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## Information

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## Current Employment

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2023 **Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI  
EDUCATION POLICY INNOVATION COLLABORATIVE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

## Education

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2023 **University of Illinois at Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
PH.D. ECONOMICS  
Dissertation title: *Teacher Labor Markets, School Competition, and Educational Outcomes*

2016 **DePaul University**, Chicago, IL  
M.S. ECONOMICS AND POLICY ANALYSIS

2013 **Universitat Abat Oliba CEU**, Barcelona, Spain  
B.A. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & B.A. ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

## Research Interests

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Labor economics, public economics, and economics of education

## Working papers

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- *Becoming permanent: the effects of changes in teacher contract status, evidence from Chile* -[job market paper](#)
- *It's time to go: the effects of teacher retirement policies, evidence from Chile* -[link](#)
- *Using Chile's full-day school reform to understand the relationship between the returns to school competition and labor-market rigidities* -with Ben Feigenberg and Steven Rivkin-[link](#)
- *The effects of the minimum wage on the geographical distribution of social security disability insurance beneficiaries*- [link](#)

## Work in Progress

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- *Estimating the overall effects of statewide early literacy policies: evidence from Michigan*- with Tara Kilbride and Seth Walker
- *Changing Cash Assistance Rules in the US: Effects on State Budgets and Well-Being of Low-Income Families*- with Gabrielle Pepin and Kane Schrader
- *The Market Responses to the Growing Presence of Social Welfare Residential Schools in Telangana, India*- with Naveen Kumar, Vinitha Rachel Varghese, and Aditi Acharya
- *Outside the Scope of Bargaining: The Effect of Teacher Transfer Policies on Teacher Mobility to Disadvantaged Schools*- with Bradley Mariano, Tara Kilbride and Paul Bruno

## Publications

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### PREDOCTORAL PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- *The German economy: successes and challenges related to its reforms and the Eurozone*- Cuadernos Económicos de ICE, (92). Journal of the Spanish Ministry of Economy, 2016
- *State-level Legislative Efforts to Improve Diabetes Care and thereby Mitigate Complications* - with Karen Fitzner, Elizabeth AF Heckinger, and Michael Morrone - Journal of Diabetic Complications and Medicine, 2016

### POLICY ANALYSES

- *Strengthening Work Requirements? Forecasting Impacts of Reforming Cash Assistance*- with Gabrielle Pepin and Kane Schrader- Journal of Policy Analysis and Management- Policy Insights, forthcoming
- *Retention and Exemption Decisions Under the Read by Grade Three Law*- with Tara Kilbride and Seth Walker- EPIC Research Report, 2024

## Grants

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**Russell Sage Foundation Grant** (Co-PI): \$44,865

**University of Michigan Institute for Social Research PSID Grant:** \$1,000

**Fulbright Grant** (Graduate Student): \$62,620

## Teaching Experience

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### Instructor

Spring 2022 Principles of Macroeconomics

Fall 2021 Principles of Microeconomics

Spring 2019 Public Finance

Fall 2018 The Economics of Sports

### Teaching Assistant

Fall 2017, Spring 2018 Econometrics (PhD course) Prof. Lubotsky and Prof. Qureshi

Fall 2017 Statistics Dr. John Oliver

2016, 2017, 2021 Principles of Macroeconomics Prof. Officer and Mr. Kucera

## Past Research Experience

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2020-2021 **Institute for Economic Analysis (IEA) of the Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC)**, visiting fellow, Barcelona, Spain

2020-2021 **ESADE Entrepreneurship Institute**, researcher, Barcelona, Spain

2019-2020 **UIC Economics Department**, research assistant, Steven Rivkin & Ben Feigenberg, Chicago, IL

2019 **Institute for Health Research and Policy**, research assistant, Chicago, IL

2014-2015 **Kellstadt Graduate School of Business**, research assistant, Chicago, IL

## Languages and Computer Skills

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English (fluent), Spanish and Catalan (native), Portuguese (basic)

STATA, Latex, Excel (proficient); SAS, R, and Python (functional)

## Presentations

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2024        **W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Seminar**  
2024        **MSU Office in International Studies in Education**  
2022, 2023   **Southern Economic Association (SEA) conference**  
2021, 2022   **Midwest Economic Association (MEA) conference**  
2019, 2022   **Illinois Economics Association (IEA) conference**  
2021, 2022   **University of Illinois at Chicago Economics Research Luncheon (EARL)**  
2020        **Evidence Based Economics summer conference**  
2020        **Regional student conference of APPAM**  
2020        **DePaul Free Lunch Research Workshop**  
2015-2017   **DePaul Economics Student Conference**

## References

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