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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. in Economics, The University of Kansas expected 2026  
Dissertation: Essays on the Economics of Women's Reproductive Health  
Advisor: David Slusky  
Committee: Donna Ginther, Misty Heggeness, Anupam B. Jena, & Aimee Wilson
- 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*, 2024

## WORKING PAPERS

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"Occupational Hazard: An Analysis of Birth Outcomes Among Physician Mothers" (with Anupam B. Jena and David Slusky) – [NBER Working Paper](#)

“New Parent Labor Supply in Adaptive Markets” (with Misty Heggeness and Yurong Zhang) – [SSRN Working Paper](#)

“The Spillover Effects of Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice Expansion on Safety Net Program Participation: Evidence from WIC” (with Owen Fleming) – [EconPapers Working Paper](#)

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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

“The Effect of Abortion Access on Birth Outcomes and Maternal Health”

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **The University of Kansas**

Lead Instructor:

Health Economics (ECON 564)	Spring 2024, Spring 2025
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, Fall 2024
Assistant Instructor for Jo Lugovskyy & Eungsik Kim	

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**

University of Kansas Institute for Policy & Social Research Fellowship	2024-Present
Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship	2021-Present
Passed PhD Oral Comprehensive Exam with Honors	2024
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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**2025:** Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-being (scheduled)  
Midwest Economics Association (scheduled)

**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  
Midwest Health Economics Conference  
Missouri Valley Economic Association  
Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM)  
Southern Economic Association  
SGF Annual Poster Session\*

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

\* denotes poster presentation

## **SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

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**2025:** USDA Economic Research Service (scheduled)

**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 (2)

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**2024:** Economics Graduate Student Representative  
Kansas Health Economics Referee Committee  
Co-Organizer of 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual KU-UNL-KState-Mizzou Applied Micro Research Day  
Organizer of KU Research Brown Bag Series  
KU Taylor Swift Seminar 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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