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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- **2022-present:** Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Denver
- **2019-present:** Faculty Affiliate, CU Population Center (CUPC), University of Colorado Boulder
- **2014-2022:** Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Denver

### EDUCATION

- **May 2014:** Ph.D. in Economics – Duke University
- **May 2014:** Certificate in College Teaching – Duke University
- **May 2009:** M.A. in Economics – Duke University
- **May 2004:** B.A. in Economics and Psychology – Vassar College

### FIELDS OF INTEREST

- Labor Economics, Development Economics, Health Economics, Demography, Political Economy

### PUBLICATIONS

- **2025:** Gender Differences in Political Career Progression  
(with Hani Mansour, Stephen D. O'Connell, and James Reeves)  
*Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*
- **2022:** Re-evaluating the Long-Term Impact of In Utero Exposure to the 1918 Influenza Pandemic  
(with Brian Beach, Joseph Ferrie, Martin Saavedra, and Duncan Thomas)  
*Journal of Political Economy*, 130(7): 1963-1990
- **2022:** Does Local Female Political Representation Empower Women to Run for Higher Office?  
Evidence from State and National Legislatures in India  
(with Hani Mansour and Stephen D. O'Connell)  
*The World Bank Economic Review*, 36(1): 198-218
- **2020:** Occupational Licensing and Maternal Health: Evidence from Early Midwifery Laws  
(with D. Mark Anderson, Kerwin Kofi Charles and Daniel I. Rees)  
*Journal of Political Economy*, 128(11): 4337-4383
- **2020:** The Intergenerational Impact of Terror: Does the 9/11 Tragedy Impact the Initial Human Capital  
of the Next Generation  
*Demography*, 57(4): 1459-1481
- **2019:** Impact of Violent Crime on Risk Aversion: Evidence from the Mexican Drug War  
(with Veronica Montalva, Duncan Thomas, and Andrea Velasquez)  
*Review of Economics and Statistics*, 101(5): 892-904
- **2018:** The Mexican Drug War and Early-Life Health: The Impact of Violent Crime on Birth Outcomes,  
*Demography*, 55(1): 319-340
- **2017:** The Effect of Violent Crime on the Human Capital Accumulation of Young Adults  
(with Andrea Velasquez)  
*Journal of Development Economics*, 127: 1-12
- **2005:** Copycat Gaming: A Spatial Analysis of State Lottery Structure  
(with Jon Rork)  
*Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 35(6): 795-807

## WORKING PAPERS

- Consequences of Elevated Fluoride Exposure for Cognitive Development (with Sheetal Sekhri, Amzad Hossain, Emily Gonzalez, Rajiv Gupta, and Eric Robertson)
- The Impact of Access to Clean Water on Cognitive and Physical Development: Evidence from Mexico's Programa de Agua Limpia (with Sonia Bhalotra and Atheendar Venkataramani)
- On the Long-Term Effects of the 1918 U.S. Influenza Pandemic (with Duncan Thomas)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Causal Effects of Universal Health Insurance: Evidence on Child Health in Mexico (with Gabriela Farfan, Maria Genoni, Duncan Thomas, Gina Turrini, and Andrea Velasquez)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- **2024-2025:** NIH/NICHHD R03 Grant
- **2020-2021:** San Diego State Center for Health Economic & Policy Studies (CHEPS) Research Fellow
- **2019:** Young Upwardly Mobile Professors Grant, University of Colorado Denver
- **2019:** ORS Travel Grant, University of Colorado Denver
- **2018:** CLAS Dissemination Award, University of Colorado Denver
- **2013:** IPUMS 2012 Research Award for Best U.S. Research by a Graduate Student
- **2013:** NSF/NBER Crime Research Fellow
- **2011-2013:** T32 Training Grant in the Social, Medical, and Economic Demography of Aging from the National Institute on Aging/National Institutes of Health
- **2012-2013:** RAND Summer Institute on Aging
- **2012:** Preparing Future Faculty Fellow, Duke University
- **2011:** Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University
- **2008, 2010:** Emile Louise Wells Fellowship, Vassar College
- **2008:** Distinguished Economics Department Graduate Fellowship, Duke University
- **2004:** Agnes Reynolds Jackson Prize for Excellence in Written Work in Economics, Vassar College

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Deputy Editor:

- **2022-present:** *Demography*

Editorial Board:

- **2020-2022:** *Demography*

Reviewer:

- *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Journal of Health Economics, Demographic Research, Demography, Economic Development and Cultural Change, The Economic Journal, Economics and Human Biology, Economics of Education Review, Explorations in Economic History, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economics of the Household, Southern Economics Journal, SSM – Population Health, Quarterly Journal of Economics, World Development*

Conference/Session Organizer:

- **2019-present:** Scientific Committee Member: Population Health Science Research Workshop
- **2017:** Session Organizer: Violent Crime, Civil Conflict and Human Capital Accumulation, Population Association of America 2017 Annual Meeting
- **2017:** Session Organizer: Demographic, Political, and Historical Factors that Influence Violent Crime, Population Association of America 2017 Annual Meeting
- **2012:** Session Organizer: Life Course Approaches to Health and Mortality, Population Association of America 2012 Annual Meeting

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Econometrics II (Master's Level)
- Econometric Methods for Empirical Research (Undergraduate Level)
- Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate Level)

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