

# Katherine Michelmore

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## CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

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2021-Present            Gerald R Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan  
Associate Professor (with tenure)  
Faculty Affiliate, Education Policy Initiative  
Faculty Expert Affiliate, Poverty Solutions  
Faculty Affiliate, Population Studies Center

2022-Present            Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research  
Programs: Children, Education

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

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2016-2021            Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University  
Assistant Professor of Public Administration

2014- 2016            Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan  
IES Postdoctoral Fellow

## EDUCATION

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**Cornell University, Ithaca, NY**  
Ph.D., Policy Analysis and Management, 2014

**Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT**  
B.A., *Magna cum laude*, Economics, Psychology, 2007

## PUBLICATIONS

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\*Denotes student/postdoc co-author at writing

“Tax Credits and Child Outcomes: Lessons from the U.S., U.K., and Canada” *Forthcoming, Fiscal Studies* <https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-5890.12396>

“The Intergenerational Transmission of Public Assistance: Evidence from the Earned Income Tax Credit” (with Natasha Pilkauskas and Nicardo McInnis\*) *Forthcoming, Journal of Human Resources*

2024

“The Effect of Income on the economic well-being of families with low incomes: Evidence from

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the 2021 Child Tax Credit” (with Natasha Pilkauskas, Luke Shaefer, and Nicole Kovski\*) 2024. *Journal of Population Economics* 37, 68.

“The 2021 Child Tax Credit, housing affordability and the living arrangements of families” (with Natasha Pilkauskas and Nicole Kovski\*) 2024. *Demography* 61(4): 1069-1096.

2023

“The Effects of the 2021 Child Tax Credit on Child Developmental Outcomes” (with Anna Aizer and Adriana Lleras-Muney) 2023. *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science on the 2021 Child Tax Credit* 70(1):172-189.

“What’s the Power of Certainty? Experimental Evidence on the Effective Design of Free Tuition Policies” (with Elizabeth Burland\*, Susan Dynarski, Stephanie Owen\*, and Shwetha Raghuraman\*) 2023. *AER: Insights* 5(3): 293-310. (lead article) (also as *NBER Working paper No. 29864*)

“The 2021 Child Tax Credit: Who received it and how did they spend it?” (with Natasha Pilkauskas) 2023. *AEA: Papers and Proceedings* 113: 413-419.

“Contextual Origins of Black-White Educational Disparities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” (with Peter Rich) 2023. *Social Forces* 101(4): 1918-1947.

“Who’s Minding the Kids? The Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Care Arrangements” (with Natasha Pilkauskas) 2023. *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 706(1): 37-64. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00027162231197051>

“The Effect of the Child Tax Credit on mental health among low-income parents during the COVID-19 pandemic” (with Natasha Pilkauskas, Luke Shaefer, and Nicole Kovski\*) 2023. *Social Science and Medicine: Population Health* 22.

“Abortion in the United States: The new legal landscape and its threats to health and socioeconomic well-being” (with William Axinn, Paula Lantz, Kayte Spector-Bagdady, Michelle Moniz, and Okeoma Mmeje) 2023. *Millbank Quarterly* 101(S1): 283-301.

2022

“Who Benefits from the Child Tax Credit?” (with Jacob Goldin) 2022. *National Tax Journal*. 75(1): 123-147. (Also as *NBER working paper No. 27940*.)

“The Earned Income Tax Credit, Family Complexity, and Children’s Living Arrangements” (with Natasha Pilkauskas) 2022. *RSF: Journal of the Social Sciences* 8(5): 143-165.

“Estimating the Net Fiscal Costs of a Child Tax Credit Expansion” (with Jacob Goldin and Elaine Maag) 2022. *Tax Policy and the Economy Vol. 36*. (Also as *NBER working paper No. 29342*.)

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2021

“Closing the Gap: The Effect of Reducing Complexity and Uncertainty in College Pricing on the Choices of Low-Income Students” 2021. (with Susan Dynarski, CJ Libassi, and Stephanie Owen\*) *American Economic Review* 111(6): 1721–1756. (lead article) (*also as NBER Working paper No. 25349*)

“Tots and Teens: How Does Child’s Age Influence Maternal Labor Supply and Child Care Response to the Earned Income Tax Credit?” (with Natasha Pilkauskas) 2021. *Journal of Labor Economics* 39(4): 895-929.

“The Effect of EITC Exposure in Childhood on Marriage and Early Childbearing” 2021. (with Leonard Lopoo) *Demography* 58(6): 2365-2394.

“Exposure to the Earned Income Tax Credit in Early Childhood and Family Wealth” 2021. (with Leonard Lopoo). *RSF: Journal of the Social Sciences* 7(3): 196-215.

2019

“The Effect of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Housing and Living Arrangements” 2019. (with Natasha Pilkauskas) *Demography* 56(4): 1303-1326.

“Timing is Money: Does Lump-Sum Payment of Tax Credits Induce High-Cost Borrowing?” 2019. (with Lauren Jones) *Economic Inquiry* 57(3): 1659-1674.

2018

“The Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Household Finances” 2018. (with Lauren Jones) *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 37(3): 521-545.

“The EITC and Self-Employment among Married Mothers” 2018. (with Katherine Lim\*) *Labour Economics* 55: 98-115.

“Cross-National Comparisons of Union Stability in Cohabiting and Married Families with Children” 2018. (with Kelly Musick) *Demography* 55(4): 1389-1421.

“Transitions from Sexual Relationships into Cohabitation and Beyond” 2018. (with Sharon Sassler and Zhenchao Qian) 2018. *Demography* 55(2): 511-534.

“The Long-Term Impact of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Children’s Education and Employment Outcomes” 2018. (with Jacob Bastian\*) *Journal of Labor Economics* 36(4): 1127-1163.

“The Earned Income Tax Credit and Union Formation: The Impact of Spouse Earnings” 2018. *Review of Economics of the Household* 16(2): 377-406.

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2017

“A Tale of Two Majors: Explaining the Gender Gap in STEM Employment among Computer Science and Engineering Majors.” 2017. (with Sharon Sassler and Kristin Smith) *Social Sciences* 6(3)

“The Missing Women in Science, Math, Engineering, and Behavioral Science Jobs? Accounting for Gender Differences in Entrance into STEM Occupations” 2017. (with Sharon Sassler, Jennifer Glass, and Yael Levitte) *Social Science Research* 63:192-208.

“The Gap within the Gap: Using Longitudinal Data to Understand Income Differences in Student Achievement” 2017. (with Susan Dynarski) *AERA Open* 3(1): 1-18.

2016

“Explaining the Gender Gap in Earnings in STEM: Do Changes in Sex Composition of a Field Matter?” 2016. (with Sharon Sassler) *RSF: Journal of the Social Sciences* 2(4): 194-215.

“Pathways to a Stable Marriage? Pregnancy and Childbearing among Cohabiting Couples in the United States” 2016. (with Daniel Lichter, Richard Turner, and Sharon Sassler) *Population Research and Policy Review* 35(3): 377-399.

“The Progression of Sexual Relationships” 2016. (with Sharon Sassler and Jennifer Holland) *Journal of Marriage and Family* 78(3): 587-597.

2015

“Trends in the Relative Stability of Marital and Cohabiting Unions Following a First Birth” 2015. *Demography* (with Kelly Musick) 52(5): 1463-1485.

2014

“Fertility Patterns of College Graduates by Field of Study, U.S. Women Born 1960-79” 2014. (with Kelly Musick) *Population Studies* 68(3): 359-374.

2013

“What’s So Special about STEM? A Comparison of Women’s Retention in STEM and Professional Occupations” 2013. (with Jennifer Glass, Sharon Sassler, and Yael Levitte) *Social Forces* 92 (2): 723-756.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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“A Tale of Two Majors: Explaining the Gender Gap in STEM Employment among Computer Science and Engineering Majors.” (with Sharon Sassler and Kristin Smith) in Maria Charles and Sarah Thébaud, editors. *Gender and STEM: Understanding Segregation in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* 2017.

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## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS

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“Does the EITC reduce caregiving for one’s parents?” (with Anna Wiersma Strauss\* and Emily Wiemers) *under review*

“More than Just Work: The Effect of the Earned Income Tax Credit and Job Quality.” (with Natasha Pilkauskas) *under review*

“The Effect of the 2021 Expanded Childless EITC on the Material Well-being of Young Adults” (with Jiwan Lee\*, Natasha Pilkauskas, and Christopher Wimer) *under review*

“Does the EITC Crowd out Financial Assistance from Parents?” (with Emily Wiemers and Anna Wiersma-Strauss\*) *under review*

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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“Experimental Evidence on the Effects of College Quality on Educational Attainment and Labor Market Outcomes” (with Elizabeth Burland\*, Susan Dynarski, Katherine Leu\*, CJ Libassi\*, Stephanie Owen, and Mary Quiroga\*)

“The Effect of Subsidized Meals on Student Outcomes: Evidence from Medicaid Direct Certification” (with Natasha Pilkauskas and Brittany Vasquez\*)

“Work Requirements and Child Tax Benefits” (with Jacob Goldin, Tatiana Homonoff, Neel Lal\*, Ithai Lurie, and Matthew Unrath)

“Understanding variation in take-up of an early, first-dollar, categorical need-based aid program” (with Kelcie Gerson, Nathan Sotherland, Kevin Stange, Marissa Thompson)

## FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

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2024-2025 **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator), Natasha Pilkauskas (co-Principal Investigator) “The Effect of Subsidized Meals on Student Outcomes: Evidence from Medicaid Direct Certification” RIDGE Partnership (\$75,000)

2022-2026 **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator), Kevin Stange (Principal Investigator), and Megan Tompkins-Stange (Co-Principal Investigator) “Early First-Dollar Categorical Need-Based Aid: A New Model for Making College Affordable?” Department of Education (\$2,702,034)

2022-2023 Natasha Pilkauskas (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator), Luke Shaefer (Co-Principal Investigator) “The Effects of the Child

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Tax Credit on the Economic Wellbeing of Families with Low Incomes”  
Washington Center for Equitable Growth (\$70,000)

- 2020-2021 **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator), Natasha Pilkauskas (Principal Investigator) "What kind of jobs? The Effect of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Job Quality" Russell Sage Foundation (\$29,272)
- 2018-2020 Susan Dynarski (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator) "HAIL Scholars: Increasing Economic Diversity at a Flagship University" Smith Richardson Foundation (\$149,841)
- 2017-2018 **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator), Natasha Pilkauskas (Principal Investigator) "Assessing the Effectiveness of Tax Credits in Early Childhood: Links Between the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Poverty, and Material Hardship." Institute for Research on Poverty's Extramural Small Grants Program: Policies and Programs to Reduce Child Poverty and Its Effects (\$25,000)
- 2017-2018 Natasha Pilkauskas (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator) "Does the Earned Income Tax Credit Reduce Housing Instability?" University of Michigan Poverty Solutions Junior Faculty Grant (\$20,000)
- 2017-2019 **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator), Peter Rich (Principal Investigator) "Trajectories of Student Disadvantage: Unpacking Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligibility Across Childhood" CPC-CAPS Upstate Population Seed Grant Program (\$16,000)
- 2016-2018 Susan Dynarski (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Principal Investigator). "The Persistence of Poverty: Using Longitudinal Data to Understand Gaps in Educational Outcomes." Russell Sage Foundation (\$119,323).
- 2015-2018 Sharon Sassler (Principal Investigator), Jennifer Glass (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Consultant). "Diversifying the STEM Labor Force: Are Women and the Foreign-Born Complementary or Additive?" National Science Foundation (\$199,673).
- 2012-2014 Sharon Sassler (Principal Investigator), **Katherine Michelmore** (Consultant). "Race and Gender Variation in STEM Employment and Retention: A Cohort Analysis Using SESTAT Data." National Science Foundation (\$250,000).

## RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

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- 2021-present Faculty Associate, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2021-present Research Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin

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- 2016-2021 Senior Research Associate Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- 2014-present Research Affiliate, Education Policy Initiative, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- 2024 David N. Kershaw Award, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- 2022; 2023 Ford School Teaching Honor Roll
- 2020 Birkhead-Burkhead Teaching Excellence Award and Fellowship, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2014-16 Institute of Education Sciences Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2014 Cornell Population Center Student Conference Award, Cornell University
- 2009-10 Martha E. Foulk Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2009-10 Barbara Barber Kennedy Graduate Award, Cornell University
- 2009-10 Helen Canon Scholarship, Cornell University
- 2009-10 Jean Warren Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2007 Plukas Prize for Senior Honors Thesis, Wesleyan University

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- 2024 Social Policy, PubPol495 (Fall 2024)
- 2023 Social Policy, PubPol495 (Fall 2023)
- 2023 Program Evaluation, PubPol649 (Winter 2023)
- 2021 Social Policy, PubPol495 (Fall 2021)

### SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

- 2021 Quantitative Analysis, PAI 722 (Spring 2021)  
Social Welfare Policy, PAI781 (Spring 2021)
- 2020 Quantitative Analysis, PAI 722 (Spring 2020)  
Introduction to Statistics, PAI 721 (Fall 2020)
- 2019 Social Welfare Policy, PAI781 (Fall 2019)
- 2018 Quantitative Analysis, PAI 722 (Spring 2018)  
Introduction to Statistics, PAI 721 (Fall 2018)  
Social Welfare Policy, PAI781 (Fall 2018)
- 2017 Quantitative Analysis, PAI 722 (Spring 2017)

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Introduction to Statistics, PAI 721 (Fall 2017)  
Social Welfare Policy, PAI781 (Fall 2017)

2016 Introduction to Statistics, PAI 721 (Fall 2016)

## CORNELL UNIVERSITY

2013 Teaching Assistant, PAM3360: Evolving Families: Challenges to Family Policy

## DOCTORAL ADVISING

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### *University of Michigan*

2024-present Asher Dvir-Djerassi, Sociology and Public Policy, committee member  
2024-present Alvin Christian, Economics and Public Policy, committee member  
2024-present Andrew Joung, Economics, committee member  
2022-present Brittany Vasquez, Sociology and Public Policy, committee member  
2023-present Shwetha Raghuraman, Economics, committee member (Postdoctoral Fellow, Aarhus University)  
2021-2023 Elizabeth Burland, Sociology and Public Policy, committee member (Research Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut School of Public Policy)

### *Syracuse University*

2023-present Anna Wiersma-Strauss, Public Administration and International Affairs, expected 2025  
2018-2023 Rhea Acuña, Public Administration and International Affairs, co-chair (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)  
2016-2022 Laura Rodriguez, Public Administration and International Affairs, committee member (Senior Research Manager, Innovations for Poverty Action)  
2020-2022 Emily Cardon, Public Administration and International Affairs, committee member (Principal Advisor, Behavioral Insights Team)  
2016-2020 Emily Gutierrez, Public Administration and International Affairs, committee member, (Senior Research Associate, The Urban Institute)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

2023-Present Faculty Budget Engagement Committee, University of Michigan

2023-Present Executive Committee, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan



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- 2022-2025 Faculty Grievance Panel, Ford School of Public Policy Representative, University of Michigan
- 2022-2024 PhD Program Committee, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
- 2021-22 Undergraduate Program Committee, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

- 2020-21 Junior Faculty Representative, Executive Committee, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2019-20 Junior Faculty Representative, Executive Committee, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2018-19 Junior Faculty Representative, Executive Committee, Department of Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University
- 2017-18 Co-organizer of the Moynihan Research Workshop, Syracuse University

## CORNELL UNIVERSITY

- 2012-13 Graduate Student Research in Progress Seminar Organizer, Cornell University
- 2012-13 Treasurer: Graduate Students of Policy Analysis and Management Organization, Cornell University
- 2010-11 Representative: Graduate and Professional Students Association, Cornell University

## MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

*AERA Open, American Educational Research Journal, American Journal of Health Economics, American Sociological Review, Contemporary Economic Policy, Demographic Research, Demography, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Researcher, European Sociological Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Population Research and Policy Review, PLOS One, Social Currents, Social Science Research, Quarterly Journal of Economics*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE FIELD

- 2024-present Committee member, National Academy of Sciences Engineering and Medicine, panel on federal policy impacts on child poverty
- 2022-present Co-editor, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

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- 2023-2024 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Program Committee Co-Chair (Fall Research Conference, Family and Child Policy sub-committee)
- 2022 Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT) Faculty Mentor, Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin
- 2021-2022 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Program Committee (Fall Research Conference)
- 2021-2022 Editorial Board, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*
- 2021 Society for Labor Economics Annual Meeting Program Committee
- 2021 National Tax Association Program Committee (Annual Fall Conference)
- 2020 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Program Committee (International and Fall Research Conference)
- 2020-Present Grant reviewer for Russell Sage Foundation
- 2023 Grant reviewer for WT Grant Foundation
- 2021 Grant reviewer for Smith Richardson Foundation
- 2019 Grant reviewer for National Science Foundation
- 2017 Grant reviewer for ESSPRI affiliates program
- 2016 Proposal Reviewer: SREE Conference

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Economic Association, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell Population Center, Population Association of America

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2025: University of Pennsylvania (scheduled)
- 2024: Population Association of America (Columbus, OH); National Tax Association Spring Symposium (Washington, DC); Sociology of Education online mini conference on Repair: Revisiting Our Past and Re-envisioning Our Future (online); National Tax Association Annual Meeting (Detroit, MI); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
- 2023: American Economics Association annual meeting (New Orleans, LA); Michigan State University; National Tax Association Annual Meeting (Denver, CO) Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA); U.S. Census Bureau

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- 2022: Brown University; University of Wisconsin Institute for Poverty Research Summer Research Workshop; Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- 2021: Association for Education Finance and Policy annual conference; Society for Labor Economics Annual Meeting; Conference on Tax Policy for Low-Income Americans; University of Wisconsin; NBER Tax Policy and the Economy; National Tax Association Fall Conference
- 2020: American Economics Association Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA); National Tax Association Spring Symposium (virtual); University of Chicago Tax Policy for Low-Income Americans (postponed due to COVID-19); Rutgers University (canceled due to COVID-19); Urban Institute (virtual); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (virtual); National Tax Association Fall Conference (virtual)
- 2019: American Economics Association Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA), CUNY Graduate Center, Population Association of America (Austin, TX, co-author), Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop (Madison, WI), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Denver), Brookings Institution, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Ft. Lauderdale)
- 2018: Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse Webinar on Housing Instability, Population Association of America (Denver); Syracuse University Education and Social Policy Project Workshop; University of Michigan Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar; College Board Forum (Dallas); National Bureau of Economic Research Education meeting (Boston); Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Washington DC)
- 2017: Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Meeting (Washington, DC), Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop (Madison, WI), LeMoyné College, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Chicago)
- 2016: American Economics Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA), Association for Education Finance and Policy Annual Meeting (Denver, CO, co-author), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Washington, DC), Bowling Green State University, Daniel Patrick Moynihan Syracuse/Cornell Summer Education Seminar (Syracuse, NY), Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Research Workshop (Madison, WI), National Bureau of Economic Research Education meeting (Palo Alto, CA, co-author), Population Association of America Meeting (Washington, DC, co-author), Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA), Stanford Conference on Education and Inequality in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America (Palo Alto, CA, poster), University of Michigan
- 2015: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting (Miami, FL), National Tax Association Annual Meeting (Boston, MA), The Ohio State University

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- 2014: European Population Conference (Budapest, Hungary), National Tax Association Annual Meeting (Santa Fe, NM)
- 2013: Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting (Columbus, OH), National Tax Association Annual Meeting (Tampa, FL), Population Association of America Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA), University of Wisconsin
- 2012: Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL), National Survey of Family Growth Conference (Silver Springs, MD)