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EMPLOYMENT

Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California	Assistant Professor	2024 -
Census Bureau	Chief, Income Statistics Branch Economist	2022-2024 2021-2022

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley	PhD, Public Policy	2021
University of California, Berkeley	MPP	2016
Boston College	BA, International Studies	2009

PUBLICATIONS

Measuring Take-up of the Earned Income Tax Credit Using State Administrative Data
with John Iselin and Taylor Mackay
Journal of Public Economics, Vol 227, November 2023

Can Nudges Increase Take-up of the Earned Income Tax Credit?: Evidence from Multiple Field Experiments
with Elizabeth Linos, Allen Prohofsky, Aparna Ramesh, and Jesse Rothstein
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Vol. 14, No. 4, November 2022

Measuring the Labor Market at the Onset of the COVID-19 Crisis
with Alexander W. Bartik, Marianne Bertrand, Feng Lin, and Jesse Rothstein
Brookings Papers on Economic Activity, Summer 2020

WORKING PAPERS

Targeting, Screening, and Retention: Evidence from the SNAP in California
Under review

National Experimental Wellbeing Statistics
with Adam Bee, Joshua Mitchell, Nikolas Mittag, Jon Rothbaum, Carl Sanders and Lawrence Schmidt

Work Requirements in Child Tax Benefits: Evidence from California
with Jacob Goldin, Tatiana Homonoff, Neel Lal, Ithai Lurie, and Katherine Michelmore

Filling in the Blanks: Improving SNAP Retention through Pre-Population?
with Pamela Herd, Donald Moynihan, and Gwen Rino

Married... with Children?: Assessing Alignment between Tax Units and Survey Households

Beating the Clock: Using Year-end Changes to Identify Labor Supply Responses to Taxation

CENSUS RESEARCH

Modeling State Tax Rebate Payments in the 2022 CPS ASEC
with Douglas Conway

The Impact of Alternative Inflation Adjustments on CPS ASEC Income Statistics
with Jessica Semega and Melissa Kollar

AFFILIATIONS

2021- Affiliated Expert, California Policy Lab

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017-2021 California Policy Lab

2019-2020 W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research

2016-2017 UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024 Instructor, Foundations of Public Policy Analysis

2016, 2018 Lecturer, Quantitative Methods, Public Policy & International Affairs Program

2015-2017 Graduate Student Instructor, Introductory Statistics and Econometrics

2015 Graduate Student Instructor, Wealth and Poverty

PRESENTATIONS

2024 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA)/Society of Government Economists (SGE) Meeting, Society of Labor Economists, NAS Committee on Federal Policy Impacts on Child Poverty

2023 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA)/Society of Government Economists (SGE) Meeting

2022 Western Economic Association (WEAI) Conference; Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) Research and Policy Conference; Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference

2021 National Tax Association (NTA) National Conference

2020 UC Berkeley Economics Department; UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy

2019 Association for Public Policy and Administration (APPAM) National Conference

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2023 National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Fellowship on Economic Measurement

2020 National Institute of Aging (NIA) and UC Berkeley Demography Training Grant
UC Berkeley IRLE Fellowship

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, Trustee's Award

UC Center Sacramento Emerging Scholar Award, Honorable Mention

2019 UC Berkeley Opportunity Lab Labor Science Initiative Research Grant

2018 UW Madison Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) Researcher-Practitioner Partnership Program; UC Berkeley IRLE Research Grant

2017 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award