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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 08/2020–present

Assistant Professor, School of Hotel Administration, Cornell University, 07/2015–08/2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Columbia University, 2015

M.S., Civil and Environmental Engineering, Cornell University, 2009

B.S., Civil and Environmental Engineering, Cornell University, 2005

B.A., Philosophy, Cornell University, 2005

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Markets, Public Economics, Economic Development

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND ACCEPTED PAPERS

“The Effects of a Resource Boom on Wealth and Human Capital in Madagascar,” with Heidi Kaila and David E. Sahn, February 2026. Accepted, *World Bank Economic Review*.

“Shared Capitalism and Internal Control: A Conceptual Framework for Understanding How Employee Ownership Shapes Control Systems,” with Helen Choy, Robert Lee and Michael Thomas Paz, *International Review of Applied Economics*, 2026, doi:10.1080/02692171.2026.2622362

“Structural Change and Internal Labor Migration: Evidence from the Great Depression,” with Laurence Wilse-Samson, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 105(4), 2023, pp. 961-981.

“The Case of the Chelsea Grand: Card-Check Neutrality, Management Contracts, and The Duties of Owners and Operators,” with Cecelia Fanelli, David Sherwyn and Paul Wagner, *Cornell Hospitality Quarterly*, 64(1), 2023, pp. 122-133.

“Unemployment Insurance Generosity and Aggregate Employment,” with Arindrajit Dube, Lucas Goodman and Ethan Kaplan, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 13(2), 2021, pp. 58-99.

“The Effects of Tip Recommendations on Customer Tipping, Satisfaction, Retention, and Spending,” with Damon Alexander and Michael Lynn, *Management Science*, 67(1), 2021, pp. 146-165.

“The Political Economy of Discretionary Spending: Evidence from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act,” with Arindrajit Dube and Ethan Kaplan, *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, Spring 2014.

“Household Water Supply Choice and Time Allocated to Water Collection: Evidence from Madagascar,” with Peter Glick and David E. Sahn, *Journal of Development Studies*, 47(12), 2011, pp. 1826-50.

WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

“Peer Group Comparisons and Pay Spillovers in the CEO Labor Market” with Michael Paz, April 2026 (Under Review)

“Economic Voting in a Fragile Democracy: Evidence from Madagascar,” with Heidi Kaila and David E. Sahn, April 2026

“The Effects of Labor Market Tightness on Firm Profitability: Evidence from the Hotel Sector,” with Akash Bhatt and Michael Paz, April 2026

“Ground-Level Ozone Pollution and Corn Yields in the United States,” with Wolfram Schlenker and Juha Siikamäki, CEEP Working Paper Series, Working Paper Number 7, August 2019

TEACHING

University of Massachusetts Amherst

- Econ 103 – Introduction to Microeconomics
- Econ 103H – Honors Introduction to Microeconomics
- Econ 203H – Honors Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
- Econ 330 – Labor in the American Economy
- Econ 366 – Economic Development

Cornell University

- Microeconomics for the Service Industry

- Labor in the Modern Service Economy

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS

- Arnold Ventures Grant, “Effect of the Earned Income Tax Credit on Wages and Employment,” (co-PI: Ethan Kaplan), 2026–2028
- Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR) Scholar, UMass Amherst, 2024–2025
- SHA Faculty Teaching Award (×2), Cornell Univ., 2016 & 2019
- Center for the Study of Inequality Research Grant (co-PIs: D. Sahn and H. Kaila), Cornell Univ., 2018
- ISS Small Grant (co-PIs: Michael Paz and Sean Rogers), Cornell Univ., 2017