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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Fall 2019 - Present	PhD in Economics (Expected 2024) Howard University	Washington, District of Columbia
Fall 2015 - Spring 2017	Master of Science in International Political Economy The University of Texas at Dallas	Dallas, Texas
Fall 2010 - Spring 2014	Bachelor of Science in Economics St. John's University	Queens, New York

Fields of Specialization

Labor Economics, Urban Economics

Dissertation Topics

Equitable Access to unemployment insurance and equitable economic access to the metaverse.

Job Market Paper

The Importance of Considering State Eligibility Requirements For Equitable Unemployment Insurance Access: Lessons from the Great Recession

Abstract: The issue of whether unemployment insurance (UI) is an effective social safety net to protect workers is an ongoing debate among scholars and policymakers. Current research examines UI as an exogenous factor instead of an endogenous one, and economists assume that policymakers want UI to be easily accessible for workers during periods of economic downturn. However, this is not always the case, as policymakers' decisions as to who should be eligible for UI varies across the country. This paper attempts to provide evidence that UI eligibility is an endogenous factor. As an endogenous factor, the motives of policymakers in selecting eligibility requirements for unemployment benefits comes into question. Preliminary results indicate a statistical significance between the first eligibility requirements to qualify for UI and the reciprocity rates for each state, using various controls for race, union density, industry, and employment. Using a multinomial logit model, I find evidence of constraints based on first eligibility to receive unemployment benefits. The statistical significance implies that policymakers may assign specific eligibility requirements that create barriers for displaced workers in receiving UI. The preliminary finding also provides more insight into the contention of the efficacy of UI. The data used is compiled from various sources from the US Department of Labor, state UI reciprocity rates, and the Community Pulse Survey, examining data from 2006 through 2019 using the variation of the Great Recession of 2008.

Teaching Experience

Summer 2023	AEASP Fellow Howard University ➤ Advanced Econometrics	Washington, District of Columbia
Summer 2022	AEASP Head Fellow Howard University ➤ Advanced Econometrics	Washington, District of Columbia
Summer 2021	AEASP Fellow Howard University ➤ Advanced Econometrics	Washington, District of Columbia
Fall 2020	Instructor Howard University ➤ Principles of Economics II	Washington, District of Columbia
Fall 2019 - Spring 2020	Teaching Assistant Howard University ➤ Intermediate Microeconomics	Washington, District of Columbia

Fellowships

Fall 2023 - Present	Adam Smith Fellow Mercatus Center	Arlington, Virginia
Summer 2022 - Present	Kilolo Kijakazi Fellow The Policy Academies	Washington, District of Columbia
Fall 2022 - Fall 2023	Adam Smith Fellow Mercatus Center	Arlington, Virginia
Fall 2021 - Spring 2022	Just-Julian Fellow Howard University	Washington, District of Columbia

Grants, Awards, & Scholarships

2023	Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Grant
Fall 2019 - Present	AEA Mentoring Program Travel Award
Fall 2018	Hayek Fund for Scholars
Summer 2014	Institute for Economic Studies & Charles Koch Foundation Travel Award
Summer 2014	Foundation for Economic Education & Richard Seth Staley Foundation Award

Publications & Contributions

Gould, E., Perez, D., & Wilson, V. (2020, December 3). *Latinx workers-particularly women-face devastating job losses in the COVID-19 recession*. Economic Policy Institute. Retrieved December 7, 2022, from <https://www.epi.org/publication/latinx-workers-covid/>

Professional Experience

Fall 2019 - Present	Graduate Assistant Howard University	Washington, District of Columbia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Currently conducting research examining the history of diversity in IT to potentially inform more equitable access to economic opportunities in the metaverse. Funding provided by Meta's XR Programs and Research Fund. 	
Summer 2020	Intern Economic Policy Institute	Washington, District of Columbia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Conducted research on Latina workers and job losses during the COVID-19 Pandemic. 	
January 2019 - Present	Remote Market Research Consultant Euromonitor International	Remote
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Completed major projects researching the consumer snack market and the men's grooming industry via a mixed methods approach of surveys, trade interviews, and gathering prices within the Austin, Texas area. 	

Presentations

2023	Freedom and Justice Conference Presented preliminary research on equitable economic access to the metaverse for Black IT/Tech workers.
2023	Western Association Economic Institute Presented current research on unemployment insurance and eligibility requirements.
2023	AEA Pipeline Conference Presented current research on unemployment insurance and eligibility requirements.
2022	Southern Economic Association Conference Presented current research on unemployment insurance, eligibility requirements, and equitable access.
2022	AEA Pipeline Conference Presented current research on unemployment insurance and eligibility requirements.

Leadership, Committees, & Affiliations

2020 - 2024	American Society of Hispanic Economists Member
2020 - 2024	National Economic Association Member
2022 - 2024	Graduate Economics Student Association President
2022 - 2023	Labor and Employment Relations Association 75th Program Committee

References

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