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APPOINTMENTS

2021-Present Gerald R Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
Associate Professor (with tenure)
Faculty Affiliate, Education Policy Initiative
Faculty Expert Affiliate, Poverty Solutions

2022-Present Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research

2016-2021 Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University
Assistant Professor of Public Administration

2014- 2016 Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
IES Postdoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Ph.D., Policy Analysis and Management, 2014

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
B.A., *Magna cum laude*, Economics, Psychology, 2007

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2022-present Co-editor, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*
2021-2022 Editorial Board, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*Denotes student/postdoc co-author at writing

“What’s the Power of Certainty? Experimental Evidence on the Effective Design of Free Tuition Policies” (with Elizabeth Burland*, Susan Dynarski, Stephanie Owen*, and Shwetha Raghuraman*) *Forthcoming, AER: Insights*

“Contextual Origins of Black-White Educational Disparities in the 21st Century” (with Peter Rich) *Forthcoming, Social Forces*

2022

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“The Earned Income Tax Credit, Family Complexity, and Children’s Living Arrangements” (with Natasha Pilkauskas) 2022. *RSF: Journal of the Social Sciences* 8(5): 143-165.

“Estimating the Net Fiscal Costs of a Child Tax Credit Expansion” (with Jacob Goldin and Elaine Maag) 2022. *Tax Policy and the Economy Vol. 36*. (Also as *NBER working paper No. 29342*.)

“Who Benefits from the Child Tax Credit?” (with Jacob Goldin) 2022. *National Tax Journal Tax Forum*. 75(1): 123-147. (Also as *NBER working paper No. 27940*.)

2021

“The Effect of EITC Exposure in Childhood on Marriage and Early Childbearing” 2021. (with Leonard Lopoo) *Demography* 58(6): 2365-2394.

“Tots and Teens: How Does Child’s Age Influence Maternal Labor Supply and Child Care Response to the Earned Income Tax Credit?” (with Natasha Pilkauskas) 2021. *Journal of Labor Economics* 39(4): 895-929.

“Exposure to the Earned Income Tax Credit in Early Childhood and Family Wealth” 2021. (with Leonard Lopoo). *RSF: Journal of the Social Sciences* 7(3): 196-215.

“Closing the Gap: The Effect of Reducing Complexity and Uncertainty in College Pricing on the Choices of Low-Income Students” 2021. (with Susan Dynarski, CJ Libassi, and Stephanie Owen*) *American Economic Review* 111(6): 1721–1756. (lead article) (*also as NBER Working paper No. 25349*)

2019

“The Effect of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Housing and Living Arrangements” 2019. (with Natasha Pilkauskas) *Demography* 56(4): 1303-1326.

“Timing is Money: Does Lump-Sum Payment of Tax Credits Induce High-Cost Borrowing?” 2019. (with Lauren Jones) *Economic Inquiry* 57(3): 1659-1674.

2018

“The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Household Finances” 2018. (with Lauren Jones) *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 37(3): 521-545.

“The EITC and Self-Employment among Married Mothers” 2018. (with Katherine Lim*) *Labour Economics* 55: 98-115.

“Cross-National Comparisons of Union Stability in Cohabiting and Married Families with Children” 2018. (with Kelly Musick) *Demography* 55(4): 1389-1421.

“Transitions from Sexual Relationships into Cohabitation and Beyond” 2018. (with Sharon Sassler and Zhenchao Qian) 2018. *Demography* 55(2): 511-534.

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“The Long-Term Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Children’s Education and Employment Outcomes” 2018. (with Jacob Bastian*) *Journal of Labor Economics* 36(4): 1127-1163.

“The Earned Income Tax Credit and Union Formation: The Impact of Spouse Earnings” 2018. *Review of Economics of the Household* 16(2): 377-406.

2017

“A Tale of Two Majors: Explaining the Gender Gap in STEM Employment among Computer Science and Engineering Majors.” 2017. (with Sharon Sassler and Kristin Smith) *Social Sciences* 6(3)

“The Missing Women in Science, Math, Engineering, and Behavioral Science Jobs? Accounting for Gender Differences in Entrance into STEM Occupations” 2017. (with Sharon Sassler, Jennifer Glass, and Yael Levitte) *Social Science Research* 63:192-208.

“The Gap within the Gap: Using Longitudinal Data to Understand Income Differences in Student Achievement” 2017. (with Susan Dynarski) *AERA Open* 3(1): 1-18.

2016

“Explaining the Gender Gap in Earnings in STEM: Do Changes in Sex Composition of a Field Matter?” 2016. (with Sharon Sassler) *RSF: Journal of the Social Sciences* 2(4): 194-215.

“Pathways to a Stable Marriage? Pregnancy and Childbearing among Cohabiting Couples in the United States” 2016. (with Daniel Lichter, Richard Turner, and Sharon Sassler) *Population Research and Policy Review* 35(3): 377-399.

“The Progression of Sexual Relationships” 2016. (with Sharon Sassler and Jennifer Holland) *Journal of Marriage and Family* 78(3): 587-597.

2015

“Trends in the Relative Stability of Marital and Cohabiting Unions Following a First Birth” 2015. *Demography* (with Kelly Musick) 52(5): 1463-1485.

2014

“Fertility Patterns of College Graduates by Field of Study, U.S. Women Born 1960-79” 2014. (with Kelly Musick) *Population Studies* 68(3): 359-374.

2013

“What’s So Special about STEM? A Comparison of Women’s Retention in STEM and Professional Occupations” 2013. (with Jennifer Glass, Sharon Sassler, and Yael Levitte) *Social Forces* 92 (2): 723-756.

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BOOK CHAPTERS

“A Tale of Two Majors: Explaining the Gender Gap in STEM Employment among Computer Science and Engineering Majors.” (with Sharon Sassler and Kristin Smith) in Maria Charles and Sarah Thébaud, editors. *Gender and STEM: Understanding Segregation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* 2017.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS

“Who’s Minding the Kids? The Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Care Arrangements” (with Natasha Pilkauskas) *in preparation for special issue of ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*

“Abortion in the United States: The new legal landscape and its threats to health and socioeconomic well-being” (with William Axinn, Paula Lantz, Kayte Spector-Bagdady, Michelle Moniz, and Okeoma Mmeje) *in preparation for special issue of Millbank Quarterly*

“The 2021 Child Tax Credit: Who received it and how did they spend it?” (with Natasha Pilkauskas) *in preparation for AEA: Papers and Proceedings*

“The Effect of Income on the economic well-being of families with low incomes: Evidence from the 2021 Child Tax Credit” (with Natasha Pilkauskas, Luke Shaefer, and Nicole Kovski*) *Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

“The Intergenerational Transmission of Public Assistance: Evidence from the Earned Income Tax Credit” (with Natasha Pilkauskas and Nicardo McInnis*) *under review*

“The Effect of the Child Tax Credit on mental health among low-income parents during the COVID-19 pandemic” (with Natasha Pilkauskas, Luke Shaefer, and Nicole Kovski*) *under review*

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“The EITC and Intergenerational Transfers of Time and Money” (with Emily Wiemers and Anna Wiersma-Strauss*)

“What Kind of Jobs? The Earned Income Tax Credit and Job Quality.” (with Natasha Pilkauskas)

“Experimental Evidence on the Effects of College Quality on Educational Attainment and Labor Market Outcomes” (with Elizabeth Burland*, Susan Dynarski, Katherine Leu*, CJ Libassi*, Stephanie Owen, and Mary Quiroga*)

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“The Effect of the New York State Excelsior Scholarship on College Choices” (with CJ Libassi)

“The Effect of Subsidized Meals on Student Outcomes: Evidence from Medicaid Direct Certification” (with Natasha Pilkauskas and Brittany Vasquez*)

FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2022-2023 Natasha Pilkauskas (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator), Luke Shaefer (Co-Principal Investigator) “The Effects of the Child Tax Credit on the Economic Wellbeing of Families with Low Incomes” Washington Center for Equitable Growth (\$70,000)
- 2022-2026 **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator), Kevin Stange (Principal Investigator), and Megan Tompkins-Stange (Co-Principal Investigator) “Early First-Dollar Categorical Need-Based Aid: A New Model for Making College Affordable?” Department of Education (\$2,702,034)
- 2020-2021 **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator), Natasha Pilkauskas (Principal Investigator) "What kind of jobs? The Effect of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Job Quality" Russell Sage Foundation (\$29,272)
- 2018-2020 Susan Dynarski (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator) “HAIL Scholars: Increasing Economic Diversity at a Flagship University” Smith Richardson Foundation (\$149,841)
- 2017-2018 **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator), Natasha Pilkauskas (Principal Investigator) “Assessing the Effectiveness of Tax Credits in Early Childhood: Links Between the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Poverty, and Material Hardship.” Institute for Research on Poverty’s Extramural Small Grants Program: Policies and Programs to Reduce Child Poverty and Its Effects (\$25,000)
- 2017-2018 Natasha Pilkauskas (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator) “Does the Earned Income Tax Credit Reduce Housing Instability?” University of Michigan Poverty Solutions Junior Faculty Grant (\$20,000)
- 2017-2019 **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator), Peter Rich (Principal Investigator) “Trajectories of Student Disadvantage: Unpacking Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligibility Across Childhood” CPC-CAPS Upstate Population Seed Grant Program (\$16,000)
- 2016-2018 Susan Dynarski (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator). “The Persistence of Poverty: Using Longitudinal Data to Understand Gaps in Educational Outcomes.” Russell Sage Foundation (\$119,323).

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- 2015-2018 Sharon Sassler (Principal Investigator), Jennifer Glass (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Consultant). “Diversifying the STEM Labor Force: Are Women and the Foreign-Born Complementary or Additive?” National Science Foundation (\$199,673).
- 2012-2014 Sharon Sassler (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Consultant). “Race and Gender Variation in STEM Employment and Retention: A Cohort Analysis Using SESTAT Data.” National Science Foundation (\$250,000).

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- 2021-present Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin
- 2016-2021 Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
Senior Research Associate
- 2014-present Education Policy Initiative, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Research Affiliate

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2022 Ford School Teaching Honor Roll
- 2020 Birkhead-Burkhead Teaching Excellence Award and Fellowship, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2014-16 Institute of Education Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2014 Cornell Population Center Student Conference Award, Cornell University
- 2009-10 Martha E. Foulk Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2009-10 Barbara Barber Kennedy Graduate Award, Cornell University
- 2009-10 Helen Canon Scholarship, Cornell University
- 2009-10 Jean Warren Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2007 Plukas Prize for Senior Honors Thesis, Wesleyan University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- 2021 Social Policy, PubPol495 (Fall 2021)

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

- 2021 Quantitative Analysis, PAI 722 (Spring 2021)
Social Welfare Policy, PAI781 (Spring 2021)
- 2020 Quantitative Analysis, PAI 722 (Spring 2020)
Introduction to Statistics, PAI 721 (Fall 2020)

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- 2019 Social Welfare Policy, PAI781 (Fall 2019)
- 2018 Quantitative Analysis, PAI 722 (Spring 2018)
Introduction to Statistics, PAI 721 (Fall 2018)
Social Welfare Policy, PAI781 (Fall 2018)
- 2017 Quantitative Analysis, PAI 722 (Spring 2017)
Introduction to Statistics, PAI 721 (Fall 2017)
Social Welfare Policy, PAI781 (Fall 2017)
- 2016 Introduction to Statistics, PAI 721 (Fall 2016)

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

- 2013 Teaching Assistant, PAM3360: Evolving Families: Challenges to Family Policy

DOCTORAL ADVISING

University of Michigan

- 2021-present Elizabeth Burland, Sociology and Public Policy, committee member
- 2022-present Brittany Vasquez, Sociology and Public Policy, committee member

Syracuse University

- 2018-present Rhea Acuña, Public Administration and International Affairs, expected 2023, co-chair
- 2016-2022 Laura Rodriguez, Public Administration and International Affairs, committee member (Senior Research Manager, Innovations for Poverty Action)
- 2020-2022 Emily Cardon, Public Administration and International Affairs, committee member (Principal Advisor, Behavioral Insights Team)
- 2016-2020 Emily Gutierrez, Public Administration and International Affairs, committee member, (Senior Research Associate, The Urban Institute)

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2023: American Economics Association annual meeting (New Orleans, LA); Michigan State University
- 2022: Brown University; University of Wisconsin Institute for Poverty Research Summer Research workshop; Federal Reserve Bank of New York

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- 2021: Association for Education Finance and Policy annual conference; Society for Labor Economics Annual Meeting; Conference on Tax Policy for Low-Income Americans; University of Wisconsin; NBER Tax Policy and the Economy; National Tax Association Fall Conference
- 2020: American Economics Association Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA); National Tax Association Spring Symposium (virtual); University of Chicago Tax Policy for Low-Income Americans (postponed due to COVID-19); Rutgers University (canceled due to COVID-19); Urban Institute (virtual); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (virtual); National Tax Association Fall Conference (virtual)
- 2019: American Economics Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA), CUNY Graduate Center, Population Association of America (Austin, TX, co-author), Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop (Madison, WI), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Denver), Brookings Institution, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Ft. Lauderdale)
- 2018: Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse Webinar on Housing Instability, Population Association of America (Denver); Syracuse University Education and Social Policy Project Workshop; University of Michigan Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar; College Board Forum (Dallas); National Bureau of Economic Research Education meeting (Boston); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Washington DC)
- 2017: Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Meeting (Washington, DC), Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop (Madison, WI), LeMoyné College, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Chicago)
- 2016: American Economics Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA), Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Meeting (Denver, CO, co-author), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Washington, DC), Bowling Green State University, Daniel Patrick Moynihan Syracuse/Cornell Summer Education Seminar (Syracuse, NY), Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop (Madison, WI), National Bureau of Economic Research Education meeting (Palo Alto, CA, co-author), Population Association of America Meeting (Washington, DC, co-author), Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA), Stanford Conference on Education and Inequality in 21st Century America (Palo Alto, CA, poster), University of Michigan
- 2015: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Miami, FL), National Tax Association Annual Meeting (Boston, MA), The Ohio State University
- 2014: European Population Conference (Budapest, Hungary), National Tax Association Annual Meeting (Santa Fe, NM)

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- 2013: Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting (Columbus, OH), National Tax Association Annual Meeting (Tampa, FL), Population Association of America Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA), University of Wisconsin
- 2012: Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL), National Survey of Family Growth Conference (Silver Springs, MD)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Program Committee Co-Chair (Fall Research Conference, Family and Child Policy sub-committee)
- 2022 Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT) Faculty Mentor, Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin
- 2022 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Program Committee (Fall Research Conference)
- 2021 Society for Labor Economics Annual Meeting Program Committee
- 2021 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Program Committee (Fall Research Conference)
- 2021 National Tax Association Program Committee (Annual Fall Conference)
- 2020 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Program Committee (International and Fall Research Conference)

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- 2022-2023 PhD Program Committee, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
- 2022-Present Faculty Grievance Panel, Ford School of Public Policy Representative, University of Michigan
- 2021-22 Undergraduate Program Committee, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

- 2020-21 Junior Faculty Representative, Executive Committee, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2019-20 Junior Faculty Representative, Executive Committee, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2018-19 Junior Faculty Representative, Executive Committee, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2017-18 Co-organizer of the Moynihan Research Workshop, Syracuse University

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

- 2012-13 Graduate Student Research in Progress Seminar Organizer, Cornell University
- 2012-13 Treasurer: Graduate Students of Policy Analysis and Management Organization, Cornell University

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2010-11 Representative: Graduate and Professional Students Association, Cornell University

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

AERA Open, American Educational Research Journal, American Journal of Health Economics, American Sociological Review, Contemporary Economic Policy, Demographic Research, Demography, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Researcher, European Sociological Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Population Research and Policy Review, PLOS One, Social Currents, Social Science Research, Quarterly Journal of Economics

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE FIELD

2021 Grant reviewer for Smith Richardson Foundation
2020 Grant reviewer for Russell Sage Foundation
2019 Grant reviewer for National Science Foundation
2017 Grant reviewer for ESSPRI affiliates program
2016 Proposal Reviewer: SREE Conference

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell Population Center, Population Association of America