How Socioeconomic Status Shapes the Gender Gap”

(joint with David Autor, David Figlio, Krzysztof Karbownik, and Jeffrey Roth)

*Economic Journal*, November 2023

“Does Information Affect Homophily?” (joint with Yana Gallen)

*Journal of Public Economics*, June 2023

“Hours Constraints, Occupational Choice, and Gender: Evidence from Medical Residents”

*Review of Economic Studies*, May 2023

“Gender Differences in Politician Persistence”

*Review of Economics and Statistics*, March 2023

“Up the Political Ladder: Gender Parity in the Effects of Electoral Defeats”

*American Economic Association Papers & Proceedings*, May 2021

“Do Male and Female Students Use Networks Differently?” (joint with Yana Gallen)

*American Economic Association Papers & Proceedings*, May 2021

“The Disparate Effects of Family Structure”

*Future of Children*, June 2020

“Family Disadvantage and the Gender Gap in Behavioral and Educational Outcomes”

(joint with David Autor, David Figlio, Krzysztof Karbownik, and Jeffrey Roth)

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, July 2019

“School Quality and the Gender Gap in Educational Achievement”

(joint with David Autor, David Figlio, Krzysztof Karbownik, and Jeffrey Roth)

*American Economic Review Papers & Proceedings*, May 2016

## WORKING PAPERS

“Informed Choices: Gender Gaps in Career Advice” (joint with Yana Gallen)

*Review of Economic Studies*, Revise and Resubmit

“Do Long Work Hours Constrain Women’s Fertility Choices?”

*Journal of Public Economics*, Revise and Resubmit

“The Effects of Gender Integration on Men: Evidence from the U.S. Military”

(joint with Kyle Greenberg and Anna Weber)

*Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Conditionally Accepted

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Math Skills, Perceptions of Fit, and Occupational Choice” (joint with Anne Ardila Brenøe)

“The Exclusion of Women from Economics Research: Trends, Determinants, and Implications”

(joint with Colleen Flaherty Manchester)

“Son Preference Worldwide” (joint with Anne Ardila Brenøe)

## POLICY AND NON-TECHNICAL WRITING

“School's out: Summer breaks tied to women leaving work” (joint with Brendan Price)

*SIEPR Policy Brief*, July 2023

“Gender Gaps in the Labor Market Widen Every Summer” (joint with Brendan Price)

*FEDS Notes*, March 2023

“Informed Choices: Gender Gaps in Career Advice” (joint with Yana Gallen)

*Upjohn Institute Policy Brief*, May 2021

“Wayward Sons: The Emerging Gender Gap in Labor Markets and Education” (joint with David Autor)

*Third Way Report*, March 2013

## HONORS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

UCLA Anderson Juline Faculty Excellence in Research Award	2023
Poets & Quants Top 40 under 40 MBA Professor	2022
California Center for Population Research Course Release	2020
Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i>	2019
Upjohn Institute Early Career Research Award	2019
UCLA Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant	2018-2024
Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>American Economic Review</i>	2018, 2020
Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Prize	2017
Upjohn Institute Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention	2016
NBER Aging and Health Pre-Doctoral Fellowship	2015-2016
MIT George and Obie Shultz Research Support Grant	2012/4/5
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2010-2014
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society	2006

## TEACHING

Managerial Economics, UCLA Anderson, Executive MBA Program	2022
Managerial Economics, UCLA Anderson, Full Time MBA Program	2019-2023
Managerial Economics, UCLA Anderson, Fully Employed MBA Program	2018-2019, 2024-5

## SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

2025-26: Essen Health Conference (keynote)

2024-25: MIT, University of Virginia, All California Labor Economics Conference (ACLEC), LSU, ASSA 2025 (presenter and discussant), University of Bergen, University of Edinburgh, SDSU, Trans-Pacific Labor Seminar (Tokyo)

2023-24: Northwestern, Cornell, UC Davis, UC Riverside, CEPR Women in Economics – Advancing Research in Economics (WE\_ARE) Seminar, ASSA 2024 (presenter and discussant), Loyola Marymount University, San Francisco Federal Reserve Micro and Macro Labor Economics Conference (discussant), SOLE 2024, University of Zurich URPP conference on Boys and Men, Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics (SoCCAM), NBER Summer Institute Gender in the Economy Workshop, All-UC Demography Conference

2022-23: Claremont McKenna College, Behavioral Economics Design Initiative (BEDI) Inaugural Conference, RAND, Federal Reserve Bank of New York – NYU Education Seminar, Webinar in Gender and Family Economics, Stanford University, UC Berkeley, University of Florida, Upjohn Institute, UCSD, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Brownbag, UC Merced, CEPR-QMUL Annual Symposium in Labour Economics, Montana State University Applied Economics Conference, North America Summer Meeting of the Econometrics Society

2021-22: University of Toronto Rotman, University of Michigan Population Studies Center, NBER Japan Project Meeting (discussant), ASSA 2022, Bocconi – AXA Research Lab on Gender Inequality, CEBI – University of Copenhagen, SOLE 2022, Joint Initiative for Latin American Experimental Economics 2022 ESA Special Meeting, University of Chicago BFI Conference on Discrimination in the 21st Century: Fostering Conversations Across Fields, CESifo Area Conference on Labor Economics, URPP Conference on Gender and Inequality at University of Zurich, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) 2022

2020-21: University of Maryland Population Research Center, NBER Labor Studies Fall Meeting, UCSB Applied Micro Lunch, ASSA 2021, CEPR Women in Economics – Advancing Research in Economics (WE\_ARE) Seminar, Boston University Questrom, UC Berkeley, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, U.S. Census Bureau, University of Minnesota Carlson, WEAI 2021, MiSoC Workshop

2019-20: All California Labor Economics Conference, ASSA 2020 (discussant), CEPR/LSE Annual Symposium in Labour Economics 2020, Princeton-Brookings Future of Children Event, NBER Summer Institute Gender in the Economy Workshop (pre-recorded video)

2018-19: Texas A&M, National University of Singapore, Carnegie Mellon University, Bruneck Political Economy Workshop, Trans-Pacific Labor Seminar (Los Angeles and Tokyo), UCSB Labor Lunch, PAA Economic Demography Workshop, Stanford University, IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting for Labor Economists, NBER Political Economy Workshop, ASSA 2019 (discussant), Princeton University Future of Children Conference

2017-18: Chicago Harris, El Colegio de Mexico, UCLA Medical School, ASSA 2018, UC Davis, UC Berkeley Haas, IZA Gender and Family Economics Workshop 2018, UCLA Luskin, MEA 2018 (presenter and discussant), West Point, Columbia University School of Public Health, Claremont Graduate University

2016-17: All California Labor Economics Conference, University of Michigan RWF Clinical Scholars Seminar, SOLE 2017, CESifo Area Conference on Employment and Social Protection, APPAM 2016 (discussant)

2015-16: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Dartmouth College, London School of Economics, UCLA Anderson, SUNY Binghamton, University of Michigan

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Professor David Autor	2009-10/12-13/14-15
MIT Economics Department	
Microeconomic Theory and Public Policy (MIT Course 14.03/003)	2012
Teaching Assistant for Professor David Autor	
Research Assistant for Professors Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee	2008-09
Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), MIT	
Research Assistant for Professor Ted Miguel, UC Berkeley Economics Department	2006-08

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Associate Editor: <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i>	2022-present
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Referee: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Econometrica*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Demography*, *European Economic Review*, *Labour Economics*, *Research in Labor Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Journal of Human Capital*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Economic Journal*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Management Science*, *Economic Letters*, *Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics*, *International Economic Review*

Ad hoc referee for the National Science Foundation, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

Program Committee:

NBER Summer Institute, Gender in the Economy	2025
NBER Summer Institute, Labor Studies	2024
Society of Labor Economists (SOLE) Annual Meeting	2021, 2023

Mentor, Workshop for Female Economics PhD Students	2019, 2022
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University/Departmental Service:

UCLA Anderson GEM PhD Program Coordinator	2019-2022
UCLA Anderson GEM PhD Admissions Committee	2018-present
Ad Hoc reviewer for UCLA Faculty Grants Program	2020
UCLA Anderson GEM Faculty Recruitment Committee	2019-2020
UCLA Legislative Assembly	2018-2021
UCLA Center for the Study of Women Advisory Committee	2024-present

Advising:

Hannah Stoppelmann (UCLA Master of Social Science, 2019)
Zachary Sauers (UCLA Anderson PhD, 2023)
Misha Galashin (UCLA Anderson PhD, 2023)