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BUSINESS ADDRESS:

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1/17 – Associate Professor (w/o tenure), Harris School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago
7/10 – 12/16 Assistant Professor, Harris School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago
4/10 – Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
7/09 – 6/10 Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR)

OTHER APPOINTMENTS:

10/17 – Affiliated Professor, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)
9/13 – 11/13 Visiting Professor, Economics Department, Yale University
9/12 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin
4/11 – Research Associate, Population Research Center, NORC at the University of Chicago
10/10 – Affiliate, Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Public Finance, Household Finance, Behavioral Economics

EDUCATION:

2009 Ph.D. Economics, University of California at Berkeley
Dissertation: “Essays on Taxation, Transfers and Consumption Smoothing”
Advisor: Emmanuel Saez
Committee Members: David Card, Ulrike Malmendier, Rucker Johnson
2003 B.A., Public Policy, Stanford University, minor in African and African-American Studies
Honors, Distinction, ΦBK

RESEARCH:

“What Do Workplace Wellness Programs Do?” (with David Molitor and Julian Reif), conditionally accepted at *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*
“Estimating Earnings Adjustment Frictions: Method and Evidence from the Social Security Earnings Test” (with Alex Gelber and Dan Sacks) Forthcoming: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*
“Inertia and Overwithholding: Explaining the Prevalence of Income Tax Refunds,” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 4(1), February, 2012: 158–85.
“Information, Preferences and Social Benefit Participation: Experimental Evidence from the Advance Earned Income Tax Credit and 401(k) Savings,” *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2(2), April, 2010: 147–63.
“Retirement Plan Type and Employee Mobility: The Role of Selection” (with Gopi Shah Goda and Colleen Manchester), Forthcoming, *Journal of Human Resources*
“Post-Baccalaureate Migration and Merit-Based Scholarships” (with Maria Fitzpatrick), *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 54, October, 2016: 155-172.
“The Labor Market Impacts of Universal and Permanent Cash Transfers: Evidence from the Alaska Permanent Fund” (with Ioana Marinescu) NBER Working Paper No. 24312
“The Employment Effects of the Social Security Earnings Test” (with Alex Gelber and Dan Sacks), *Revise and Resubmit at the Journal of Human Resources*
“Using Non-Linear Budget Sets to Estimate Extensive Margin Responses: Method and Evidence from the Social Security Test” (with Alex Gelber and Dan Sacks)
“The Economics of Exclusion Restrictions in IV Models” NBER Working Paper No. 21391
“The Responsiveness of Retirement Distributions to Early Withdrawal Penalties” (with Gopi Shah Goda and Shanthi Ramnath)
“Time-Inconsistency and Savings: Experimental Evidence from Income Tax Refund Recipients” (with Aprajit Mahajan) NBER Working Paper No. 21272
“The Behavioral Effect of Student Loan Debt: Evidence from the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program” (with Brian Jacob and Ben Keys)

TEACHING:

PPHA 39404 – Inequality, Household Finance, and Tax Policy (Winter 2016 – Present), UChicago, Harris School
PPHA 44200 – Advanced Microeconomics (Winter 2011 – Present), University of Chicago, Harris School
PBPL 27040 – Public Finance and Public Policy (Winter 2012 – Present), University of Chicago
PPHA 34130 – Public Finance and Public Policy (Winter 2011 – 2014), University of Chicago, Harris School

Econ 680 01 – Public Finance I (Fall 2013), Yale University
Econ 680 02 – Public Finance II (Spring 2019), Yale University
Econ 150/Public Policy 104 – Economic Policy Analysis (Winter 2010), Stanford University

PRESENTATIONS:

- 2019 American Economics Association Annual Meetings; Georgetown University, Law Center; University of Iowa; J-PAL Work of the Future Launch Event; Georgia State University, Robinson College of Business; UC San Diego, School of Global Policy and Strategy; UCLA Luskin School; NBER Summer Institute Labor Studies/Personnel Studies
- 2018 American Economics Association Annual Meetings; Wharton School; New York University, School of Law; World Bank, Middle East and North Africa Division; University of Virginia, School of Law; University of Missouri; Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meetings; Tsinghua University, Beijing; Brookings Institution, Economic Studies; University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Hoover Institution, Stanford University; Center for Equitable Growth; Washington and Lee University, School of Law; University of Texas at Austin, McComb School of Business; Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2017 Stockholm School of Economics; University of North Carolina, Kenan-Flagler Business School; Sloan/NBER/Institute for Fiscal Studies Working Group on Aging, London; NBER Summer Institute, Health Care; Social Security Retirement Research Consortium Conference; Clemson University; University of Zurich; National Institute of Health; Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research; Pomona College/Claremont Graduate University; Ohio State University; Harvard University; NBER Labor Studies Program Meeting
- 2016 Institute for Fiscal Studies, London; The Brookings Institution; Federal Reserve Board; UC Berkeley; NBER Public Economics Program Meeting; Case Western Reserve, Weatherhead School of Management; University of Maryland; US Department of Treasury, Office of Tax Analysis Research Conference; Federal Reserve Board/George Washington University Financial Literacy Seminar; Depaul University; TIAA Institute/Pension Research Council Researcher Symposium; National Tax Association Annual Conference; University of Hawaii at Manoa
- 2015 Dartmouth College; University of Notre Dame; Cornell University, Policy Analysis and Management; University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign; University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, College of Business; University of Virginia; National Tax Association Annual Conference; New York University, Wagner School; University of California, Irvine
- 2014 American Economics Association Annual Meetings (x2); NBER Summer Institute Aging Workshop; Social Security Retirement Research Consortium Conference; Duke University; Cornell University; University of Illinois, Chicago; Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research Working Longer Conference
- 2013 University of Michigan; Yale; Wharton School; NBER, Education Program Spring Meetings; NBER Summer Institute Aging Workshop (x2); University of Virginia; The Brookings Institution; Social Security Administration; Duke University, Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics; Social Security Retirement Research Consortium Conference; Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research Working Longer Conference
- 2012 Behavioral Economics Annual Meeting, Yale University; NBER Summer Institute, Joint Public Economics and Labor Studies Session; Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; Columbia Tax Policy Workshop; Purdue University; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Corporation for Enterprise Development 2012 Assets Learning Conference; Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research Young Scholars Conference; University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management; University of Wisconsin – Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty; Carnegie Mellon University; National Tax Association Annual Conference
- 2011 University of Wisconsin – Madison, Center for Financial Security; University of Chicago, Harris School/Booth School of Business; National Community Tax Coalition Annual Conference; National Tax Association Annual Conference
- 2010 AEA Annual Meetings; NBER Public Economics Program Meeting; University of Washington, West Coast Poverty Center; University of British Columbia; University of Chicago, Booth School of Business
- 2009 Brown University; Boston University; Columbia Business School, Microeconomics; Cornell University; Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago; Harvard Business School, Finance; Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Northwestern University; Princeton University; Stanford University, SIEPR; Texas A&M University; University of Rochester; Yale University
- 2008 UC Berkeley, Public Finance Seminar & Labor Lunch
- 2007 Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Lunch Seminar; UC Berkeley, Labor Lunch; Princeton University, Labor Lunch
- 2006 Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; UC Berkeley, Psychology and Economics Lunch & Labor Lunch; Duke University, AEA Pipeline Conference

RESEARCH GRANTS:

2017 National Science Foundation Grant 1730546
2016 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant 73730; J-PAL North America, MIT Grant 2016-06638
2015 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant G-2015-14109, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant G-2015-14005, National Institute on Aging R01 Grant 1R01AG050701-01, 2015 Pension Research Council/TIAA CREF Institute Partnership Grant, NBER Retirement Research Center Grant via the Social Security Administration Retirement Research Consortium
2013 NBER Retirement Research Center Grant via the Social Security Administration Retirement Research Consortium
2012 National Institute on Aging R03 Grant NIH 5R03AG039706-02, NBER Retirement Research Center Grant via the Social Security Administration Retirement Research Consortium
2011 Population Research Center, Pilot Award, University of Chicago; Steven H. Sandell Grant, Boston College Center for Retirement Research; National Institute on Aging R03 Grant NIH 1R03AG039706-01
2010 Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin Grant via the Social Security Administration Financial Literacy Research Consortium
2006 Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Research Center for Behavioral Economics and Decision Making Dissertation Grant, Russell Sage Foundation Behavioral Economics Roundtable Small Grant

HONORS:

2013 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*
2009 Graduate Student Award in Public Policy Research, UC Berkeley
2007 George Break Prize in Public Finance, UC Berkeley
2005 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship
2004 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Diversity Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *International Tax and Public Finance*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *National Tax Journal*, *Public Finance Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Black Political Economy*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*
Program Committee: 2010 National Tax Association Annual Conference
NIH National Institute of Aging Review Panel, "Data Sets in Aging" (2013)