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Information

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STATUS: U.S. Permanent Resident

Employment

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
2026-Present MANAGING EDITOR, *AEFP Live Handbook*
2025-Present SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW, *National Center for Research on Education Access & Choice*
2025-Present SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW, *Education Research Alliance for New Orleans*

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
2023-2025 EDUCATION POLICY INNOVATION COLLABORATIVE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Education

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, *Fulbright scholarship*

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

Research Interests

Economics of education, labor economics, public economics

Publications

- **Public Alternatives and Educational Markets: Evidence from Welfare Residential Schools in India**—Nadal-Fernandez, Josep M., Vinitha R. Varghese, and G. Naveen Kumar; *Journal of School Choice* (2026):1-22
- **Strengthening Work Requirements? Forecasting Impacts of Reforming Cash Assistance**—Nadal-Fernandez, Josep M., Gabrielle Pepin, and Kane Schrader; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management- Policy Insights*, Volume 44, Issue 2, 2025
- **Retention and Exemption Decisions Under the Read by Grade Three Law**—Kilbride, Tara, Josep M. Nadal-Fernandez, and Seth Walker; *Education Policy Innovation Collaborative Research Report*, 2024
- **The German economy: successes and challenges related to its reforms and the Euro-zone**—Nadal-Fernandez, Josep M.; 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 Fitzner, Karen, Elizabeth AF Heckinger, Josep M. Nadal-Fernandez and Michael Morrone ; *Journal of Diabetic Complications and Medicine*, 2016

Working papers

- *Estimating the Overall Effects of Statewide Early Literacy Policies: Evidence from Michigan*- with Seth Walker and Tara Kilbride-[link](#)
- *Becoming permanent: the effects of changes in teacher contract status, evidence from Chile* -[link](#)
- *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

- *When Schools Come and Go: Decomposing Average School Performance Through Market Dynamics*- with Douglas Harris
- *Changing Cash Assistance Rules in the US: Effects on State Budgets and Well-Being of Low-Income Families*- with Gabrielle Pepin and Kane Schrader
- *Do Charter Schools and Traditional Public Schools Have Different Academic Performance Standards?*- with Jamie Carroll and Julianne Meiu
- *Institutional Influence vs. Teacher Impact: Understanding Charter School Effectiveness in Michigan*- with Christopher White

Grants & Awards

MIT Blueprint Labs- Charter School Research Collaborative (PI) 2026: \$11,500

Russell Sage Foundation Grant (Co-PI) 2024-2026: \$44,865

University of Michigan Institute for Social Research PSID Grant Summer 2024: \$1,000

Teaching Experience

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

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

English (fluent), Spanish and Catalan (native), Portuguese (basic)
STATA, Latex, Excel (proficient); SAS, R, and Python (functional)

Presentations

2026- 2025 **Association for Education and Finance Policy (AEFP) conference**
2026 **International School Choice and Reform Conference**
2025 **Association for Public Policy & Management (APPAM) conference**
2024 **W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Seminar**
2024 **Michigan State University 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**

Services & Membership:

Referee: *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of School Choice; Education Policy Analysis Archives; Association for Education Finance and Policy Conference*

Consultant: *Central Square Foundation*

Membership: *American Economic Association (AEA); Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP); Association For Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)*

References

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