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APPOINTMENTS

2021–	**Professor of Economics**, Northwestern University
2019–	**Abraham Harris Professor of Human Development**, Northwestern University
2017–	**Professor**, Department of Human Development and Social Policy, SESP
2018–2021	**Professor (by courtesy)**, Economics Department
2013–17	**Associate Professor** (with tenure), HDSP, SESP
2010–13	**Assistant Professor**, HDSP, SESP
2010–	**Faculty Fellow**, Institute for Policy Research
2023–24	**Member**, White House Council of Economic Advisers, Washington, DC
2013–14	**Visiting Associate Professor**, Economics, Princeton University
2013–	**Research Associate**, National Bureau of Economic Research
2009–13	**Faculty Research Fellow**, NBER
2008–10	**Assistant Professor**, Labor Economics, Cornell University ILR School
2007–08	**Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Cornell University

EDUCATION

2007	**Ph.D. in Economics**, Harvard University
2002	**B.A. in Ethics, Politics and Economics**, Yale University

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2022–23; 2025–	**Editor-in-Chief**, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy
2019–22	**Co-Editor**, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy
2014–19	**Co-Editor**, Journal of Human Resources
2014–17	**Editorial Board**, Education Finance and Policy
2014–17	**Editorial Board**, Education Next

HONORS & AWARDS

2021	Elected Member, **American Academy of Arts and Sciences**
2020	Elected Member, **National Academy of Education**
2020	**David N. Kershaw Award**, APPAM — outstanding contributions to public policy analysis by a scholar under 40
2018	**Martin E. and Gertrude G. Walder Award** for Research Excellence, Northwestern University
2016	**Andrew Carnegie Fellow**, Carnegie Corporation of New York
2011–13	*American Economic Review* & *Quarterly Journal of Economics* Excellence in Refereeing Awards

AAAS INDUCTION CEREMONY, 2021

OTHER POSITIONS & SERVICE

2021–	**Board of Directors**, Spencer Foundation

RESEARCH & TEACHING FIELDS

Economics of Education, Social Policy, Labor Economics, Public Finance.

TEACHING

Graduate	Public Economics · Economics of Social Policy · Statistics — Northwestern University
Undergrad	Statistics — Northwestern University
Masters	Statistics — Princeton University
Grad/UG	Economics of Education · Labor Economics — Cornell University

SELECTED GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2017–20	Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation — *How do Schools and Teachers Influence Socio-Emotional Learning?* ($649,999)
2019–20	W.T. Grant Foundation — School Resources, Student Outcomes, and Equality of Opportunity ($49,999)
2016–17	Carnegie Corporation of New York, Andrew Carnegie Fellow — *Identifying Excellent Teachers* ($200,000)
2013–15	National Science Foundation Research Award — School Finance Reforms & Distribution of Outcomes ($156,460)
2013–15	Spencer Foundation Research Grant — Single-Sex Education Outcomes ($40,000)
2011–13	Smith Richardson Foundation — Effect of Individual Teachers on Student Outcomes ($49,999)

Full grant history, ~15 additional awards 2004–2020, available in the downloadable CV above.

CURRENT WORKING PAPERS

2026 **The Macroeconomic Returns to School Finance Reforms: Micro-Calibrated Predictions Meet Causal Evidence** — Working Paper

2025 **Universal Pre-K as Economic Stimulus: Evidence from Nine States and Large Cities in the U.S.** — NBER Working Paper 33767

2025 **When Decentralization Works: Leadership, Local Needs, and Student Achievement** — NBER Working Paper 34216

PUBLICATIONS

24 peer-reviewed publications, 5 other publications, and 6 current or permanent working papers spanning 2006–2026.

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PH.D. COMMITTEES

2024 Claire Mackevicius — University of Oregon

2023 Sebastian Kiguel — Discovery Partners Institute

2023 Sheridan Fuller — Federal Reserve System

2023 Ayman Shakeel (External) — Abt Global

2022 Cora Wigger — Elon University

2022 Naomi Blaushild — American Institute for Research

2019 Sy Doan (External) — RAND Corporation

2018 Ijun Lai — Mathematica

2017

	Cynthia (CC) DuBois
2017	Andrea Prado Tuma — Barr Foundation
2016	Claudia Persico — American University
2015	Arend Matthew Kuyper — Northwestern University, Director of Undergraduate Studies for Data Science
2015	Brady Jones — Postdoctoral Fellowship, Northwestern University
2013	Matthew Shirrell — George Washington University
2012	Kaleen Healey — UChicago Consortium on School Research
2010	Joshua Price — Brigham Young University

AFFILIATIONS

National Bureau of Economic Research · Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University.