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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor
Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston

Fall 2023 -

Postdoctoral Fellow
Texas Policy Lab, Rice University

Fall 2020 - Spring 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Cornell University	2020
M.A. Economics, Cornell University	2017
B.S. Mathematics and Economics (<i>summa cum laude</i>), Saint Michael's College	2014

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"The Long-Run Impacts of Special Education" (with Briana Ballis), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, November 2021, vol. 13, no. 4: 72-111.

WORKING PAPERS

"The Long-Run Impacts of Reducing Racial Gaps in Special Education" (with Briana Ballis).

"How do Special Education Funding Incentives Affect Student Performance?"

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"The Effects of Special Education on Crime" (with Briana Ballis).

"A Longitudinal Study of the Impact of IDEA Part C on Educational and Labor Market Outcomes" (with Flavio Cunha and Ji-Hee Lee).

"School Funding and Students' Long-Term Outcomes: An examination of Texas' School Finance Reforms" (with Erdal Asker, Gregory R. Phelan, and John Thompson).

"The Impacts of Special Education Funding" (with Jo R. King).

POLICY WRITINGS

"Special education: Beneficial to many, harmful to others" (with Briana Ballis), *Brookings Institution Brown Center Chalkboard*, 2021."

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND FUNDING

Center for Financial Security (CFS) as part of the Retirement and Disability Research Consortium at University of Wisconsin Madison (Co-PI Briana Ballis), \$211,984	2024-2025
Spencer Foundation (Co-PI Briana Ballis), \$50,000	2025-2028
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management Excellence in Refereeing Award	2023
Roe L. Johns Travel Grant	2019
Association for Education Finance and Policy	
NAEd/Spencer Dissertation Fellow	2018
National Academy of Education and Spencer Foundation	
Labor Economics Graduate Research Grants	2017 and 2018
Cornell University	
Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research Grant	2017
Cornell University	
Graduate School Travel Grant	2017
Cornell University	
Anna C. Smith Scholarship, Jean Warren, Barbara B. Kennedy, Lillian B. Powell, Mabel A. Rollins, Martha E. Foulk, and Human Ecology Alumni Association Fellowships	2014-2015
Cornell University	

INVITED CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2024: Texas Camp Econometrics
2022: University of Houston Hobby School of Public Affairs, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference
2021: University of Houston Department of Economics, Economics of Discrimination and Disparities Seminar, Southern Economic Association 91st Annual Meeting, Kennesaw State University
2020: US Treasury Office of Tax Analysis, Federal Trade Commission, Charles River Associates, Miami University, University of Iowa, Texas Policy Lab at Rice University
2019: University of Texas at Dallas, University of Miami, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference, Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Conference, NAEd/Spencer Spring Fellows Retreat
2018: NAEd/Spencer Fall Fellows Retreat, Syracuse/Cornell Summer Workshop in Education and Social Policy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of Houston, Hobby School of Public Affairs

Introduction to Economics and Policy Analysis, POLC 2312 Fall 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

Instructor, Rice University, Department of Economics

Evaluation of Social Programs, ECON 320 Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant, Cornell University, Department of Policy Analysis and Management

Multiple Regression Analysis, PAM 3100 Spring 2018

Professor Douglas Miller

Graduate Empirical Strategies for Policy Analysis, PAM 6090 Fall 2017

Professor Jordan Matsudaira

Intermediate Microeconomics, PAM 2000 Spring 2017

Professor Thomas Evans	
Graduate Empirical Strategies for Policy Analysis, PAM 6090	Fall 2016
Professor Jordan Matsudaira	
Perspectives on the “Crisis” in American K-12 Education, PAM 2550	Spring 2016
Professor Jordan Matsudaira	
Statistics for PAM Majors, PAM 2101	Fall 2015
Professor Matthew Hall	

REFeree SERVICE

Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Education Finance and Policy, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, Remedial and Special Education, and Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
Association for Education Finance Policy
Southern Economic Association