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Research interests

Education Policy, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics

Education

- 2017- **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**
Ph.D. Education Policy & Program Evaluation (Expected 2023)
Committee: David Deming (chair), Marty West, Raj Chetty
- 2017 **UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI**
M.Soc.Sci. Social & Public Policy
- 2014 **TUFTS UNIVERSITY**
B.A. Economics, Philosophy, summa cum laude
- 2012-2013 **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**
Visiting Student, Philosophy, Politics, & Economics

Publications

Labor market returns to vocational secondary education (with Hanna Virtanen)
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, forthcoming.
*Society of Labor Economists 2019 Best Poster Award

Working papers

Hard and soft skills in vocational training (with Felipe Barrera-Osorio and Adriana Kugler)
NBER working paper 7/2020.

Targeted funding, immigrant background, and educational outcomes
VATT working paper 8/2017. Adapted from master's thesis.

Affiliations and experience

- 2018- *Graduate Student Affiliate*, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University
- 2018- *Graduate Student Affiliate*, Center for European Studies, Harvard University
- 2016- *Researcher (- 2017)/Research visits (2017-)*, VATT Institute for Economic Research, Helsinki, Finland
- 2015 *Research trainee*, CERI, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, France

Selected honors, awards, and grants

- 2021, 2019 Yrjö Jansson Foundation Doctoral Grant
- 2021 Krupp Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship, Harvard University CES
- 2020 ECMC Doctoral Student Fellowship
- 2019 J-PAL ESII project grant (350,000 euros, Co-PI w/ Michela Carlana, Matti Sarvimäki, and Marco Tabellini)
- 2019 Society of Labor Economists, Fellows Best Poster Award
- 2016 City of Helsinki Master's Thesis Prize
- 2015 Finlandia Foundation National Scholarship Award, 1st place

2014 The Helen Morris Cartwright Memorial Prize in Philosophy, Tufts University

Teaching

Instructor

2020 *Causal Inference*, Department of Social and Public Policy, University of Helsinki (January term) (4.6/5)

Teaching fellow

2021 *Quantitative Methods for Improving Causal Inference*, Harvard University (Eric Taylor)

2021 *Program Evaluation*, Harvard University (Virginia Lovison)

2019-2020 *Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems*, Harvard University (Raj Chetty) (4.6/5)

2018-2019 *Microeconomics: A Policy Tool for Education*, Harvard University (Felipe Barrera-Osorio) (4.4/5)

2020 *Intermediate and Advanced Statistical Methods*, Harvard University (Andrew Ho)

2019 *Introductory and Intermediate Statistics*, Harvard University (Joseph McIntyre)

Presentations

2021 American Economic Association

2020 Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, IZA Economics of Education Workshop, Harvard Kennedy School, VATT Institute for Economic Research, EALE/SOLE*, E-con of Education*, IZA Summer School in Labor Economics (*cancelled*)

2019 Association for Public Policy and Management, European Economics Association/Econometric Society, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics, Georgia State University (CTEx), Harvard Center for European Studies, IZA Economics of Education Workshop*, Society of Labor Economists*

2018 Harvard Graduate School of Education, Helsinki Center for Economic Research, Association for the Economics of Education, VATT Institute for Economic Research*, London School of Economics (CVER)*, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development*

2014-2017 Helsinki Center for Economic Research, Institute for Research on the Finnish Economy, Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, University of Helsinki, Tufts University

*Co-author presented

Refereeing

Quarterly Journal of Economics, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Economics of Education Review*

Computers & languages

Stata, R, LaTeX

English (*native*), Finnish (*native*), Spanish (*fluent*), French (*proficient*), Swedish (*very bad*)

Citizenship: United States, Finland, India (OCI)

Birth: Cambridge, MA | United States