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Education

Ph.D. Public Policy, New York University, 2019
M.P.P Public Policy, University of Chicago, 2009
B.A. Urban Studies, College of Wooster, 2007

Academic Positions

University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics, 2019-present
Wilson Family LEO Assistant Professor

Appointments and Affiliations

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER): Public Economics, 2024-present
Affiliate, Institute for Labor Economics (IZA), 2024-present
Visiting Appointment, Harvard University, Department of Economics, Spring 2022
Research Faculty, Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO), University of Notre Dame, 2019-present
Faculty Fellow, Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate, University of Notre Dame, 2019-present
Member, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity (HCEO), Inequality: MIP Network, 2019-present

Research

Peer Reviewed Publications

How Do Changes In Housing Voucher Design Affect Rent and Neighborhood Quality (with Peter Ganong), 2018, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 10(2): 62–89.
Eviction and Poverty in American Cities (with J.E. Humphries, N. Madar, D. Reed, D. Tannenbaum and W. van Dijk), 2024, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 139(1), 57–120

Working Papers

The Long-Run Effects of Residential Racial Desegregation Programs: Evidence from *Gautreaux* (with Eric Chyn and Danielle Sandler) *Conditionally Accepted at Quarterly Journal of Economics*

"The Effects of Emergency Rental Assistance During the Pandemic: Evidence from Lotteries in Four Cities" (with Anthony Defusco, Ben Keys, John Eric Humphries, David Phillips, Vincent Reina, Patrick Turner and Winnie van Dijk)

The Effects of Eviction on Children: Evidence from Chicago and New York (with D. Dutz, J.E. Humphries, N. Madar, D. Tannenbaum and W. van Dijk), 2023.

“Right-to-Counsel in Eviction Court and Rental Housing Markets: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from New York” (with S. Nelson, S. Kestelman, J.E. Humphries, W. van Dijk, and D. Waldinger)

Unrefereed Publications

Bolstering the Housing Safety Net: The Promise of Automatic Stabilizers (with Ingrid Gould Ellen and Ben Keys) The Hamilton Project, April 2021

Reforming Housing Assistance (with Ingrid Gould Ellen and Jens Ludwig), 2019, *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* vol. 686, 1: pp. 250-285

Allocation Problems in Low-Income Housing, *More Equal by Design: Economic design responses to inequality* eds. Scott Duke Kominers and Alexander Teytelboym, Oxford University Press.

Low-Income Housing Policy (with Ingrid Gould Ellen and Jens Ludwig), 2016, , *Economics of Means-Tested Transfer Programs in the United States, Volume II*, ed. Robert Moffitt, University of Chicago Press.

Work In-Progress

“In-Kind Transfers and Early Child Development: Evidence from a Housing Assistance Lottery” (with Chloe Gibbs)

“Public Provision v. in-Kind Vouchers: Evidence from a Housing Assistance Lottery”

“Waiting Time as a Screening Device: Evidence from an Affordable Housing Lottery” (with Dan Waldinger and Winnie van Dijk)

“Unemployment Insurance and Housing Instability” (with Ethan Jenkins)

Select Conference Presentations

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| 2023 | NBER Public Economics/ NBER Labor Studies (Summer Institute), NBER Urban Economics (Summer Institute)*, NBER Public Economics (Fall Meeting)*, NBER Innovative Data in Household Finance*, UEA: Online Spatial and Urban Seminar |
| 2022 | NBER Economic Mobility, Opportunity Insights, APPAM Fall Research Conference |
| 2019-2021 | NBER Children (Summer Institute), American Economics Association Annual Meetings, Urban Economics Association Annual Meetings, APPAM Fall Research Conference |
| | *attended, co-author presented joint work |

Honors and Awards

New York University, University-Wide Outstanding Dissertation Award

Grants

National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Grant: SES-2018266, \$394,366 - PI (with Eric Chyn)

J-PAL North America, \$50,000 - Co-PI (with David Phillips)

J-PAL North America, \$50,000 - Co-PI (with Patrick Turner and Melissa Kearney)

J-PAL North America, \$50,000 - Co-PI (with David Phillips and Vincent Reina)

Prior Employment

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), 2009-2013

Analyst, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development, PD&R

Professional Service

Refereeing

American Economic Review; American Economic Review: Insights; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; International Economic Review; Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics

Selected Media Coverage

The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Economist

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