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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Public Policy, New York University	exp. 2025
	Dissertation 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–	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

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

Working papers

Participation Costs, Search Time, and Match Quality in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. (Job market paper)

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. [[SSRN](#)]

The Effect of Social Networks on Housing Voucher Search Outcomes.

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

Technical reports

"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

2025	ASSA-AREUEA*
2024	Opportunity Insights (co-author presentation) NYU Furman Center PHA Community of Practice Urban Economics Association North American Meeting NYU Wagner Virtual Economics of Poverty and Public Policy Seminar Grad Student Presentation* 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 AREUEA National Conference (co-author presentation) 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

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)
2019	President's Award for Communications, Urban Institute
2019	President's Award for Entrepreneurship, Urban Institute

SERVICE

2023–24 Student representative, NYU Wagner Doctoral Board
Reviewer: 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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