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Academic Appointments

- 2026 – Assistant Professor, La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2025-2026 Postdoctoral Associate, Better Government Lab, Georgetown University
- 2025 Visiting Scholar, Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Affiliations

- 2025 – Affiliated Researcher, Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO), University of Notre Dame
- 2026 – Affiliated Researcher, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University

Education

- 2025 Ph.D. in Economics and Public Policy, University of Michigan
- 2020 M.A. in Economics, University of Michigan
- 2015 B.S. in Economics, Arizona State University, Barrett Honors College, *summa cum laude*

Working Papers

1. [Penalties in the Safety Net: Economic Consequences of Work Requirement Enforcement](#) (with Lea Bart)
2. Intra-month Spending of the Least Liquid: Effects of SNAP and TANF Issuance Frequency (*draft available upon request*)
3. Back-End Processes as Low-Hanging Fruit: Effects of Simplifying Medicaid Income Verification Logic (with Jeremy Barofsky, Eric Giannella, Donald Moynihan, and Sebastian Jilke) (*draft available upon request*)

Publications

1. ["Who Participates in TANF? Variation by Exposure to Work Requirements"](#) (with Lea Bart) *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 116:314–319, 2026
2. ["Spending Responses to High-Frequency Shifts in Payment Timing: Evidence from the Earned Income Tax Credit"](#) (with Aladangady, A., Aron-Dine, S., Cashin, D., Dunn, W., Feiveson, L. Lengermann, P. and Sahm, C.) *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 15(3), 2023
3. ["The COVID Cash Transfer Study: The Impacts of a One-Time Unconditional Cash Transfer on the Wellbeing of Families receiving SNAP in Twelve States"](#) (with Natasha Pilkauskas, Brian Jacob, Elizabeth Rhodes and H. Luke Shaefer), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 42(3), 2023
4. ["The COVID-19 Cash Transfer Study II: The Hardship and Mental Health Impacts of an Unconditional Cash Transfer to Low-Income Individuals"](#) (with Brian Jacob, Natasha Pilkauskas, Elizabeth Rhodes, and H. Luke Shaefer), *National Tax Journal*, 75(3), 2022
5. ["The COVID Cash Transfer Studies: Key Findings and Future Directions"](#) (with Brian Jacob, Natasha Pilkauskas, Elizabeth Rhodes, and H. Luke Shaefer), *University of Michigan Poverty Solutions Research Brief*, 2022

Works in Progress

1. Family violence effects of social safety net incentives for child support cooperation
(with Susan T. Parker and Lauren Schechter)
2. Distributional effects of HR1 implementation on Medicaid enrollment
(with Jeremy Barofsky and Pamela Herd)

Seminar and Conference Presentations (* denotes scheduled)

2026	ASSA Annual Meeting, Georgetown Law, Nebraska Labor Summit, McCourt School of Public Policy, APPAM Fall Research Conference*
2025	Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute (Minneapolis Fed), APPAM Fall Research Conference, University of Colorado Boulder, BFI Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference), NBER SI Public Economics, Society of Labor Economics World Labor Conference, Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop, University of Notre Dame (Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities), University of Washington (Evans School), Williams College (Department of Economics), U.S. Congressional Budget Office, Analysis Group, Cornerstone Research, U.S. Census Bureau (Center for Economic Studies)
2024	University of Wisconsin-Madison (La Follette School of Public Affairs), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Consumer Research), NTA Fall Conference, Southern Economics Association Conference, Eastern Economics Association Conference
2019-2023	NTA Fall Conference, Federal Reserve Board Applied Micro Seminar, Michigan Tax-Invitational, APPAM Fall Research Conference

External Funding

2025	Linking Administrative Data to Assess the Impacts of Child Support Cooperation on Criminal Justice Outcomes, <i>Arnold Ventures Planning Grant</i> , \$97,103
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Honors & Awards

2025	Peter Eckstein Prize for Interdisciplinary Research
2024	University of Michigan Department of Economics Research Fellowship
2024	Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Dissertation Award
2023	AEA Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
2023	Ford School of Public Policy Fellowship (2018, 2023, 2025)
2018-2023	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2014-2015	Spirit of Service Scholar, Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions
2011-2015	Flinn Scholarship

Teaching Experience

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Fall 2026 *Cost Benefit Analysis (PA 881)*

University of Michigan Graduate Student Instructor

Fall 2021 *Experiments in Economics (ECON 490)* for Basit Zafar

Winter 2022 *"Capitalisms" (ECON 492)* for Jim Adams

Federal Reserve Board Education Outreach Instructor 2015-2018

Research Experience and Other Employment

2025	University of Michigan Poverty Solutions <i>Doctoral Graduate Research Funding</i>
2020-2022	University of Michigan Poverty Solutions <i>Research Associate</i>
2015-2018	Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Fiscal Analysis Section <i>Research Assistant</i>
2014	National Academy of Social Insurance <i>Economic Security Research Intern</i>
2013	Center for American Progress <i>Economic Policy Intern</i>
2013	Arizona House of Representatives, <i>Ways & Means and Transportation Research Staff</i>

Professional Service

Referee	American Economic Review: Insights, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, National Tax Journal, Journal of Health Economics, American Journal of Health Economics
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Language Skills: English (fluent), French (conversant)

Citizenship: United States

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