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Appointments:

Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, Department of Economics and Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, 2013 – present

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2014 – present

Faculty Research Fellow, Education Innovation Laboratory, Harvard University, 2013 – present

Education:

Ph.D. in Public Policy, Harvard University, 2013
M.A. in Economics, University of Washington, 2007
B.A. in Economics, Kalamazoo College, 2004

Published and Forthcoming Papers:

“The Medium-Term Impacts of High-Achieving Charter Schools,” with Roland Fryer, *Journal of Political Economy*, 123(5): 985-1037, 2015.

“Debt Relief and Debtor Outcomes: Measuring the Effects of Consumer Bankruptcy Protection,” with Jae Song, *American Economic Review*, 105(3): 1272-1311, 2015.

“The Impact of Voluntary Youth Service on Future Outcomes: Evidence from Teach For America,” with Roland Fryer, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, 15(3): 1031-1066, 2015.

“The Impact of Attending a School with High-Achieving Peers: Evidence from the New York City Exam Schools,” with Roland Fryer, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 6(3): 58-75, 2014.

“Getting Behind the Veil of Effective Schools: Evidence from New York City,” with Roland Fryer, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 4(5): 28-60, 2013.

“Information Asymmetries in Consumer Lending: Evidence from Payday Lending,” with Paige Marta Skiba, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 4(5): 256-258, 2013.

“Are High-Quality Schools Enough to Increase Achievement Among the Poor? Evidence from the Harlem Children’s Zone,” with Roland Fryer, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 3(3): 158-187, 2011.

Working Papers:

“Consumer Bankruptcy and Financial Health,” with Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham and Crystal Yang, revise and resubmit at *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

“The Effects of Pre-Trial Detention on Conviction, Future Crime, and Employment: Evidence from Randomly Assigned Judges,” with Jacob Goldin and Crystal Yang.

“Debt Relief or Debt Restructuring? Evidence from an Experiment with Distressed Credit Card Borrowers,” with Jae Song.

“Charter Schools and Labor Market Outcomes,” with Roland Fryer.

“Bad Credit, No Problem? Credit and Labor Market Consequences of Bad Credit Reports,” with Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham, Neale Mahoney, and Jae Song.

“The Causes and Consequences of Test Score Manipulation: Evidence from the New York Regents Examinations,” with Thomas Dee, Brian Jacob, and Jonah Rockoff.

“Debtor Protections and the Great Recession,” with Paul Goldsmith-Pinkham.

“Teacher Characteristics and Student Achievement: Evidence from Teach for America.”

Awards, Grants, and Honors:

Jonathan Edwards Bicentennial Preceptorship, Princeton University, 2016-2018

Washington Center for Equitable Growth Grant, 2014-2016

W.E. Upjohn Institute Dissertation Award for best dissertation on employment (cowinner), 2013

Terence M. Considine Fellowship in Law and Economics, Harvard University, 2012-2013

Taubman Center Urban Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard University, 2012-2013

Taubman Center Research Award, Harvard University, 2011

NBER Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Aging and Health Economics, 2009-2010

NSF-IGERT Program in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard University, 2008-2013

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Educational Innovation Laboratory, 2008-2013

Professional Activities:

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied*, *American Economic Journal: Policy*, *American Law and Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Education Next*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Law Economics and Organization*, *Journal of Legal Studies*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Quantitative Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Financial Studies*

Invited Talks and Presentations:

2016 - 2017: Columbia University, Cornell University, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Luxembourg School of Finance, NBER Summer Institute, Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm University, University of British Columbia, University of Southern California (CESR)

2015 - 2016: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Financial Conduct Authority, Harvard, Harvard Business School, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Harvard Law School, London School of Economics, NBER Law and Economics Meetings, NBER Summer Institute, Northwestern Law School, RAND, SOLE Annual Meeting, University of Sussex, University of Washington, West Point, Yale

- 2014 - 2015: American Economic Association, Boston University, Brookings Institution, Brown, Federal Reserve Bank Conference on Household Credit Recovery, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Harvard Kennedy School, NBER Labor Meetings, NBER Summer Institute, University of Arkansas, University of California at Berkeley, University of Chicago (Booth), University of Maryland, University of Tokyo, Western Economics Association Meeting, World Bank, Yale/IPA Conference on Financial Inclusion
- 2013 - 2014: American Law and Economic Association Meeting, European Summer Symposium in Financial Markets, NBER Summer Institute, CUNY, Columbia, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Midwest Economics Association, Northwestern Kellogg, Rutgers Business School, Stanford, Stanford GSB, Upjohn Institute
- 2012 - 2013: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Meeting, Boston University, Calvo-Armengol Prize Meeting, Duke University (Fuqua), Federal Reserve Conference on Reinventing Older Communities, Harvard Law School, MIT Sloan, Princeton University, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, University of California Berkeley (Goldman), University of Chicago (Harris), University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, University of Michigan (Ford), University of Pennsylvania (Wharton), University of Southern California (Marshall)