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## Academic Positions

Princeton University

Assistant Professor of Economics, Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University, 2021 –

University of California, Berkeley

Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, 2020 - 2021

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Goldman School of Public Policy, 2020 - 2021

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University, 2019-2020

Visiting Scholar, Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 2019

## Affiliations

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau for Economic Research (NBER)

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, Harvard University, 2013-2019

Visiting Student, UC Berkeley Center for Equitable Growth, 2016-2017

MSc in Human Geography Research, London School of Economics (Merit), 2011

B.A., Harvard University, Magna Cum Laude, 2009

## Research Interests

Labor Economics, Economic History, Inequality

## Publications

“Minimum wages and racial inequality” with Claire Montialoux, 2021, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 136(1):169-228.

## Working Papers

“Can you move to opportunity? Evidence from the Great Migration,” Conditionally accepted, *American Economic Review*.

“Spillover effects from voluntary employer minimum wages” with Clemens Noelke and David Weil.

“Racial inequality, minimum wage spillovers, and the informal sector” with François Gerard, Lorenzo Lagos, and Claire Montialoux.

“Atlantic slavery’s impact on European and British economic development.”

## Works in Progress

“The racial wealth gap, 1860-2020” with Chi Hyun Kim, Moritz Kuhn, and Moritz Schularick.

“Collective bargaining, wage floors, and the racial earnings gap” with François Gerard, Lorenzo Lagos, and Claire Montialoux.

“Regenerating opportunity: reverse migration and Black suburbanization in the South, 1970-2020” with Sarah Merchant.

## Book Chapters and Other Writing

“The Historical Origins of Global Inequality,” in Heather Boushey, J. Bradford DeLong, and Marshall Steinbaum (eds.), *After Piketty: the agenda for economics and inequality*, Chapter 20, pp. 491-511. Harvard University Press, 2017.

“Why minimum wages are a critical tool for achieving racial justice in the U.S. labor market,” with Kate Bahn and Claire Montialoux, WCEG Issue Brief, October 2020.

## Grants, Fellowship, & Awards

Russell Sage Foundation, 2021-2023

WorkRise Grant, 2021-2022

Berkeley Population Center Pilot Grant, 2021-2022

IRLE Faculty Research Award, 2020-2021

AER: Insights Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2020

Allan Nevins Prize for the Best Dissertation in U.S. or Canadian Economic History, 2019

Washington Center for Equitable Growth, 2019-2021

Russell Sage Foundation, 2019-2021

Review of Economic Studies Tour, 2019

Roger L. Martin Cornerstone Graduate Student Fellowship, 2018

Washington Center for Equitable Growth Doctoral Award, 2018 (with Claire Montialoux)

Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Grant, 2018  
 Russell Sage Foundation Grant (topic: Intergenerational Mobility in the US)  
 Washington Center for Equitable Growth Doctoral Award, 2016  
 Louis E. Kelso Fellow, Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations, 2016  
 Harvard Kennedy School Inequality and Social Policy Fellowship, 2014-2017  
 Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Grant, 2015  
 Warburg Fund Fellowship, 2015  
 Danielian/Kuznets Travel & Research Grant, 2015

## Academic Activities

### *Invited Seminars*

*2021 (incl. scheduled):* Harvard Diversity and Equity Research in Economics Seminar, Berkeley Demography Brown Bag Seminar, Dartmouth Econ, Goldman School of Public Policy, Berkeley Geography, NYU Econ, Georgetown/World Bank Seminar, Santa Clara University, UCSB Econ, UCI Econ, Federal Reserve Board.

*2020 (incl. scheduled):* Brookings Institution, Florida State University, Howard University, UCLA (canceled due to Covid-19), CUNY, Bocconi University, University of Bonn (canceled due to Covid-19), IIES - Stockholm (canceled due to Covid-19), IFN - Stockholm (canceled due to Covid-19), Paris School of Economics, Stellenbosch University, Urban Institute, NYU Wagner, MIT Econ, Emory University, UW Madison Econ, Chicago Booth, LSE, CU Boulder Econ, Harvard Econ, Chicago Econ

*2019:* Brown University, University of British Columbia, Princeton University, Minnesota Population Center, University of Michigan, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Rutgers University, University College London, Northwestern Econ, Harvard Business School (NOM), Stanford Econ, Berkeley Econ, UMass Amherst, MIT Econ, Yale Econ, Columbia Econ, LSE, Chicago Harris, Wharton (BEPP), Wesleyan University, CMU Heinz (Guest Lecture)

*2018:* UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy, Berkeley Econ, Stanford Econ

### *Seminar Series Organized*

*2020:* The Economics of Racism Virtual Seminar Series (co-organized with Damon Jones; originally founded by Trevon Logan)

### *Invited Guest Lectures and Events*

*2021 (incl. scheduled):* Professor Reich's Wealth and Poverty course (March 19); Professor Hoxby's Economics, Diversity, and Discrimination Course at Stanford (April 26); Professor Aneja's Law and Economics Foundation Seminar (April 5)

*2020:* Professor Ndiaye's Graduate Macro Public Finance at NYU Stern (December 9); UMBC Econ's "Why Economics? A Virtual Roundtable" (November 20)

## Conferences

2021 (*incl. scheduled*): NBER Working Group on Race and Stratification Spring 2021, NBER Wage Dynamics in the 21st Century, IAB-LASER Virtual Seminar Series on Minimum Wages and Low Wage Policies.

2020 (*incl. cancelled due to Covid-19*): Washington Center for Equitable Growth Grantee Conference (virtual), NBER Summer Institute – DAE (virtual), NBER Summer Institute – Labor Studies (virtual), American Economics Association (San Diego, CA), Junior Micro Macro Labor Conference (Columbia University), Trans Pacific Labor Seminar at Berkeley (canceled due to Covid-19), EfIP (canceled due to Covid-19), Penn-Wharton Conference on Race and Economics

2019: Economic History Association (Atlanta), Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, REStud Tour (LSE, KU Leuven, Sciences Po), Conference on Structural Microeconomics (Yale), LERA (Cleveland), Workshop on Intergenerational Mobility, Gender and Family Formation in the Long Run (Oslo), Western Economics Association International (San Francisco), NBER Summer Institute Development of the American Economy, NBER Summer Institute Labor Studies, Economic History Association

2018: Economic History Association (Montreal), V Calvó-Armengol International Prize Workshop (Barcelona), Harvard University Workshop in History, Culture, and Society

2017: First WID.world Conference (Paris)

2016: Economic History Association (Boulder, CO)

2015: Oxford University Economic History Seminar

## Podcast Interviews, Panel Events, and Press Coverage

2021: *Dollars and Sense* (host: Zoe Sherman); *New York Times*.

2020: *Sunrise Bay Area* (host: Mukta Kelkar), *Trade Talks* (host: Soumaya Keynes and Chad Brown), *Probable Causation* (host: Jennifer Doleac); *Berkeley Conversations COVID-19: Economic impact, human solutions* (host: UC Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy and Opportunity Lab); *Policy Punchline* (host: Tiger Gao), *Talk Policy to Me* (host: Sarah Edwards); *Fortune Magazine*; *New York Times*; *Wall Street Journal*; *NPR*; *Journalist's Resource*; *Rolling Stone Magazine*; *Charlottesville Tomorrow*; *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

## Referee Service

*Econometrica*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *AEJ: Applied Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *AEJ: Economic Policy*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Russell Sage Foundation*, *National Science Foundation*