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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Candidate, University of Virginia Expected May 2021
Dissertation: "Sex, Disease, and Violence: Topics in Applied Microeconomics"
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B.A., Economics and Women's Leadership, Clemson University May 2015

FIELDS OF INTEREST:

Health, Labor, Applied Econometrics

WORKING PAPERS:

"Safer Sex? The Effect of AIDS Risk on Birth Rates" (Job Market Paper)

"Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Domestic Violence in US Cities"
With Amalia Miller (UVA) and Carmit Segal (University of Zurich)

"The Effect of Tasers on Fatal Police Encounters"

"The Effect of Abortion Restrictions on Maternal Inputs"
With Rebecca Brough (Notre Dame)

SELECTED AWARDS:

The Jefferson Fellowship (UVA's premier graduate fellowship) 2018 – 2020
Bankard Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, UVA 2020
Snively Prize for Outstanding Economics Dissertation Proposal, UVA 2018

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (scheduled) Nov 2020
SITE Economic Perspectives on Domestic Violence Sept 2020
NBER Summer Institute, Gender in the Economy (with Miller and Segal) July 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Instructor, University of Virginia
Econ 3010, Intermediate Microeconomics Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia Aug 2016 – May 2018
Econ 2010, Principles of Microeconomics; Econ 2020, Principles of Macroeconomics
Econ 3010, Intermediate Microeconomics; Econ 4160, Economics of Health

MISCELLANEOUS:

Founder and President of UVA Women in Economics 2019 - 2020
Research Assistant for Professors Amalia Miller and Sheetal Sekhri, University of Virginia 2016 - 2020