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AFFILIATIONS

University of Toronto Assistant Professor of Economics	2021-
Opportunity Insights, Harvard University Research Principal	2021-
Opportunity Insights, Harvard University Post-Doctoral Fellow	2020-2021
National Bureau of Economic Research Post-Doctoral Fellow, Retirement and Disability Policy Research	2019-2020

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology PhD in Economics	2013-2019
McGill University Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in Economics	2009-2012

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

John Charles Polanyi Prize in Economics, Government of Ontario	2023
<i>AER Insights</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award	2021
John Heinz Dissertation Award, National Academy of Social Insurance	2020
Outstanding Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention, National Tax Association	2019
NBER Economics of an Aging Workforce Pre-Doctoral Fellowship	2017-2019
NBER Retirement Research Center Fellowship	2016-2017
Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	2013-2017
Doctoral Fellowship, MIT	2013-2015
Governor General's Academic Medal, Top Graduating Student, McGill University	2012
Allen Oliver Gold Medal, Top Honours Economics Student, McGill University	2012
C.W. Snyder, C. Peters and J.W. McConnell Scholarships, McGill University	2009-2012

RESEARCH GRANTS

NBER Retirement and Disability Research Centre <i>with Andrew Barr, Courtney Coile, Jonathan Eggleston, Joshua Mitchell, Adam Roberts, Alexander Smith and Alexander Strand</i> "The Effects of Social Security Benefits and Post-Secondary Education on Racial and Gender Inequality"	2024
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NBER Retirement and Disability Research Centre with Raj Chetty, John Friedman and Nathan Hendren “Medium-Term Effects of COVID-19 on Disparities by Race and Income”	2023
NBER Retirement and Disability Research Centre with Courtney Coile “How Education Affects Economic Security, Longevity and Net Social Security Benefits: Evidence from the Social Security Student Benefit Program”	2022
NBER Retirement and Disability Research Centre with Raj Chetty, John Friedman and Nathan Hendren “Understanding the Closing of Racial Mortality Gaps”	2022
National Institutes of Health U01 with Raj Chetty, John Friedman, Nathan Hendren, and Maria Polyakova “Inequality in Longevity During and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic”	2021
NBER Retirement and Disability Research Centre with Courtney Coile “How Education Affects SSDI Receipt and Earnings”	2021
NBER Retirement and Disability Research Centre with Raj Chetty, John Friedman and Nathan Hendren “A New Database to Measure Changes in the Association Between Income, Race, and Life Expectancy”	2021
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with Raj Chetty and John Friedman “Developing Experimental Statistics to Measure Inequality”	2020
NBER Retirement and Disability Research Centre “The Long-Term Externalities of Short-Term Disability Insurance”	2020

PUBLICATIONS

“The Economic Impacts of COVID-19: Evidence from a New Public Database Built Using Private Sector Data,” with Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman and The Opportunity Insights Team. *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2024).

“Early Withdrawal of Pandemic Unemployment Insurance: Effects on Employment and Earnings” with Kyle Coombs, Arindrajit Dube, Calvin Jahnke, Raymond Kluender, Suresh Naidu. *AER Papers & Proceedings* (2022).

“The Association between Income and Life Expectancy in the United States, 2001—2014” with Raj Chetty, Sarah Abraham, Shelby Lin, Ben Scuderi, Nick Turner, Augustin Bergeron, David Cutler. *The Journal of the American Medical Association* (2016), Vol 315, No. 14. (www.healthinequality.org)

“Data Resource Profile: The Canadian Hospitalization and Taxation Database (C-HAT),” with Claudia Sanmartin, Alexander Reicker, Abel Dasylva, Michelle Rotermann, Sung-Hee Jeon, Randy Fransoo, Hannah Wunsch, Damon C Scales, Theodore J Iwashyna and Allan Garland. *International Journal of Epidemiology* (2018), Vol. 47, No. 3.

“Effects of Cardiovascular and Cerebrovascular Health Events on Work and Earnings: a Population-Based Retrospective Cohort Study,” with Allan Garland, Sung-Hee Jeon, Michelle Rotermann, Randy Fransoo, Hannah Wunsch, Damon C. Scales, Theodore J. Iwashyna and Claudia Sanmartin. *Canadian Medical Association Journal* (2019), Vol. 191, No. 1.

“Effects of Cardiovascular Health Shocks on Spouses’ Work and Earnings: A National Study,” with Sung-Hee Jeon, Michelle Rotermann, Randy Fransoo, Claudia Sanmartin, Damon C. Scales, Hannah Wunsch, Theodore J. Iwashyna and Allan Garland. *Medical Care* (2020), Vol. 58, No. 2.

“Association of Severe Trauma with Work and Earnings in a National Cohort in Canada,” with Barbara Haas, Sung-Hee Jeon, Michelle Rotermann, Randy Fransoo, Claudia Sanmartin, Hannah Wunsch, Damon C Scales, Theodore J Iwashyna and Allan Garland. *JAMA Surgery* (2021), Vol. 156, No. 1.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Insurance Value of Redistributive Taxes and Transfers”

“The Long-Term Externalities of Short-Term Disability Insurance”

“Childhood Health Shocks and Parental Earnings”

with Sung-Hee Jeon and Boriana Miloucheva

“Consumption Wedges: Measuring and Diagnosing Distortions”

with Ray Kluender, Sasha Indarte and Ulrike Malmendier

“Growing Class Gaps and Shrinking Black-White Race Gaps in Life Expectancy”

with Raj Chetty, Janet Currie, John Friedman, Ines Guix, Nathan Hendren and Hannes Schwandt

TEACHING

Health and Economic Inequality Winter 2021, Fall 2023, Winter 2025
University of Toronto, ECO422/ECO481/ECO483: undergraduate

Health Economics Fall 2020, Winter 2024
University of Toronto, ECO369: undergraduate

Reading Course in Social Insurance Full Year 2022-23
University of Toronto, ECO431: undergraduate

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee

American Economic Journal: Applied

American Economic Journal: Policy

American Economic Review

American Economic Review: Insights

Canadian Public Policy

European Economic Review

European Journal of Health Economics

Journal of Public Economics

Management Science

Nature

New England Journal of Medicine

Quarterly Journal of Economics

Review of Economic Statistics

PLOS One

PLOS Medicine

Grant Reviewer

NSF CAREER

Conference Organizer

Opportunity Insights Conference on Economic Mobility

2023

NBER Workshop on Income and Life Expectancy (co-organizer)

2019

Invited Presentations

2024

NBER Summer Institute: Aging Meetings
Yale University, Dept. of Economics

University of Toronto, Munk Institute on Social Policy
SBE COVID Coordinating Center Annual Meeting

2023

ASHECon 2023 Conference
U.C. Berkeley, Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

SBE COVID Coordinating Center Annual Meeting
Harvard University, Opportunity Insights

2022

Brown University, Dept. of Economics
McGill University, Dept. of Economics
Boston University, Dept. of Economics
Retirement and Disability Research Center Annual Meeting

SBE COVID Coordinating Center Annual Meeting
U.S. Social Security Administration
U.S. National Institute on Aging, Econ. Vulnerability Workshop
Toronto Association for Business and Economics

2021

NBER Workshop: COVID-19 and Health Outcomes
National Association for Business Economics TEC2021
University of British Columbia; UBC Health After 2020
London School of Economics; Institute for Fiscal Studies
Finances of the Nation; Economics Seminar

University of Toronto; School of Public Health
European Commission, Dept. of Economic and Financial Affairs
ZEW Workshop: Policies to Cope with the COVID-19 Crisis
ASSA Meeting: Welfare Effects of Social Insurance (co-organizer)

2020

NBER Workshop: Public Economics
University of British Columbia; Department of Economics
UT Austin; Department of Economics
Dartmouth; Department of Economics
University of Toronto; Department of Economics

UCLA Anderson; Global Economics and Management
Finance Canada
McMaster University; Department of Economics
Harvard School of Public Health; Health Policy and Management

2019

Harvard University, Opportunity Insights
Retirement and Disability Research Center Annual Meeting

UQAM Human Capital Research Group

2018 or earlier

The Dartmouth Institute
NBER Aging Spring Meeting (discussant)
Statistics Canada

Employment and Social Development Canada (*ESDC*)
CIFAR Social Interactions, Identity and Well-Being Group
Stata Conference Boston