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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor Fall 2023 -  
Hobby School of Public Affairs, University of Houston

Postdoctoral Fellow Fall 2020 - Spring 2023  
Texas Policy Lab, Rice University

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Cornell University 2020  
M.A. Economics, Cornell University 2017  
B.S. Mathematics and Economics (*summa cum laude*), 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 Racial Gaps in Special Education” (with Briana Ballis).  
“How do Special Education Funding Incentives Affect Student Performance?”

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“A Longitudinal Study of the Impact of IDEA Part C on Educational and Labor Market Outcomes” (with Flavio Cunha and Ji-Hee Lee).  
“The Long-Term Effects of School Accountability on Special Education Students” (with Gregory R. Phelan).  
“The Effects of Special Education on Crime” (with Briana Ballis).  
“Transitioning in and out of Special Education” (with Briana Ballis).

## POLICY WRITINGS

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

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND FUNDING

NAEd/Spencer Dissertation Fellow National Academy of Education and Spencer Foundation	2019
Roe L. Johns Travel Grant Association for Education Finance and Policy	2019
Labor Economics Graduate Research Grant Cornell University	2017 and 2018
Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research Grant Cornell University	2017
Graduate School Travel Grant Cornell University	2017
Anna C. Smith Scholarship, Jean Warren, Barbara B. Kennedy, Lillian B. Powell, Mabel A. Rollins, Martha E. Foulk, and Human Ecology Alumni Association Fellowships Cornell University	2014-2015

## INVITED CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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, 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**

Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Economics of Education Review, and Education Economics

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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