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## EMPLOYMENT

Senior Fellow, <b>Public Policy Institute of California</b>	2024 -
Research Fellow, <b>Public Policy Institute of California</b>	2018 - 2024
Lecturer, <b>Department of Economics, University of California, Berkeley</b>	2021 -

## EDUCATION

PhD, Economics, <b>University of California, Berkeley</b>	2018
BS, Economics, <b>University of Michigan</b>	2012

## ADVISORY AND BOARD SERVICE

Co-chair, Advisory Board, <b>EdFund</b>	2023-
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## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“[The Impact of School Facility Investments on Students and Homeowners: Evidence from Los Angeles](#)”, with David Schönholzer. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, July 2022.

“[School Capital Expenditure Rules and Distribution](#)” with Barbara Biasi and David Schönholzer. *American Economic Association Papers & Proceedings*, May 2021.

“[School Finance Reform and the Distribution of Student Achievement](#)”, with Jesse Rothstein and Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*. 2018.

## ACADEMIC WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

“[What Works and For Whom? Effectiveness and Efficiency of School Capital Investments Across The U.S.](#)”, with Barbara Biasi and David Schönholzer. (*Revise and Resubmit, Quarterly Journal of Economics*)

“[Assessing Transitional Kindergarten’s Impact on Elementary School Trajectories](#)”, with Laura Hill.

“[Supermajority Requirements and Voter Preferences in U.S. School Capital Investments](#)”, with Barbara Biasi and David Schönholzer

“[The Impact of School District Reorganizations on Students and Communities](#)”, with Barbara Biasi, Tomas Monarrez, and David Schönholzer

“[Targeting Students Equitably and Efficiently: Evidence from California’s Local Control Funding Formula](#)”

“[Local Economic Shocks and Human Capital Accumulation](#),” with Nick Gebbia

“[The Heterogeneous Effects of Advanced Math Tracking: Evidence from North Carolina](#)”

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POLICY REPORTS

- “Funding Student Need: Evaluating Measures of Need in California’s TK-12 Funding Formula”, with Iwunze Ugo and Brett Guinan. November 2024.
- “Labor Force Participation in California”, with Sarah Bohn, Marisol Cuellar Mejia, Jenny Duan, Hans Johnson, and Shannon McConville. February 2024.
- “Assessing Transitional Kindergarten’s Impact on Elementary School Trajectories”, with Laura Hill. October 2023.
- “Examining the Reach of Targeted School Funding”, with Joseph Herrera and Niu Gao. September 2023.
- “District Spending of One-Time Funds for Educational Recovery”, with Laura Hill, Niu Gao, Joseph Herrera, Emmanuel Prunty, Darriya Starr, Bruce Fuller, Julian Betts, Karna Malaviya, and Jonathan Isler. June 2023.
- “Measuring Differences in School-Level Spending for Various Student Groups”, with Kristin Blagg and Tomas Monarrez. October 2022.
- “Understanding the Effects of School Funding”, May 2022.
- “Equitable State Funding for School Facilities”, with Niu Gao. March 2022.
- “Targeted K-12 Funding and Student Outcomes”, October 2021.
- “Distance Learning Strategies in California Schools”, with Niu Gao and Laura Hill. April 2021.
- “Income Inequality and Economic Opportunity in California”, with Sarah Bohn, Dean Bonner, and Tess Thorman. December 2020.
- “Who Is Losing Ground with Distance Learning in California?”, with Niu Gao and Laura Hill. October 2020.
- “Funding California Schools When Budgets Fall Short”, with Radhika Mehlotra and Jennifer Paluch. October 2020.
- “Improving K-12 School Facilities in California”, with Niu Gao. August 2020.
- “Declining Enrollment in California Schools: Fiscal Challenges and Opportunities in the Coming Decade”, with Paul Warren. February 2020.
- “New Eligibility Rules for the University of California? The Effects of New Science Requirements”, with Hans Johnson, Niu Gao, and Anthony Dalton. November 2019.
- “Common Core State Standards in California: Evaluating Local Implementation and Student Outcomes”, with Niu Gao. September 2019.
- “School Resources and the Local Control Funding Formula: Is Increased Spending Reaching High-Need Students?”. August 2019.
- “Achievement in California’s Public Schools: What Do Test Scores Tell Us?”, with Paul Warren. July 2019.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- National Academy of Education / Spencer Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2024-26
- William T. Grant Foundation, “Addressing Student Needs Via State Funding Allocations: Understanding Equity in California Funding”, 2025-26 (PI)
- Stuart Foundation, “Addressing Student Needs Via State Funding Allocations: Understanding Equity in California Funding”, 2025-26 (PI)
- Stuart Foundation, “Young Adult Trajectories in California”, 2025 (PI)

Stuart Foundation, “Funding Student Need: The Challenge of Targeting Equitably”, 2024 (PI)  
WorkRise, “Understanding Trends in California’s Labor Force Participation”, 2023-2024 (PI)  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, “Advancing Educational Equity in California”, 2023-2025 (Co-PI)  
U.S. Department of Education, Institute for Education Sciences, “A Researcher-Practitioner Partnership to Improve Pandemic Recovery Efforts in California”, 2022-2025 (Co-PI)  
Sobrato Foundation, “English Learner Research to Inform Education Policy”, 2022-2024 (Co-PI)  
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, “Advancing Educational Equity in California”, 2021-2023 (Co-PI)  
Stuart Foundation, “School Funding Policy Research Briefs”, 2021-2022 (PI)  
Stuart Foundation, “The Local Control Funding Formula and Student Achievement”, 2020-2021 (PI)  
Dirk and Charlene Kabcenell Foundation, “Funding California Schools When Budgets Fall Short”, 2020 (PI)  
Spencer Foundation, “School Capital Expenditure Rules and Student Outcomes”, Small Research Grant, 2019-2020 (Co-PI)  
Stuart Foundation, “School Resources and the Local Control Funding Formula”, 2019 (PI)  
Dirk and Charlene Kabcenell Foundation, “School Resources and the Local Control Funding Formula”, 2019 (PI)  
Jean Flanigan Outstanding Dissertation Award, Association of Education Finance and Policy, 2019  
National Academy of Education / Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2017-2018  
Doctoral Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2017  
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley, 2014  
Ferrando Honors Prize, University of Michigan, Department of Economics, 2012  
John E. Parker Memorial Prize, University of Michigan, Department of Economics, 2012  
Sim Honors Scholarship in Economics, University of Michigan, Department of Economics, 2011

#### ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2024 AEFP Annual Conference; UCSD Economics Department; APPAM Fall Research Conference.  
2023 AEFP Annual Conference; NYU Steinhardt; UC Berkeley Labor Lunch; APPAM Fall Research Conference.  
2022 ASSA Annual Meeting; AEFP Annual Conference.  
2021 AEFP Annual Conference; Urban Institute; Amherst College; APPAM Fall Research Conference.  
2020 APPAM Fall Research Conference.  
2019 AEFP Annual Conference; SOLE Annual Meetings; University of Michigan (Ford School).  
2018 AERA Annual Meeting; RAND Corporation; Upjohn Institute, Public Policy Institute of California; Analysis Group.  
2017 All-California Labor Economics Conference; UC Berkeley, Department of Economics (x3); UC Berkeley, Graduate School of Education.  
2016 NBER Summer Institute, Labor Studies; SOLE Annual Meetings; All-California Labor Economics Conference; UC Berkeley, Department of Economics.  
2015 UC Berkeley, Department of Economics (x2).  
2013 UC Berkeley, Department of Economics.

#### TEACHING

- 2024 Using Economics for Public Policy (Econ 130), UC Berkeley.
- 2023 Using Economics for Public Policy (Econ 130), UC Berkeley.
- 2022 Using Economics for Public Policy (Econ 130), UC Berkeley.
- 2021 Using Economics for Public Policy (Econ 130), UC Berkeley.
- 2013 Introduction to Economics (Econ 1), UC Berkeley (*Graduate Student Instructor*).

#### REFEREE SERVICE

AERA Open, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Policy, American Economic Review, American Journal of Education, American Law and Economics Review, American Sociological Review, Demography, Econometrica, Economics of Education Review, Economic Journal, Education Finance and Policy, Education Researcher, Educational Policy, Journal of Education Change, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, National Tax Journal, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Social Forces, Sociology of Education, Southern Economic Journal, Quarterly Journal of Economics.