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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, Boston College 2022- present
Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Rochester 2021-2022

Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Ph.D in Economics May 2021
Master of Science in Economics Dec 2017

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

Bachelors of Arts with High Honors in Economics and Psychology June 2013

Published Papers

Patnaik, Arpita, **Joanna Venator**, Matthew Wiswall, and Basit Zafar. "The Role of Heterogeneous Risk Preferences, Discount Rates, and Earnings Expectations in College Major Choice." *Journal of Econometrics* 231, no. 1 (2022): 98-122.

Previous version: [NBER Working Paper w26785](#), February 2020

Venator, Joanna, and Jason Fletcher. "Undue burden beyond Texas: An analysis of abortion clinic closures, births, and abortions in Wisconsin." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 40, no. 3 (2021): 774-813
Previous version: [NBER Working Paper w26362](#), October 2019

Persico, Claudia L., and **Joanna Venator**. "The effects of local industrial pollution on students and schools." *Journal of Human Resources* 56, no. 2 (2021): 406-445.

Working Papers

"The Impacts of Same and Opposite Gender Alumni Speakers on Interest in Economics," *with Arpita Patnaik, Gwyn Pauley, and Matthew Wiswall.* [NBER Working Paper w30983](#), February 2023

"Dual-Earner Migration Decisions, Earnings, and Unemployment Insurance"

"Concentrating on His Career or Hers?: Descriptive Evidence on Occupational Agglomeration and Spousal Matching."

"Reproductive Policy Uncertainty and Defensive Investments in Contraception," *with Kate Pennington*

"To Grandmother's House We Go: Childcare Time Transfers and Female Labor Mobility," *with Garret Anstreicher*

Works in Progress

"Gender Differences in Economics Majors" *with Arpita Patnaik, Gwyn Pauley, and Matthew Wiswall*

"Do Workforce Development Programs Bridge the Skills Gap?," *with Lisa Kahn and Eleanor Dillon*

Policy Papers

Sawhill, Isabel, and **Joanna Venator**. "Reducing Unintended Pregnancies for Low-Income Women." in *Policies to Address Poverty in America*, ed. Melissa Kearney and Benjamin Harris (2014): 37-44.

Reeves, Richard and **Joanna Venator**. "Sex, Contraception, or Abortion? Explaining Class Gaps in Unintended Childbearing." Brookings Working Paper, February 2015.

Sawhill, Isabel, **Joanna Venator**, and Quentin Karpilow. "The Impact of Unintended Childbearing on Future Generations." Brookings Working Paper, Sept 12, 2014

Invited Paper Presentations († indicates cancelled due to COVID 19)

- 2023 (scheduled): ASSA 2023 Annual Meeting, Berkeley Haas Real Estate, NYU Economics, Southeast Micro Labor Workshop (UGA/Atlanta Fed), Nebraska Labor Summit, APPAM panel “Inequality, Migration, and Place Based Economics Development, and Equity”, Society of Labor Economics (SOLE) 2023
- 2022: ASSA 2022 Annual Meeting, US Census Bureau , ASU 6th Annual Empirical Microeconomics Conference, American Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) 2022, SOLE 2022, University of Rochester, American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) 2022, University of Pennsylvania Applied Microeconomics
- 2021: University of Iowa, Norway School of Economics, Boston College, Arizona State University, Colby College, Oxford University, Western University, University of Southern California, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, University of Rochester, Wharton Real Estate, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, University of Georgia, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, UC-Irvine, Population Association of America (PAA) 2021, SOLE 2021, Penn State Economics of Education Seminar, 16th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
- 2020: Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO), SOLE, IWPR and American University Working Group on the Economics of Reproductive Health†, PAA, Health, History, Demography and Development (H2D2) Research Day, Midwest Economics Association†; Young Economists Symposium 2020, Urban Economics Association PhD Workshop; APPAM Fall Conference; Washington State Employment Security Department; Washington Center for Equitable Growth Grantee Conference; Harvard Graduate Panel: ‘Heterogeneity by Gender - Evidence from JMPs’
- 2019: APPAM Fall Conference, 14th Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, H2D2 Research Day
- 2018: UW Madison Labor Seminar; APPAM Fall Conference

Teaching Experience

- Boston College: ECON 8085 Graduate Labor I Fall 2022
ECON 3340 Labor Economics (Undergraduate Upper Level) Spring 2023
- Univ. of Rochester: Labor Markets (Undergraduate Upper Level) Spring 2022
- Freelance Curriculum Design and Writer, Complexly Inc | Missoula, MT
Educational Video Series, Crash Course Sociology Nov 2016 to Jan 2018
25 videos, Playlist available at: <http://bit.ly/2GZL3rF>
- UW-Madison Teaching Assistant: Introductory Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016

Research Experience

- University of Wisconsin- Madison**
Project Assistant, Prof. Jason Fletcher Aug 2018 to June 2020
Project Assistant, Prof. Claudia Persico Jan 2017 to July 2018
- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago**
Summer Fellow June 2019- Aug 2019
- Brookings Institution | Washington DC**
Research Assistant, Center for Children and Families June 2013 to July 2015
Managing Editor, Social Mobility Memos May 2014 to July 2015

Honors and Fellowships

2020: Institute for Research on Poverty Dissertation Fellowship; Washington Center for Equitable Growth Doctoral Grant

2019: AEA Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Alice S. Gengler Graduate Fellowship

2018: Culbertson Field Paper Scholarship, Christensen Research Award, Mary Claire Aschenbrenner Phipps Dissertation Fellowship

2017: Juli Plant Grainger Summer Research Fellowship, Susan Jane Blake Kocin Scholarship in Labor Economics

Pre- 2017: Phi Beta Kappa (2013), Sigma Xi Research Fellowship (2011)

Affiliations

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| Faculty Affiliate, Boston College Global Public Health and the Common Good | 2022 to present |
| Graduate Research Fellow, UW-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty | 2017 to 2021 |
| Pre-Doctoral Trainee, UW-Madison Center for Demography and Ecology | 2018 to 2021 |
| UW-Madison Collaborative for Reproductive Equity | 2018 to 2021 |
| US Census Special Sworn Status | 2018 to present |

Service

Referee: Demography, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Education Economics, American Journal of Health Economics, Health Affairs, European Economic Review, Demographic Research, REStat, American Economic Review, Journal of Health Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Economic Inquiry

Society of Labor Economics Conference Program Committee, 2023

CSWEP Liaison, Boston College 2022-present

Public Economics Honors Examiner, Swarthmore College, 2022

Alumni Liaison Officer, Wisconsin Economics Graduate Organization (WEGO), 2017 to 2020

- Organized Student Poster Session, Wisconsin Alumni Conference 2018, 2019, 2020[†]

Founder/Board Member, Wisconsinites for Inclusion and Diversity in Economics (WIDE), 2018 to 2020

- Coordinated events with outside speakers; Developed and implemented department-wide climate survey; Planned student enrichment events

Additional Information

U.S. Citizen

Programming: Matlab, Stata, Julia, Python, LaTeX, ArcGIS