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## Education

PhD in economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2018–present  
AB in mathematics, *summa cum laude* with honors, Dartmouth College 2012–2016

## Working Papers

“Self-Targeting in U.S. Transfer Programs” (with Adam Solomon and Evan Soltas), 2023.  
(Draft available upon request.)

“Bargaining and Targeting in Eviction Policy” (with Evan Soltas), 2022. (Draft available upon request.)

“The Welfare Effects of Eligibility Expansions: Theory and Evidence from SNAP” (with Jenna Anders), 2022. Conditionally accepted at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*.

“Intergenerational Mobility in India: Estimates from New Methods and Administrative Data” (with Sam Asher and Paul Novosad), 2021. Conditionally accepted at *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

- Winner: 2022 Innovative Policy Research Award (Asian Development Bank/International Economic Association).

## Publications

“Optimal Regulation of E-cigarettes: Theory and Evidence” (with Hunt Allcott). *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2022.

“Mortality Change Among Less Educated Americans” (with Sam Asher and Paul Novosad). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2022.

“When Guidance Changes: Government Inconsistency and Public Beliefs” (with Advik Shree Kumar and Pierre-Luc Vautrey). *Journal of Public Economics*, 2021.

## Honors

NBER Pre-Doctoral Fellowship on Consumer Financial Management 2023–2024

Jerry A. Hausman Dissertation Fellowship	2021–2022
<i>American Economic Review: Insights</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award	2020, 2021, 2022
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2018–2023
Phi Beta Kappa, Junior Induction	2015

### Grants

Harvard Mind Brain Behavior	2021
Russell Sage Foundation, Computational Social Science Small Grant	2020
MIT Shultz Grant	2019–2023 (6x)
Harvard Foundations of Human Behavior	2019
Harvard Warburg Fund	2019

### Service

Referee for *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *American Journal of Health Economics*, *Empirical Economics*, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Surveys*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Southern Economic Journal*

Mentor, MIT Application Assistance and Mentorship Program	2022–present
Organizer, MIT Application Assistance and Mentorship Program	2020–2022
Organizer, MIT Public Finance Lunch	2021–2022
Organizer, MIT Behavioral Tea/Lunch	2020–2021
Organizer, MIT Third-Year Lunch	2020–2021

### Other Activities

Attendee, UCSD/FAIR Spring School in Behavioral Economics	2022
Attendee, NBER Behavioral Public Economics PhD Student “Boot Camp”	2022
Attendee, Briq Summer School in Behavioral Economics	2021
PhD Intern, Microsoft Research New England	2019
Research Assistant to Alberto Abadie	2019
Research Assistant to Frank Schilbach and Gautam Rao	2018
Research Assistant to D. Laibson, B. Madrian, J. Choi, and J. Beshears	2016–2018

### Selected External Presentations

2022: Dartmouth, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Asian Development Bank/International Economic Association  
2021: American Society of Health Economists Annual Conference  
2019: NEUDC  
2018: NEUDC