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Employment

University of Missouri Postdoctoral Fellow in Health Economics and Policy	2024–Present
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Education

Princeton University PhD in Economics	2024
The London School of Economics and Political Science MSc in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, <i>Distinction</i>	2018
The London School of Economics and Political Science BSc in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, <i>First Class Honours</i>	2017

Publications

1. “**E-Cigarettes in Historical Context—Innovation, Risk and Regulation**,” with Michael F. Pesko, Jamie Hartmann-Boyce, and Neal L. Benowitz.
JAMA Health Forum, 2025.
2. “**Standardising the Measurement of Cigar Tax Rates in the United States, 2010–2024**,” with Guthrie Scoblic, Abigail Friedman, Alex Liber, and Michael F. Pesko.
Tobacco Control, 2026.
3. “**E-cigarettes and Planned Smoking Cessation**,” with Michael F. Pesko.
Forthcoming, *American Journal of Health Economics*.

Working Papers

1. “**The Power of Tubal Sterilization: Permanent Contraception, Fertility, and Female Labor Supply**.”
Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of Labor Economics*.
2. “**GLP-1s and Medicaid: Insights From Policy and Prescription Data**”, with Michael F. Pesko and Lauren Tonti.
Revise & Resubmit, *Medical Care Research and Review*.

3. “Early Cigarette Prohibition During War and Peace,” with Lauren Hoehn-Velasco and Michael F. Pesko.
4. “Does Curriculum Matter? The Effects of HIV/AIDS Education Mandates on Teen Fertility,” with Jessica Min.
5. “Medicaid Coverage of GLP-1 Medications for Obesity: Effects on Behavioral Health Treatments,” with Michael F. Pesko.
6. “Welfare Reform and Fertility.”

Work in Progress

1. “The Effects of Cigar Taxes on Cigar Prices and Tobacco Product Sales: Evidence from Retail Panel Data,” with Guthrie Scoblic, Abigail S. Friedman, and Michael F. Pesko.
2. “The Impact of Hearing Aid Insurance Coverage on Health and Social Outcomes,” with Michelle Arnold, Brandy Lipton, Michael F. Pesko, and Benjamin Ukert.
3. “Effect of State Hearing Aid Mandates on Employment, Wellbeing, and Public Benefit Receipt,” with Christopher Lowenstein, Brandy Lipton, Michelle Arnold, Benjamin Ukert, and Michael F. Pesko.

Professional Activities

Presentations and Seminars

2027 ASSA Annual Meeting

2026 University of Kansas, Missouri FSRDC, Kansas Health Economics Conference, ASHEcon Conference

2025 Kansas Health Economics Conference, ASHEcon Conference, SOLE World Labor Conference, Tobacco Online Policy Seminar

2024 CES North America Conference, PAA Annual Meeting, Family Policy and Population Research Forum (UN Commission on Population and Development), APPAM Fall Research Conference

Referee Service

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Journal of Health Economics, Tobacco Control, Addiction

Fellowships and Awards

Clarence J. Hicks Memorial Fellowship, Princeton University	2023–2024
NBER Gender in the Economy Fellowship Runner-up	2023–2024
Graduate Student Fellow, Griswold Center for Economic Policy Studies	2022–2023
Graduate Student Teaching Prize, Department of Economics, Princeton University	2022

Princeton Graduate Economics Fellowship	2019–2022
J. Edward Lundy *40 Fellowship for Economics, Princeton University	2018–2019
Centaline Charity Fund Scholarship	2014–2018

Teaching

<i>Princeton</i>	ECO 981 Junior Independent Work (TA, 2023–2024)
	ECO 313 Econometric Applications (TA, Spring 2023)
	ECO 312 Econometrics: A Mathematical Approach (TA, Fall 2020, Spring 2022)
	ECO 302 Econometrics (TA, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)
<i>LSE</i>	EC210 Macroeconomic Principles (TA, 2017–2018)

Additional Information

Citizenship	Hong Kong
Languages	Cantonese (Native), English (Native), Mandarin (Native), French (Intermediate)

Last updated: July 2026