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Education

University College London: Master of Science, Public Policy   2019-2020

Dissertation: *Democracy in the United States: Quantifying the State of Democracy and its Relationship with Income Inequality*

University of Connecticut: Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Study of Economic Inequality   2012-2016

Minors: Human Rights and Urban and Community Studies

Honors Thesis**:** *Committed to Inequality? How Confronting the Public with New Information Changes Preferences for Redistribution*

Professional Experience

Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy | Washington, DC
Senior Data Analyst   January 2023 - Present
Data Analyst   April 2021 – December 2022

- Builds and maintains data underlying ITEP's tax microsimulation model to support distributional analyses and broader research goals.
- Develops methodologies to expand the model's scope to allow ITEP to analyze the impact of tax policy along various dimensions of geography, income, race and ethnicity, citizenship status, and wealth.
- Employs various methods of imputation and statistical matching using microdata from sources such as the American Community Survey, The Survey of Consumer Finances, and the Consumer Expenditure Survey.

The Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress | Washington, D.C.
Domestic Social Policy Research Assistant   December 2017-September 2019

- Supported research in response to over 100 confidential requests from Members of Congress in the areas of education, labor, income support, health, and immigration, and contributed to long-term capacity building-projects to improve the ability of CRS to respond to future Congressional requests.
- Collected, cleaned, and analyzed data using best practices in policy research.
- Interpreted results, visualized data, and communicated findings.
- Performed legislative research, including summarizing substantive changes to law and tracking legislation through the policymaking process.

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities | Washington, D.C.
Federal Fiscal Policy Intern   September 2016-May 2017

- Collaborated with senior researchers to conduct objective research on budget and tax-related policies to be used for Center reports.
- Covered relevant Congressional hearings, bill markups, and major think tank panels. Circulated comprehensive event summaries an detailed notes among Center staff.
- Monitored changes in policies affecting low-income Americans, economic indicators, and relevant academic literature.

University of Connecticut | Storrs, CT
Research Assistant   January 2014-May 2016

- Designed and implemented independent surveys to test the effect of issue saliency on public opinion toward redistributive policies.
- Managed all stages of original data collection, including securing IRB permissions and analyzing data using STATA.

Select Research and Publications

Warning Signs of the Economic Harms from Deportations. SSRN (2025). (With Robert Lynch and Michael Ettlinger)

Tax Payments by Undocumented Immigrants. ITEP Report (2024). (With Carl Davis and Marco Guzman)

Improving Refundable Tax Credits by Making Them Immigrant-Inclusive. Pittsburgh Tax Review (2024). (With Marco Guzman)

Why Treasury's Pending Race-Based Analysis of Stimulus Payments is Important. ITEP Blog (2021).

The Role of Census Data in Policy and Racial Equity. ITEP Blog (2021).

ITIN Filer Data Gap: How Changing Laws, Lack of Data Disaggregation Limit Inclusive Tax Policy. ITEP Brief (2021).