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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Economics, The University of Kansas 2026 (expected)  
Dissertation Focus: Economics of Women's Health  
Advisor: David Slusky

M.A. in Economics, The University of Kansas 2023

B.A. in Economics, Butler University, *Summa Cum Laude* 2021  
Highest Distinction in Economics  
Honors Thesis: *Critic's Pick or Social Media Smash: A Study on the Relationship Between Newspaper Reviews, Social Media Followers, and a Broadway Show's Economic Success*  
Advisor: Kathy Paulson Gjerde

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Gender Economics, Health Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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"Critics' Pick or Social Media Smash: The Effect of Critics' Reviews and Social Media on Broadway" (with Kathy Paulson Gjerde), *Applied Economics Letters*, 2024

## TECHNICAL REPORTS AND POLICY BRIEFS

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"The Economics of Child Care and Child Care Licensing in Kansas" (with Misty Heggeness and Jennifer Babitzke), *United Women's Empowerment*, forthcoming

## WORKING PAPERS

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"Occupational Hazard: An Analysis of Birth Outcomes Among Physician Mothers" (with Bapu Jena and David Slusky)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“The Impact of Abortion Bans on Fertility and WIC Participation”

“Pandemic Paternity Leave? How An Adaptive Labor Market Shifted Labor Supply for Infants’ Parents” (with Misty Heggeness and Yurong Zhang)

“The Effect of Abortion Access on Infant Birth Outcomes and Mortality”

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### The University of Kansas

Lead Instructor:

Health Economics (ECON 564)	Spring 2024
Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 144)	Summer 2023

Graduate Teaching Assistant:

Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 142)	Fall 2022, Spring 2023
Assistant Instructor for Jo Lugovskyy	

Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 144)	Fall 2022, Spring 2023
Assistant Instructor for Jo Lugovskyy	

Head Graduate Teaching Assistant (ECON 142/144)	Spring 2023
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Guest Lecturer:

Labor Economics (ECON 641)

### Butler University

Economics Tutor	Fall 2019-Spring 2021
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## HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### The University of Kansas

Institute for Policy & Social Research Fellowship	2024-Present
Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship	2021-Present
R.S. Howey Award	2022
Top Performance on Microeconomics and Macroeconomics Qualifying Exams	

### Butler University

Charles O. McGaughey Economics Leadership Award	2020
W & J Sellick & Blomberg Business Scholarship	2017

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**2024:** Population Association of America (PAA), Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), NBER Children Program Meeting, SGF Sorbonne University Research Presentation\*, ASHEcon Annual Meeting, NBER Summer Institute – Gender in the Economy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual UNL-KState-KU-Mizzou Microeconomics Research Day

**2023:** Missouri Valley Economic Association, SGF Annual Poster Session\*

\* denotes poster presentation

## SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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**2023:** The University of Kansas, Department of Economics

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists

## REFEREE EXPERIENCE

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Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**2024:** Economics Graduate Student Representative, Kansas Health Economics Referee Committee

**2023:** Economics Graduate Student Representative

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAININGS

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**2024:** Ireland Masterclass in Health Economics IV; Lean Six Sigma; SGF International Policy Seminar

**2023:** SGF Government and Science Policy Seminar in Washington DC; Negotiation & Conflict Resolution; Writing for Publics

**2022:** Numbers to Narrative: Data Storytelling and Visualization Workshop; Project Management Fundamentals; Creating an Effective Research Pitch; Social Media & Communication Networks

**2021:** Kepner-Tregoe Problem Solving & Decision Making

## SKILLS

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**Programing:** LaTeX (proficient), STATA (proficient), R (beginner)

**Political Research:** Public Records Search, State Legislature Database, Advanced Social Media Search

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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Research Assistant to David Slusky, University of Kansas	2021-Present
Research Assistant to Misty Heggeness, University of Kansas	Fall 2023, Summer 2024
Research Intern, EMILY's List, Washington D.C.	2020
Research Assistant to William Rieber, Butler University	2019-2020

## REFERENCES

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