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## EDUCATION

- 2015            Ph.D., Economics, MIT  
                  Dissertation: "Essays on the Effects of Disability Insurance"  
                  Fields: Public Finance, Labor Economics
- 2007            B.A. with highest honors, Economics, Mathematics, and Plan II Honors (Humanities),  
                  The University of Texas at Austin

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2023-            Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), University of Chicago  
2016-2023       Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Chicago  
2015-            Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research  
2015-16         Postdoctoral Research Fellow, NBER and Becker-Friedman Institute

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- 2009-10         Policy Advisor, White House National Economic Council  
2007-09         Research Assistant, The Hamilton Project at Brookings

## PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

- "The (Lack of) Anticipatory Effects of the Social Safety Net on Human Capital Investment" (with Rebecca Dizon-Ross), 2023, *American Economic Review* 113(12): 3129-72 (December). [Lead Article]
- "Does Welfare Prevent Crime? The Criminal Justice Outcomes of Youth Removed from SSI" (with Michael Mueller-Smith), 2022, *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 137(4): 2263-2307 (November).
- "Beyond Health: Non-Health Risk and the Value of Disability Insurance" (with Lee M. Lockwood), 2022, *Econometrica* 90(4): 1781-1810 (July).
- "How Sticky is Retirement Behavior in the U.S.?" (with Itzik Fadlon and Colin Gray). Forthcoming at *Review of Economics and Statistics*.
- "Disability and Distress: The Effect of Disability Programs on Financial Outcomes" (with Tal Gross and Yalun Su), 2021, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 13(2): 151-78 (April).
- "Who is Screened Out? Application Costs and the Targeting of Disability Programs" (with Yue Li), 2019, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 11(4): 213-48 (November). [Winner of 2020 AEJ: Economic Policy Best Paper Award]
- "Does Welfare Inhibit Success? The Long-Term Effects of Removing Low-Income Youth from Disability Insurance," 2016, *American Economic Review* 106(11): 3300-3330 (November). [Winner of 2015 APPAM Dissertation Award, 2015 Upjohn Institute Dissertation Award, and 2016 NASI John Heinz Dissertation Award]
- "The Effect of Disability Payments on Household Earnings and Income: Evidence from the Supplemental Security Income Children's Program," 2016, *Review of Economics and Statistics* 98(4): 638-654 (October).

“Comment on ‘On the Economics of Climate Policy’: Is Climate Change Mitigation the Ultimate Arbitrage Opportunity?” (with Michael Greenstone), 2010, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy* 10(2).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“How Disability Benefits in Early Life Affect Adult Outcomes” (with Alessandra Voena and Jason Weitze)

## GRANTS

2020-24 NSF CAREER Award  
2020-24 William T. Grant Award  
2019-20 National Science Foundation RAPID, with Rebecca Dizon-Ross (\$150,000)  
2017-18 National Institutes of Health, with Rebecca Dizon-Ross (\$208,000)  
2017-18 Spencer Foundation, with Rebecca Dizon-Ross (\$734,000)  
2016-17 Washington Center for Equitable Growth, with Tal Gross and Jialan Wang (\$100,000)  
2015-16 Russell Sage Foundation, with Rebecca Dizon-Ross (\$138,000)  
2015-16 J-PAL U.S. Health Care Delivery Initiative, with Rebecca Dizon-Ross (\$581,000)  
2015-16 Institute on Global Markets, with Rebecca Dizon-Ross (\$67,500)

## HONORS

2023 Sloan Research Fellowship  
2020 NSF CAREER Award  
2020 William T. Grant Scholar  
2019 Institute for Research on Poverty Affiliate  
2018 Elected to National Academy of Social Insurance  
2016 NASI John A. Heinz Dissertation Award  
2015 Upjohn Institute Dissertation Award  
2015 APPAM PhD Dissertation Award  
2015 *Review of Economic Studies* (REStud) Tour Speaker  
2014-15 NBER Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Disability  
2012-14 NBER Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Health and Aging  
2014 MIT Department of Economics Shultz Fund Award  
2012 Center for Retirement Research at Boston College Dissertation Fellowship  
2009 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship  
2006 Harry S. Truman Scholarship

## PRESENTATIONS

2023-24 Marquette; Inter-American Development Bank; University of Florida; Chicago Fed  
2022-23 LSE Economics; Tinbergen Institute; Harvard Economics; Harvard Kennedy School; Berkeley Economics; Columbia SIPA; Stanford Economics; Northwestern Economics; Purdue; NYU Economics; UIC Economics  
2021-22 Georgetown; Syracuse; Harvard/MIT/BU Health; Glasgow; Brookings; PUC-Chile; Bocconi-CEPR; GWU Economics; NBER Childrens  
2020-21 UBC Economics; Institute for Research on Poverty; UCSB Economics; UC Berkeley Economics; NBER Public; Princeton Economics; Yale Economics; University of Maryland Economics; University of Nebraska Economics  
2019-20 Census Bureau; MIT Economics; Stanford Economics; Federal Reserve Board; UW-Madison Economics; University of Illinois-Chicago Economics; Michigan State Economics

2018-19	NBER Social Security; Institute for Research on Poverty; DePaul; RAND; Michigan Economics; NBER Public Economics; UVA Economics; Equitable Growth; Institute for Research on Poverty
2017-18	CEPR Public Economics; Aarhus; Stockholm University; Stockholm School of Economics; Princeton; American Bar Foundation; Institute for Fiscal Studies; UT Austin Economics; National Tax Association; Vanderbilt Economics; Columbia Economics; NYU Economics; UC Berkeley Haas; Johns Hopkins Economics; New York Fed; Michigan Economics
2016-17	Institute for Research on Poverty at Wisconsin; UCSD Economics; Washington Center for Equitable Growth; NBER Public Economics; Western Michigan Economics; Notre Dame Economics; Brown Economics; University of Illinois-Chicago Economics; Brookings; Chicago Fed
2015-16	IIES Stockholm; Upjohn Institute; UIUC; Cornell Economics; UC Davis Economics; UC Berkeley Economics
2014-15	NBER Summer Institute (Aging); Congressional Budget Office; Munich GSE; Barcelona GSE; University of Naples Federico II; London School of Economics; Chicago Harris; Chicago Booth; Chicago Economics; Northwestern Economics; Wisconsin-Madison Economics; Stanford Economics; Berkeley Goldman; UPenn Wharton; Yale Economics; Princeton Economics
2013-14	Social Security Administration; Congressional Budget Office; U.S. Treasury; Disability Research Consortium conference

## TEACHING

Inequality and the Social Safety Net, advanced undergraduate (2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023)  
 Empirical Social Insurance, PhD (2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023)

## UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-Editor at *Journal of Public Economics* (2023-)
- Co-Director of PhD Placement, University of Chicago Economics (2022, 2023, 2024)
- Co-Organizer of NBER Meetings (Public—Spring 2021, Social Security—Summer 2023)
- Co-Organizer of BFI Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference (2022, 2023)
- Organizer of UChicago Women’s Professional Development Lunch for Graduate Students (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Mentor for Junior Scholars Intensive Training program run by Howard Univ, UW-Madison, and Social Security Administration (2019, 2020, 2021)
- Mentor for Illinois Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities (LEND) program (training for child health professionals working with children with autism) (2020-21)
- Associate Editor at *Review of Economics and Statistics* (2019-2021)
- Referee for *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Econometrica*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Policy*, *Journal of Human Capital*, *B.E. Journal of Economics Analysis & Policy*, *Health Economics*
- Social Security Advisory Board Disability Policy Advisory Panel Member (2014)