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## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D. Candidate in Economics</b> , University of California San Diego	Expected completion: June 2024
Committee: Prashant Bharadwaj (Chair), Carlos Avenancio-Leon, Eli Berman, Julian Betts	
<b>M.A. Economics</b> , University of California San Diego	2020
<b>B.A. Economics</b> , Northwestern University	2014

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## REFERENCES

<b>Prashant Bharadwaj</b> Department of Economics UC San Diego +1 858-822-6760 <a href="mailto:prbharadwaj@ucsd.edu">prbharadwaj@ucsd.edu</a>	<b>Eli Berman</b> Department of Economics UC San Diego +1 858-534-2858 <a href="mailto:elib@ucsd.edu">elib@ucsd.edu</a>	<b>Julian Betts</b> Department of Economics UC San Diego +1 858-534-3369 <a href="mailto:jbetts@ucsd.edu">jbetts@ucsd.edu</a>
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## FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Public Finance, Applied Microeconomics

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## RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD

<b>Yale Law School</b> , New Haven, Connecticut (remote)	2022-
Research Assistant for Prof. Christine Jolls Assist in drafting of law review article on the increasing importance of the Supreme Court in the interpretation of the Administrative Procedures Act	
<b>MDRC</b> , New York, New York	2016-2019
Technical Research Assistant Evaluated over 10 programs designed for low-income people in the United States, including subsidized jobs, transitional jobs for ex-offenders, violence prevention programs, and savings programs	
<b>Kellogg School of Management</b> , Evanston, Illinois	2011-2014
Research Assistant for Prof. Adam Galinsky, Jiyin Cao, Dennis Hsu Lead laboratory experiments that studied how race, culture, and power dynamics effect decision-making and business negotiations	

## WORKING PAPERS

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### **“Estimating Income Effects on Earnings using the 2021 Child Tax Credit Expansion”**

with Kye Lippold

*Job Market Paper*

We estimate income effects on earnings using the 2021 expanded Child Tax Credit. Children born in January 2016 were eligible for a credit of \$3,600, while children born in December 2015 were eligible for \$3,000. We use administrative tax data and a regression discontinuity design to estimate the earnings response to this temporary, one-year \$600 increase in non-labor income. We find that employment as reported by third parties decreased by 2.0% in 2021 and 1.1% in 2022 in low-income families, with no effect on families with higher incomes. However, this decrease in wages was offset by an equivalent increase in self-employment income reported on tax returns, implying either increased misreporting or no overall change in real employment.

### **“Boosting Take-up of the Expanded Child Tax Credit”**

with Kye Lippold, Julian Betts & Eli Berman

The expanded Child Tax Credit in 2021 was generous but suffered from low take-up among the lowest income families. We identify families who are likely eligible and experimentally helped them file taxes through VITA, the volunteer income tax assistance program. Preliminary results suggest that the assistance intervention nearly tripled the rate of filing through VITA but did not increase overall filing rates.

### **“Understanding the Impact of Offering Loans on Forced Labor”**

with Manisha Shah & Anisha Sharma

Micro-contractors (MCs) are the first point of contact for workers on a construction site and play a major role in determining their working conditions. However, MCs themselves also face a host of challenges in their daily operations, such as limited access to low-cost working capital. We randomize MCs into an experimental group that is given access to low-cost loans and study the impact of loan access for MCs on forced labor indicators of their workers.

## POLICY BRIEF

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### **“Engaging Young Men Involved in Chicago’s Criminal Justice System: A Feasibility Study of Bridges to Pathways”**

with Kyla Wasserman, Johanna Walter, Hannah Wagner & Cindy Redcross

*OPRE Report 2019-79. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. December 2019.*

Bridges to Pathways was a program for high-risk young men in Chicago who were involved with the criminal justice system. The program offered mentoring, classes to earn a high school credential, and subsidized internships. The program reduced the rate of arrest for felony crimes and for violent crimes in the first year after study enrollment.

### **“An Evaluation of the Kansas Child Support Savings Initiative”**

with Peter Baird, Johanna Walter, Patrick Landers & Jonathan Timm

*MDRC Report. December 2017.*

The Kansas Child Support Savings Initiative allows parents who owe child support debt to pay off their debt by matching deposits into a 529 education saving account for their children with dollar-for-dollar debt reduction. Though generous, the program was experiencing low take-up. We conducted two randomized controlled trials to test whether information and transaction costs could be leading to low take-up. The impacts achieved were minimal and largely trivial.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>Candidacy Fellowship</b> , UC San Diego	2023
<b>Schmidt Futures Project Grant</b> , co-PI, \$100,000	2021
<b>Summer Research Fellowship</b> , Prashant Bharadwaj, UC San Diego	2021
<b>Summer Research Fellowship</b> , Gordon Dahl, UC San Diego	2020
<b>Regents Fellowship</b> , UC San Diego	2019-2020
<b>Tom McAuley Undergraduate Scholarship for Academic Achievement</b> , Northwestern University	2011-2014
<b>J.G. Nolan Scholarship for Academic Achievement</b> , Northwestern University	2010-2014

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant, PhD Labor Methods (Econ 250)	2022, 2023
Teaching Assistant, Master's Economic Development (GPS 451)	2021
Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Econometrics (Econ 120A, 120B, 120C)	2020, 2023

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### *External Presentations*

2024: LERA@ASSA (scheduled)

2023: National Tax Association (scheduled), United States Treasury Office of Tax Analysis, Annual All-California Labor Economics Conference

### *Professional Service*

Organizer, Southern California Conference in Applied Economics (2021, 2022); Graduate Student Member, UCSD Academic Integrity Review Board (2020-2023); Organizer, UCSD Graduate Women in Economics Mentoring Program (2021-2023); Co-Founder & Organizer, ECONnected (2021-2022).

## OTHER INFORMATION

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Citizenship: United States (naturalized), Polish

Languages: English (native), Spanish (full working proficiency), Polish (full working proficiency), Russian (conversational; limited working proficiency)