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Education

Columbia University
Ph.D., Economics, 2013
M.Phil., Economics, 2010
B.A., Economics-Mathematics, 2005

Employment

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
Gilbert and Shelley Harrison Associate Professor in Real Estate (with tenure), July 2023-
Associate Professor in Real Estate (with tenure), 2022-2023
Assistant Professor in Real Estate, 2013-2022
Lecturer in Real Estate, 2012-2013

Appointments

JPMorgan Chase Institute Academic Fellow, 2023-
NBER Research Associate, International Trade and Investment (ITI), 2022-
Penn IUR Faculty Fellow, 2014-
Visiting Scholar, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, 2015-

Published and Accepted Papers (co-authors are ordered alphabetically)

“Goods Prices and Availability in Cities,” Jessie Handbury and David E. Weinstein, *Review of Economic Studies*, 2014.

“Food Deserts and the Causes of Nutritional Inequality,” Hunt Allcott, Rebecca Diamond, Jean-Pierre Dube, Jessie Handbury, Ilya Rahkovsky, and Molly Schnell, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2019 (subsumes “Is the focus on food deserts fruitless? Retail access and food purchases across the socioeconomic spectrum,” previously circulated as “What drives nutritional disparities? Retail access and food purchases across the socioeconomic spectrum”, Jessie Handbury, Ilya Rahkovsky, and Molly Schnell, November 2017).

“Urban Revival in America,” Victor Couture and Jessie Handbury, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2020.

"JUE Insight: Measuring Movement and Social Contact with Smartphone Data: A Real-Time Application to COVID-19," Victor Couture, Jonathan Dingel, Allison Green, Jessie Handbury, and Kevin Williams, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2021.

Published and Accepted Papers (co-authors are ordered alphabetically, cont.)

“Are Poor Cities Cheap for Everyone? Non-Homotheticity and the Cost of Living Across U.S. Cities,” *Econometrica*, 2021.

“Income Growth and the Distributional Effects of Urban Spatial Sorting,” Victor Couture, Cecile Gaubert, Jessie Handbury, and Erik Hurst, *Review of Economic Studies*, 2023.

Invited Papers

“Neighborhood Change and the Urbanization of College Graduates,” Victor Couture and Jessie Handbury, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2023.

“Covid and cities, thus far,” Gilles Duranton and Jessie Handbury, Federal Reserve Bank of New York *Economic Policy Review*, 2023.

Working Papers

“Demographic Preferences and Income Segregation,” Victor Couture, Jonathan Dingel, Allison Green, and Jessie Handbury.

“School Food Policy Affects Everyone: Retail Responses to the National School Lunch Program,” Jessie Handbury, Erik James, and Sarah Moshary, June 2021.

“How Much Do Official Price Indexes Tell Us About Inflation?” Jessie Handbury, Tsutomu Watanabe, and David E. Weinstein, January 2017.

Work in Progress

“Distributional Impacts of the Changing Retail Landscape,” Yue Cao, Judy Chevalier, Jessie Handbury, Hayden Parsley, and Kevin Williams.

“Segmentation and Returns on Rental Housing,” Jessie Handbury, Sam Hughes, and Ben Keys.

“Welfare Implications of Increased Retailer Participation in SNAP,” Anne Byrne, Xiao Dong, Jessie Handbury, Erik James, and Katherine Meckel.

Comments

Comment on “On the Heterogeneous Welfare Gains and Losses from Trade,” *Journal of Monetary Economics*, 2020.

Comment on “Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Housing,” *The Role of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Economic Growth*, 2020.

Teaching Experience

Real Estate Finance: Investment and Analysis, Spring 2013-16, 2018-
UEA Summer School, 2022
Girls Who Invest, 2022
AltFinance, 2023

Dissertation Committees (year and first placement in parentheses)

Peter Blair, Wharton Applied Economics (2014: Clemson)
Lindsay Relihan, Wharton Applied Economics (2018: LSE Geography)
Benjamin Hyman, Wharton Applied Economics (2018: Federal Reserve Bank of New York)
Caitlin Gorback, Wharton Applied Economics (2020: NBER Post-Doc; UT-Austin McCombs)
Hongyu Xiao, Wharton Applied Economics (2020: Bank of Canada)
Ellen Fu, Wharton Applied Economics (2022: Cornerstone)
Christoffer Weissert, University of Copenhagen (2022: Danmarks Nationalbank)
Tyra Merker, University of Oslo (2022: Amsterdam School of Economics)
Jungsoo Kim, UPenn Economics (2023: CRA)
Sam Hughes, Wharton Applied Economics (2023: U.S. Treasury)
Frederic Kluser, University of Bern (2024: TBD)
Erik James, Wharton Applied Economics (2025: TBD; Chair)
Kathy Bi, Wharton Applied Economics (2025: TBD; Chair)

Fellowships and Awards

Wharton Teaching Excellence Award, 2020-2022, 2024
Zell/Lurie Real Estate Center, Ballard Scholar, 2015, Berger Scholar 2013, 2019
NARSC Graduate Student Research Competition (runner-up), 2012
Wueller Award (runner-up) for pre-dissertation research proposal, 2010
Program for Economic Research Graduate Student Summer Fellowship, 2010
Columbia University Doctoral Fellowship, 2007-2010
Center on Japanese Economy and Business Sumitomo Fellowship, 2008-2010
Romine Prize for best senior thesis in economics, 2005

Grants

USDA Co-operative Agreement for Research on SNAP Store Adoption, 2023-2025
Wharton Baker Retailing Center, 2023-2024
Wharton Dean's Research Fund, 2013-2015, 2016-2018, 2018-2020, 2020-2022, 2023-2025
National Science Foundation Award Number 2030056, "Human Exposure Indices for COVID-19 Modeling", Co-PI, 2020
USDA Co-operative Agreement for Research on SNAP Food Assistance, 2015-2020
Wharton Social Impact Initiative, 2014-2015
Wharton Global Initiative Research Program, 2014-2015
USDA Co-operative Agreement for Research on Nutritional Disparities, 2012-2015

Conference Organization

Conference in Urban and Regional Economics Program Committee, 2016-2024 (biennial)
AREUEA-ASSA Conference Scientific Committee, 2021
AREUEA National Conference Scientific Committee, 2021
Urban Economic Association Conference Scientific Committee, 2018-2020
National Tax Association Conference Program Committee, 2017

Editorial Positions

Editorial Board, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2024-
Associate Editor, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2021-
Associate Editor, *Journal of International Economics*, 2021-
Editorial Board, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2020-
Editorial Board, *Journal of Housing Economics*, 2019-
Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic Geography*, 2015-

Refereeing Activity

Agricultural Economics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Letters, European Economic Review, International Economic Review, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Geographical Systems, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Macro Dynamics, Management Science, PNAS, Quarterly Journal of Economics, RAND, Real Estate Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Statistics, Review of Economic Studies.

Professional Service

UEA Board (at-large member), 2022-3; Vice President, 2024-
CSWEP CeMENT mentor, 2023
AREUEA: Board of Directors, 2021-2023; Mentoring Committee, 2022 (chair), 2023 (member);
Prize Committee, 2022 (member); Ad-hoc Mentoring Committee, 2021 (co-chair); Women in
Real Estate Network Committee, 2017, 2019-2021 (member), 2018, 2022 (chair)
Wharton Real Estate Department: Visitors Program Coordinator, 2022-2024; Diversity Search
Advisor, 2021-2024; Recruiting Committee, 2012-2024; Applied Economics PhD Admissions
Committee, 2012-2015, 2022-2024;
The Wharton School: Teaching Excellence Committee, 2021-22; Faculty IT Steering Committee,
2014-2021, 2022-2023; Women's Faculty Forum Organizer, 2016-2018, 2022-2024; Applied
Economics Workshop Co-organizer, 2012-2015, 2023-2024; Academic Freedom and
Responsibility Committee, 2023-2024.

Invited Seminars and Presentations

2025 (including scheduled): AEAStat, Hoyt Institute, NYU-Abu Dhabi, Georgetown Qatar, Cornell Labor/Trade, Purdue, Warwick, LSE, Lisbon Public and Urban Economics Workshop (keynote).

2024 (including scheduled): Opportunity Insights, UPenn CHIBE, Bank of England Workshop on Household Finance and Housing, USC Trade/Spatial, Rochester Marketing, Stanford IOPLUS, BOE/Imperial Housing conference, UChicago/Princeton Spatial Workshop, Urban Economics Association, Handbook of Urban and Regional Economics conference (discussant), UMichigan Economics/Stone Center, Women in International Economics (discussant), SMU/Jinan Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (keynote).

2023: CRED workshop (keynote), UChicago Spatial/Trade workshop, INSEAD, CUNEF, CEMFI, Brookings, AAEA Symposium, Choice Symposium, Stanford Cities, Housing and Society conference, UChicago IO+ conference, Urban Economics Association, Texas A&M, UChicago Becker Applied Economics, Yale Law and Economics, Minnesota Applied Economics.

2022: AREUEA-ASSA (discussant), WBEC, Mannheim, IV Workshop on Urban Economics (IEB, keynote), NBER ITI (discussant), BFI Women in Applied Micro (discussant), George Washington, Yale Trade, BEA, Michigan State, Yale Public.

2021: AEA, UBC, Atlanta Fed, INRAE, Nuremberg, OSUS (panelist and presenter), CCBS Workshop on Household Finance and Housing (discussant), Federal Reserve Board, Columbia GSB Finance, MIT DUSP, UC Berkeley Real Estate, Colorado Finance, Columbia IO, Duke, Northwestern, NBER Japan Economic Seminar (discussant), Hitotsubashi.

2020: NBER Innovation and Entrepreneurship (discussant), UC Berkeley Opportunity Lab Research Workshop, NBER Urban Economics Summer Institute, Urban Economics Association, UNC Finance, ASU, McGill.

2019: Industrial Organization Society, AEA (discussant), AREUEA-ASSA (discussant), Carnegie-Rochester-NYU Journal of Monetary Economics Conference (discussant), University of Toronto, UCLA, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, NBER ITI Summer Institute, NBER Digitization Summer Institute (discussant), Boston University, UC Berkeley Real Estate, University of Zurich, Columbia-NYU, UC Irvine, Baruch College.

2018: AEA (discussant x2), Columbia Business School Japan Economic Seminar (discussant), University of North Dakota, NBER Trade and Agriculture Conference (discussant), HEC-Montreal, AREUEA (discussant), NBER Urban-Real Estate Summer Institute, London School of Economics, Penn State, Urban Economics Association, UIUC, Georgetown.

2017: AREUEA-ASSA (discussant), Texas A&M, Penn State, Yale, UQAM Montreal, UChicago Becker-Friedman Institute, Paris School of Economics, CURE (discussant), University of Connecticut.

Invited Seminars and Presentations *(continued)*

2016: AREUEA-ASSA (discussant), UToronto Cities and Regional Development Conference, UChicago Understanding Trade Within and Across Countries Conference, Warwick, University of Sydney, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics New Directions in Economic Geography Conference, IV Workshop on Urban Economics (IEB), NBER EFG-Price Dynamics (discussant), University of Wisconsin, Richmond Fed, UPenn Econ, Federal Reserve Board, Southern Economic Association.

2015: AEA, AREUEA-ASSA (discussant), Duke-ERID Spatial Equilibrium Conference, NYU Furman Center, NBER Summer Institute (Real Estate; Behavioral Economics, Nutrition, and Health), Brown, Kansas City Fed, UEA Frontiers in Urban Economics.

2014: IT&FA-ASSA, AREUEA-ASSA (discussant), CJEB Japan Economic Seminar (discussant), UCLA Urban Mini-Conference, Cleveland Fed, SED, NBER Japan Project Meeting, Urban Economics Handbook Conference (discussant), NBER ITI Summer Institute (discussant), UChicago Booth, UEA Annual Meeting, USDA-ERS.

2013: AEA (discussant), Syracuse University, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Princeton PPP/ICP Workshop, AREUEA, NBER PERE Summer Institute (discussant), Berkeley Haas, CURE (discussant), Philadelphia Fed Search and Matching Conference (discussant), Philadelphia Fed International Trade Workshop (discussant).

2012: University of Alabama, Clemson, College of William and Mary, Dallas Fed, New York Fed, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Notre Dame, Stockholm IIES, UBC Sauder/Econ, Wharton, Yale SOM, PSU New Faces in International Trade, Philadelphia Fed Trade Workshop, CURE, EIIT, UEA Annual Meeting.

2011: ANU, Australasian Trade Workshop.

2010: EIIT, NBER ITI Winter Meeting.

Citizenship Dual Australian and U.S. Citizen