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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2026– Assistant Professor of Poverty Policy
La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 2025– Postdoctoral Research Associate, Eviction Lab, Princeton University

AFFILIATIONS

- 2025– Research Affiliate, Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Public Policy, New York University 2025
Dissertation: *Essays on the Housing Choice Voucher Program*
Committee: Ingrid Gould Ellen, Katherine O'Regan, Tatiana Homonoff
Fields: urban economics, public economics, housing policy
- M.Phil. Public Policy, New York University 2024
- B.A. Economics, University of California, Berkeley 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020–25 Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University
Doctoral Fellow
- 2017–20 Urban Institute
Research Analyst, Housing Finance Policy Center
- 2016–17 Terner Center for Housing Innovation, University of California Berkeley
Research Fellow

RESEARCH

Publications

"Pricing for Opportunity: The Impact of Spatially Varying Rent Subsidies on Housing Voucher Neighborhoods and Take-up." with Ingrid Gould Ellen and Katherine O'Regan. *Journal of Public Economics*, 2025. [[Link](#)]

"Race, Space, and Take Up: Explaining housing voucher lease-up rates." with Ingrid Gould Ellen and Katherine O'Regan. *Journal of Housing Economics*, 2024. [[Link](#)]

Working papers

Participation Costs, Search Time, and Match Quality in the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The Impact of Source of Discrimination Laws on Housing Voucher Success Rates. with Ingrid Gould Ellen, Katharine Harwood, and Katherine O'Regan.

How Social Connectedness Shapes Residential Outcomes for Voucher Recipients.

Technical reports

"Success Rates in the Housing Choice Voucher Program: 2018–2022." with Ingrid Gould Ellen and Katherine O'Regan. Technical report, NYU Furman Center, April 2025.

"Using HUD Administrative Data to Estimate Success Rates and Search Durations for New Voucher Recipients." with Ingrid Gould Ellen and Katherine O'Regan. Technical report, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, February 2023.

Policy writing (selected)

"How Automated Valuation Models Can Disproportionately Affect Majority-Black Neighborhoods." with Michael Neal, Linna Zhu, and Caitlin Young. Urban Institute, 2020.

"How Much Assistance Is Needed to Support Renters through the COVID-19 Crisis?" with Aaron Shroyer, Jung Hyun Choi, Kathryn Reynolds, and Laurie Goodman. Urban Institute, 2020.

"Housing and Land Use Implications of Split-Roll Property Tax Reform in California." with Solomon Greene, Laurie Goodman, Dan Teles, and Patrick Spauster. Urban Institute, 2020.

TEACHING

2025	Research Methods Preparatory Course, NYU Wagner (PhD)
2022–25	Course Instructor, Math Review, NYU Wagner (MUP/MPA)
2022–24	Teaching Colleague, Microeconomics, NYU Wagner (MUP/MPA)
2023–24	Teaching Assistant, Methods and Microeconomics Intensive, NYU Wagner (MSPP)
2018–20	Instructor, Mapping and Geospatial Analysis in R, Urban Institute
2020	Instructor, Introduction to R, The Policy Academies

PRESENTATIONS

2026	Population Association of America*
2025	ASSA-AREUEA, AREUEA National Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference
2024	Opportunity Insights (co-author presentation), Urban Economics Association North American Meeting, NYU Wagner, Virtual Economics of Poverty and Public Policy Seminar Grad Student Presentation, University of Wisconsin–Madison (La Follette), APPAM Fall Research Conference (x2), Southern Economic Association
2023	ASSA-AREUEA (discussant), Krueckenburg Doctoral Conference, Rutgers University, US Department of Housing and Urban Development SAFMR Working Group, National Conference on Housing Mobility, Urban Economics Association North American Meeting, APPAM Fall Research Conference (x2)
2022	Urban Economics Association North American Meeting, APPAM Fall Research Conference

** indicates scheduled presentation*

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2025 Honorable Mention, APPAM PhD Dissertation Award
- 2025–26 AREUEA Junior Scholars Program
- 2024 NYU Wagner Doctoral Teaching Award
- 2024 Real Estate Research Institute Dissertation Grant (\$5,000)
- 2024 Finalist, Stevens Graduate Fellowship, North American Regional Science Council
- 2021–25 NYU Urban Doctoral Fellowship (\$3,000)
- 2020 Joel Fleishman Innovation Award, Urban Institute (\$25,000)

SERVICE

- 2025 APPAM Fall Research Conference Program Committee (Housing, Community Development, and Urban Policy Area)
- 2023–24 Student representative, NYU Wagner Doctoral Board

Reviewer: *Journal of Housing Economics*, *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, *Real Estate Economics*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, American Economic Association

REFERENCES

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