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Academic Positions

Princeton University

Assistant Professor of Economics, Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University, 2021 –
Director, Program for Research on Inequality, Princeton Economics, 2021 –

University of California, Berkeley

Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, 2020 - 2021
Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Goldman School of Public Policy, 2020 - 2021

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University, 2019-2020

Visiting Scholar, Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 2019

Affiliations

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau for Economic Research (NBER)

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Harvard University, 2013-2019

Visiting Student, UC Berkeley Center for Equitable Growth, 2016-2017

MSc in Human Geography Research, London School of Economics (Merit), 2011

B.A., Harvard University, Magna Cum Laude, 2009

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Economic History, Inequality

Peer-reviewed Publications

“Can you move to opportunity? Evidence from the Great Migration,” 2022, *American Economic Review*, 112 (2): 369-408. (Lead article.)

“Minimum wages and racial inequality” with Claire Montialoux, 2021, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 136(1):169-228.

Working Papers

“Wealth of two nations: The US racial wealth gap, 1860-2020” with Chi Hyun Kim, Moritz Kuhn, and Moritz Schularick, R&R, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

“Spillover effects from voluntary employer minimum wages” with Clemens Noelke, David Weil, and Bledi Taska, R&R, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

“Racial inequality, minimum wage spillovers, and the informal sector” with François Gerard, Lorenzo Lagos, and Claire Montialoux.

“Police violence reduces civilian cooperation and engagement with law enforcement” with Desmond Ang, Panka Bencsik, and Jesse Bruhn.

“Atlantic slavery’s impact on European and British economic development.”

Works in Progress

“Collective Bargaining, Earnings, and Inequality” with François Gerard, Lorenzo Lagos, and Claire Montialoux.

Book Chapters, Non-refereed Publications, & Other Writing

“Long-Run Determinants of U.S. Racial Inequality: Evidence from the Great Migration and the Fair Labor Standards Act,” 2020. *The Journal of Economic History*, 80(2), 564-592. (Dissertation summary)

“Why minimum wages are a critical tool for achieving racial justice in the U.S. labor market,” with Kate Bahn and Claire Montialoux, WCEG Issue Brief, October 2020.

“The Historical Origins of Global Inequality,” in Heather Boushey, J. Bradford DeLong, and Marshall Steinbaum (eds.), *After Piketty: the agenda for economics and inequality*, Chapter 20, pp. 491-511. Harvard University Press, 2017.

Grants, Fellowship, & Awards

National Science Foundation CAREER Award, 2023-2028

Nicholas J. Nicholas Jr. Fellow, Griswold Center for Economic Policy Studies at Princeton University, 2022-2023

AER: Insights Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2021

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REStud Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2020

CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars Program, 2021-2023 (100,000 CAD)

Russell Sage Foundation, 2021-2023

WorkRise Grant (\$355,692), 2021-2022

Berkeley Population Center Pilot Grant, 2021-2022

IRLE Faculty Research Award, 2020-2021

Allan Nevins Prize for the Best Dissertation in U.S. or Canadian Economic History, 2019

Washington Center for Equitable Growth, 2019-2021

Russell Sage Foundation, 2019-2021

Review of Economic Studies Tour, 2019

Roger L. Martin Cornerstone Graduate Student Fellowship, 2018

Washington Center for Equitable Growth Doctoral Award, 2018 (with Claire Montialoux)

Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Grant, 2018

Russell Sage Foundation Grant, 2017

Washington Center for Equitable Growth Doctoral Award, 2016

Louis E. Kelso Fellow, Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations, 2016

Harvard Kennedy School Inequality and Social Policy Fellowship, 2014-2017

Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Grant, 2015

Warburg Fund Fellowship, 2015

Danielian/Kuznets Travel & Research Grant, 2015

Academic Activities

Other Affiliations

2023: Elected Member, Conference on Research in Income and Wealth

2022: Research Affiliate, James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Centre on Wealth Concentration, Inequality, and the Economy at University College London

Invited Seminars

2024 (*scheduled*): University of Florida–Florida State University–University of North Florida–University of Central Florida joint seminar

2023 (*scheduled*): University of Toronto, MIT Sloan (IWER), Michigan State University

2022 (*incl. scheduled*): UCSB Econ, Oxford Economics, Stanford Economics, Columbia Economics, Harvard Kennedy School, São Paulo School of Economics Seminar, Brown University, Emory University, US Census Bureau, University of Pittsburgh/CMU, New York Federal Reserve, Princeton Sociology, The Wharton School of University of Pennsylvania, Russell Sage Foundation

2021: Harvard Diversity and Equity Research in Economics Seminar, Berkeley Demography Brown Bag Seminar, Dartmouth Econ, Goldman School of Public Policy, Berkeley Geography, NYU Econ/NYU Stern, Georgetown/World Bank Seminar, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Santa Clara University, IAB-LASER Virtual Seminar Series on. Minimum Wages and Low Wage Policies, Northwestern SESP Brown Bag Seminar, UCI Econ, UCLA Econ, Cornell Econ, MIT Sloan

2020: Brookings Institution, Florida State University, Howard University, UCLA (canceled due to Covid-19), CUNY, Brandeis Econ/Heller, Bocconi University, University of Bonn (canceled due to Covid-19), IIES - Stockholm (canceled due to Covid-19), IFN - Stockholm (canceled due to Covid-19), Paris School of Economics, Stellenbosch University, Urban Institute, NYU Wagner, UMass Amherst Econ, MIT Econ, Emory University, UW Madison Econ, Chicago Booth, LSE, CU Boulder Econ, Harvard Econ, Chicago Econ

2019: Opportunity Insights – Harvard University, Brown University, University of British Columbia, Princeton University, Minnesota Population Center, University of Michigan, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Rutgers University, University College London, Northwestern Econ, Harvard Business School (NOM), Stanford Econ, Berkeley Econ, UMass Amherst, MIT Econ, Yale Econ, Columbia Econ, LSE, Chicago Harris, Wharton (BEPP), Wesleyan University, CMU Heinz (Guest Lecture)

2018: UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy, Berkeley Econ, Stanford Econ

Seminar Series and Conferences Organized

2022: The Economics of Racism Virtual Seminar Series (co-organizer); Program for Research on Inequality – “The Future of the Labor Movement” Conference (organizer); Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Economy Virtual Convening, Spring 2022 (co-organized with Claire Montialoux); NBER Public Economics Spring Program Meeting (co-organized with Neale Mahoney and Eric Zwick); NBER Labor Studies Workshop Summer Institute (co-organizer)

2020: The Economics of Racism Virtual Seminar Series (co-organized with Damon Jones; originally founded by Trevon Logan)

Invited Guest Lectures and Events

2023 (*incl. scheduled*): Inequality Summer School, Stone Center on Wealth and Income Inequality at UC Berkeley.

2022: Professor Montialoux’s Statistics for Program Evaluation at UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy; Professor Diamond’s Cities, Housing, and Society Research Group; Professor Naidu’s Graduate Economics Perspectives course at Columbia University; Professor Chetty’s Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems at Harvard university; PREDOC; Princeton CSDP webinar on wealth inequality

2021: Professor Reich’s Wealth and Poverty course (March 19); Professor Hoxby’s Economics, Diversity, and Discrimination Course at Stanford (April 26); Professor Aneja’s Law and Economics Foundation Seminar (April 5); Professor Sharkey’s Urban Inequality course at Princeton SPIA (October 26); Professor Diamond’s Cities, Housing, and Society Student Research Group (March 1)

2020: Professor Ndiaye’s Graduate Macro Public Finance at NYU Stern (December 9); UMBC Econ’s “Why Economics? A Virtual Roundtable” (November 20)

Conferences

2023 (*incl. scheduled*): American Economics Association (New Orleans, LA); Bisell-Heyd Colloquium on “Race, Equity, and Public Policy” at University of Toronto Rotman School of Management; Minimum Wage Conference at the University of Minnesota

2022: NBER Macro Annual (invited discussant), University of Chicago Becker Friedman Institute Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference; NBER Summer Institute – Labor Studies (invited discussant)

2021: NBER Working Group on Race and Stratification Spring 2021, NBER Wage Dynamics in the 21st Century, NBER SI DAE, NBER Fall Public, Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Economic Justice Virtual Symposium, AEA 2022

2020 (incl. cancelled due to Covid-19): Washington Center for Equitable Growth Grantee Conference (virtual), NBER Summer Institute – DAE (virtual), NBER Summer Institute – Labor Studies (virtual), American Economics Association (San Diego, CA), Junior Micro Macro Labor Conference (Columbia University), Trans Pacific Labor Seminar at Berkeley (canceled due to Covid-19), EfIP (canceled due to Covid-19), Penn-Wharton Conference on Race and Economics

2019: Economic History Association (Atlanta), Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, REStud Tour (LSE, KU Leuven, Sciences Po), Conference on Structural Microeconomics (Yale), LERA (Cleveland), Workshop on Intergenerational Mobility, Gender and Family Formation in the Long Run (Oslo), Western Economics Association International (San Francisco), NBER Summer Institute Development of the American Economy, NBER Fall Labor Studies

2018: Economic History Association (Montreal), Calvó-Armengol International Prize Workshop (Barcelona), Harvard University Workshop in History, Culture, and Society

2017: First WID.world Conference (Paris)

2016: Economic History Association (Boulder, CO)

2015: Oxford University Economic History Seminar

Podcast Interviews, Panel Events, and Press Coverage

2022: *Behind the News* (host: Doug Henwood); *NPR*; *CNBC*; *CBS*; *Essence*; *Counterpunch*; *FiveThirtyEight*; *ABC*.

2021: *Dollars and Sense* (host: Zoe Sherman); *New York Times*.

2020: *Sunrise Bay Area* (host: Mukta Kelkar), *Trade Talks* (host: Soumaya Keynes and Chad Brown), *Probable Causation* (host: Jennifer Doleac); *Berkeley Conversations COVID-19: Economic impact, human solutions* (host: UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy and Opportunity Lab); *Policy Punchline* (host: Tiger Gao), *Talk Policy to Me* (host: Sarah Edwards); *Fortune Magazine*; *New York Times*; *Wall Street Journal*; *NPR*; *Journalist's Resource*; *Rolling Stone Magazine*; *Charlottesville Tomorrow*; *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Referee Service

Econometrica, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *AEJ: Applied Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *AEJ: Economic Policy*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Russell Sage Foundation*, *National Science Foundation*