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Positions

Adjunct Lecturer <i>Goucher College, Intermediate Microeconomics</i>	Fall 2025
Senior Research Economist Research Economist <i>Consumer Research, Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection</i> <i>Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation</i>	2025 2023-2025
Affiliated Researcher <i>Sinquefeld Center for Applied Economic Research, Saint Louis University</i>	2023-Present
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow <i>Sinquefeld Center for Applied Economic Research, Saint Louis University</i>	2020-2023
Research Associate <i>Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University</i>	2017-2020
Instructor <i>Economic Principles, Department of Economics, Syracuse University</i>	2017
Teaching Assistant <i>Department of Economics, Syracuse University</i> <i>Economic Principles, Intermediate Microeconomics, Game Theory</i>	2016-2019

Education

Syracuse University - Syracuse, NY
PhD in Economics, June 2020
Dissertation: "The Makings of a Peer: Evidence on Within-Classroom Heterogeneities in Peer Effects"
Primary Advisor: Amy Ellen Schwartz

Washington University in Saint Louis - Saint Louis, MO
Bachelor of Arts: Architecture and English

Specialization and Interests

Fields: Urban, Public, and Labor Economics
Research Interests: Housing and Homelessness, Consumer Finance, High Frequency Mobility Data, Peer Effects, Economics of Education, Discrimination and Segregation

Publications

"What Makes a Classmate a Peer? Examining which peers matter in NYC elementary schools," (2025)
Journal of Population Economics, 38, 52. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-025-01107-1>.
With William Horrace, Hyunseok Jung, and Amy Ellen Schwartz

2023 FDIC National Survey of Unbanked and Underbanked Households, (November 2024).
with Jeffrey Weinstein and Garret Christensen

FDIC Survey of VITA Providers, (June 2024).
with Elissa Cohen, Yan Lee, Noah Shult, Jeffrey Weinstein, and Mary Zaki

“You Are Who You Eat With: Academic Peer Effects from School Lunch Lines,” (2022) *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 203, 43–58. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2022.08.029>.

Working Papers

“Who Affects Whom? Obesity Peer Effects in NYC Public Schools”

“The Lunch Club: Does Exposure Increase Integration in the Lunch Line?”
with Amy Ellen Schwartz

Work in Progress

“Migration and Seasonality of the Homeless in the US: Using Big Data to Understand a Big Problem.”
with David Lucas

“How do gas prices affect commuter rail uptake?”
with Christopher Rick

“Unevenly cooked: racial inequity due to climate change”
with David Schwegman

Resting Papers

“Is Discrimination Scarring? Effects of the September 11, 2001 Terror Attacks on New Entrants in the Labor Force”

Presentations

2023 FDIC National Survey of Unbanked and Underbanked Households FDIC Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion	November 2024
“The Lunch Club: Does Exposure Increase Integration in the Lunch Line?” Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)	March 2022
“Obesity Peer Effects in NYC Elementary Schools” Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)	March 2021
“You Are Who You Eat With: Evidence on Academic Peer Effects in School Lunch Lines” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)	November 2019
“What Makes a Classmate a Peer? Examining Which Peers Matter in NYC Elementary Schools” Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)	March 2019
Daniel Patrick Moynihan Summer Workshop in Education and Social Policy	May 2019

Fellowships and Awards

FDIC Mission Achievement Award	2024
Syracuse University Graduate Fellowship	2015-2020
Syracuse University Graduate Assistantship	2016-2019
Maxwell School Summer Fellowship	2014-2019
Travel Grant, Syracuse University	2019

Skills

Python (Pandas, Geopandas, Numpy, SciPy, Matplotlib)
Stata
QGIS

Professional Affiliations (Past and Present)

American Economics Association (AEA)
Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP)
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
Urban Economics Association (UEA)

Referee Service

Journal of Population Economics

Citizenship

United States