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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

University of Chicago, Booth School of Business
Associate Professor of Economics, 2024 – present
Assistant Professor of Economics, 2020 – 2024

Center for Economic Policy Research
Research Fellow, LE and MEF Programs, January 2026 – present
Research Affiliate, LE and MEF Programs, January 2022 – January 2026

National Bureau of Economic Research
Faculty Research Fellow, July 2019 – present

Journal of the European Economic Association
Associate Editor, January 2023 – present

EDUCATION

2019 PhD, Economics. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Primary Fields: Macroeconomics and Labor
Thesis: Essays on Labor Market Dynamics
Primary Advisors: Daron Acemoglu, David Autor and Heidi Williams

2011 B.A., Mathematics and Economics (*magna cum laude*), Columbia University

PAST EMPLOYMENT

2019- 2020 Northwestern University, *Postdoctoral Research Fellow*
2012-2013 Senior Research Analyst, *Federal Reserve Bank of New York*
2011-2012 Research Associate, *Federal Reserve Bank of New York*
2010 Summer Student, *Institute for Fiscal Studies*

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025 JEEA Excellence in Refereeing Award
2025 SCOR-PSE Junior Research Prize
2022-2024 Robert King Steel Faculty Fellow
2020-2021 Biehler Junior Faculty Fellow, 2020-2021
2019 UniCredit Best Paper Award
2018-2019 Dissertation Scholar, Washington Center for Equitable Growth
2017 Washington Center for Equitable Growth Doctoral Grant
2016-2018 NBER Pre-Doctoral Fellowship on the Economics of an Aging Workforce
2015 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2013-2015 MIT Department of Economics Fellowship

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2011 Romine Prize for Best Undergraduate Thesis in Economics
2011 Columbia University Economics Departmental Honors
2011 Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

“Why do Workers Dislike Inflation? Wage Erosion and Conflict Costs” (joint with Joao Guerreiro, Jonathon Hazell and Chen Lian) January 2026
Conditionally Accepted, Econometrica

“National Wage Setting” (joint with Jonathon Hazell, Heather Sarsons and Bledi Taska) March 2024
Conditionally Accepted, American Economic Review

“Fiscal Policy in a Networked Economy” (joint with Joel Flynn and John Sturm) February 2024
Conditionally Accepted, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics

“Monetary Policy and the Labor Market: Evidence from Sweden” (joint with Maria Olsson and John Coglianese) *American Economic Review. October 2025*. Vol 115, No 10. 3451-86.

“Bottlenecks: Sectoral Imbalances and the US Productivity Slowdown” (joint with Daron Acemoglu and David Autor). *NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2023*, volume 38.

“The Forward Guidance Puzzle” (Joint with Marco Del Negro and Marc Giannoni). *Journal of Political Economy Macroeconomics*. Volume 1, Issue 1. 2023

“The Matching Multiplier and the Amplification of Recessions” *American Economic Review*. Volume 113, Issue 4. April 2023.

“Unemployment Insurance Financing as a Uniform Payroll Tax” (Joint with Sebastian Graves, Joe Hazell and Walker Lewis). *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, Vol 112, May 2022: 97-101.

“The Fall of the Labor Share and the Rise of Superstar Firms” (joint with David Autor, David Dorn, Larry Katz and John Van Reenen). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. Volume 135, Issue 2, May 2020: 645-709.

“Job Search Behavior Over the Business Cycle” (Joint with Toshihiko Mukoyama and Aysegul Sahin), *AJ: Macroeconomics*, Vol. 10, No. 1, January 2018: 190-215.

“Concentrating on the Fall of the Labor Share” (joint with David Autor, David Dorn, Larry Katz and John Van Reenen). *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*. Vol. 107, No. 5, May 2017: 180-185.

“Working Hard in the Wrong Place: A Mismatch Based Explanation to the U.K’s Productivity Puzzle” (Joint with Aysegul Sahin, Giorgio Topa and Giovanni Violante), *European Economic Review*, 2016, 84, 42-56.

WORKING PAPERS

“Earnings Instability” (joint with Peter Ganong, Pascal Noel, Joseph Vavra and Alex Weinberg) March 2024

Revise and Resubmit, Quarterly Journal of Economics

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“Local and National Concentration Trends in Jobs and Sales: The Role of Structural Transformation”
(joint with David Autor and John Van Reenen) January 2023

“I Want You! (but not you): Selection in Military Retention” (joint with Jonathan Petkun and William Skimmyhorn) August 2020

Revise and Resubmit, Management Science

OTHER WRITING

“Childcare Obligations Will Constrain Many Workers When Reopening the US Economy”, joint with Jonathan Dingel and Joseph Vavra. *University of Chicago, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics Working Paper No. 2020-46*, April 2020

“The Most Exposed Workers in the Coronavirus Recession are also Key Consumers: Making Sure They Get Help is Key to Fighting the Recession”. *Washington Center for Equitable Growth Issue Brief*. April 8, 2020

“Why is the Job Finding Rate Still So Low?” (Joint with Victoria Gregory, Aysegul Sahin and Giorgio Topa), *Federal Reserve Bank of New York Liberty Street Economics*, February 2014

“Is Job Polarization Holding Back the Labor Market?” (Joint with Stefania Albanesi, Victoria Gergory and Aysegul Sahin), *Federal Reserve Bank of New York Liberty Street Economics*, March 2013

“The Bathtub Model of Unemployment: The Importance of Labor Market Flow Dynamics” (Joint with Aysegul Sahin), *Federal Reserve Bank of New York Liberty Street Economics*, March 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022-	Macroeconomics and the Business Environment
2016	14.03/14.003 Microeconomic Theory and Public Policy , TA for David Autor
2011	Introduction to Econometrics, Columbia University, TA for Chris Conlon and Seyhan Arkonac
2010	Intermediate Macroeconomics, Columbia University, TA for Xavier Sala-i-Martin

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2025	Princeton 14th Annual JRCPPF Conference, Duke, NBER Monetary Economics, Northwestern, FRBP Workshop on Macroeconomics and Economic Policy, Reykjavík Economic Conference, Princeton, Yale, Warton Macro, UVA
2024	International Monetary Fund, St. Louis Fed, NBER Summer Institute, SITE The Labor Market Experience of Vulnerable Populations of Workers, University of Michigan, Trinity College Dublin, BFI Student Lunch, Atlanta Workshop: Business Cycle Fluctuations: The Labor Market, Boston University, Harvard University, UCLA, NBER Household Finance
2023	AEAs, Brown University, University of Wisconsin, University of Pompeu Fabra, Bocconi, MIT, NBER Macro Annual, New York University, Economic Census CES, Chicago Fed

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2022	AEAs, Cambridge University, Boston College, UC Irvine, Rochester, Columbia University, NBER Summer Institute, SITE Macroeconomics and Inequality, Minneapolis Fed, Atlanta Fed: Employment Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Federal Reserve Board, UC San Diego
2021	AEAs, Brookings, Georgetown University, Stonybrook University, Harvard University, NBER Summer Institute, Penn State, London Business School, LSE, UCL/Bonn, NBER ME Fall Program Meeting, NBER LS Fall Program Meeting
2020	Northwestern University, Chicago Fed, Harvard University, Princeton University, Paris School of Economics, University of Lausanne, University of Pennsylvania, Central Bank of Chile, USC, Oxford, VMACS Junior Conference
2019	Federal Reserve Board, University of Michigan, NYU Stern Economics, Boston University, Columbia Business School, Chicago Booth, Yale University, University of Maryland, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, CopenhagenMacroDays, Women in Macro Conference, Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting, NBER Summer Institute, Wharton, New Developments in Business Cycle Analysis, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, IIES Stockholm, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, University of Texas at Austin, Recent Advances in Macroeconomics
2018	Minneapolis Fed Junior Scholar Conference

**Scheduled*

DISCUSSIONS

2025 Macroeconomic Policy Perspectives Conference "*Post-Pandemic Price Flexibility in the U.S.: Evidence and Implications for Price-Setting Models*" by Hugh Montag and Daniel Villar

2025 Fall BPEA "*Technology and Labor Markets: Past, Present and Future: Evidence from Two Centuries of Innovation*" by Huben Liu, Dimitris Papanikolaou, Lawrence D. W. Schmidt and Bryan Seegmiller

2023 NBER Economics Fluctuations and Growth: "*Micro MPCs and Macro Counterfactuals: The Case of the 2008 Rebates*" by Jacob Orchard, Valerie A. Ramey, and Johannes F. Wieland

2023 AEA: "*Do Online Job Postings Capture Job Vacancies*" by Michael Dalton, Lisa Kahn and Andreas Mueller

2022 NBER Wage Dynamics in the 21st Century: *Sources of Increasing Earning Inequality: Reconciling Survey and Administrative Data*" by John Haltiwanger, Henry Hyatt and James Spletzer

NBER SI 2022, International Trade and Macro: "The International Price of Remote Work" by Agostina Brinatti, Alberto Cavallo, Javier Cravino and Andres Drenik

2022 Women in Macroeconomics: "*How Unconventional is Green Monetary Policy?*" by Melina Papoutsi, Monika Piazzesi and Martin Schneider

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2021 NBER Summer Institute: “*Demographics, Wealth, and Global Imbalances in the Twenty-First Century*” by Adrien Auclert, Hannes Malmberg, Frederic Martenet and Matthew Rognlie

2021 AEA: “*Industries and Increasing Inequality*” by John Haltiwanger, Henry Hyatt and James R. Spletzer

2021 AEA: “*Technology and the Size and Composition of Workforce in U.S. Firms: First Evidence from the 2019 Annual Business Survey*”

2020 Pandemics and Inequality Conference: “*This Time It's Different: The Role of Women's Employment in a Pandemic Recession*” by Titan Alon, Matthias Doepke, Jane Olmstead-Rumsey and Michele Tertilt

2020 Brookings Papers on Economic Activity: “*Declining Worker Power and American Economic Performance*” by Lawrence Summers and Anna Stansbury

2019 Bank of Finland and CERP Joint Conference on Monetary Economics and Reality: “*The Limits of Forward Guidance*” by Jeffrey Campbell, Filippo Ferroni, Jonas Fisher and Leonard Melosi

2019 Big Data Macroeconomics Conference: “*Mismatch in Online Job Search*” by Martha E. Gimbel and Tara M. Sinclair

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

Journal of Political Economy; Econometrica; Journal of Money, Credit and Banking; American Economic Review: Insights; American Economic Review; Quarterly Journal of Economics; AEJ: Macroeconomics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Empirical Economics; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Structural Change and Economic Dynamics; Journal of Finance; Economic Journal; Review of Economic Dynamics; Journal of Labor Economics; Review of Economic Studies