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EDUCATION

1996	Ph.D.	Developmental Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
1993	M.A.	Social Psychology, University of Colorado, Boulder
1991	B.A.	Psychology and French Literature, University of Wisconsin, Madison (with Distinction)
1989-90	Junior Year Abroad: Faculté de Lettres & Sciences Politiques, Aix-en-Provence, France	

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2022-	Daniel Levin Professor, Harris School of Public Policy Studies and the College, University of Chicago	
2018-2024	Professor II, NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen, Norway	
2010-2020	Professor II, University of Stavanger, Norway, School of Business Administration	
2009-2021	Professor, Harris School of Public Policy Studies and the College, University of Chicago	
2004-2009	Associate Professor (with tenure), Harris School of Public Policy Studies, The University of Chicago	
1999-2004	Assistant Professor, Harris School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago	

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

2020-present	Faculty Member, Associate Chair, and Chair of the Program Committee, University of Chicago Committee on Education
2020-2023	Technical Advisory Group Member, Center for Utilizing Behavioral Insights for Children (CUBIC), Save the Children

2018-present	Inaugural Associate Member, The Center for the Economics of Human Development, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2017-present	International Collaborator, Research Council of Norway Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality, and Rationality (FAIR), NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen, Norway
2016-present	Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) North America Invited Researcher
2015-present	Associate Investigator, The Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course, University of Queensland, Australia, Institute for Social Science Research, Brisbane, Australia
2014-present	Affiliate, ideas42
2009 (June-July)	Visiting Scholar, University of Stavanger, Norway, School of Business Administration
2009-present	Departmental Associate, Department of Psychology, University of Chicago
2007-present	Director, Center for Human Potential and Public Policy, The Harris School of Public Policy Studies, The University of Chicago
2006-2009	Visiting Scholar, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University
1999-present	Research Associate, University of Chicago Population Research Center
1999	Member, Social Science Research Council Working Group “Children and Families of the Working Poor”
1996-1999	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Poverty Research and Training Center (now the National Poverty Center), University of Michigan

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025	Fellow, German Federal Institute for Population Research (Deutsches Institut für Bevölkerungsforschung, BiB)
2018	Aspen Institute Ascend Fellowship
2017	Jacobs Foundation Marbach Castle Residence (August)
2014	Invited speaker, White House Conference on Bridging the Word Gap (October)
2014	Invited speaker, White House Summit on Working Families (June)
2014	Invited speaker, White House Academic Workshop on Changes in Family Life and Implications for 21 st Century Workforce (May)

- 2005 Changing Faces of America's Children Young Scholars Award, Foundation for Child Development
- 2003 Award for Early Research Contributions, Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) (Inaugural Biennial Award)
- 2002 Faculty Scholars Award, William T. Grant Foundation
- 2002 National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 1997 Individual National Research Service Award (NRSA) Postdoctoral Fellowship, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
- 1995 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Pre-Doctoral Training Grant Fellowship
- 1994 Family and Child Policy Fellow: Foundation for Child Development and Center for Young Children and Families, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY

PRESIDENTIAL/CONGRESSIONAL CITATION OF RESEARCH

- 2016 The Executive Office of the President (Council of Economic Advisors) “Economic Report of the President” (February). Multiple citations for research on poverty and children’s development; income-based inequality in children’s home learning environments.
- 2015 The Executive Office of the President, (Council of Economic Advisors) “The Economics of Early Childhood Investments” (January). Multiple citations for research on poverty and children’s development; income-based inequality in children’s home learning environments.
- 2014 The Executive Office of the President (Council of Economic Advisors) “The War on Poverty 50 Years Later: A Progress Report” (January). Cited for research on poverty and children’s development.

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- 2025-present Deputy Editor, *Demography*
- 2022-present Editorial Advisory Board, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*
- 2020-2024 Co-Editor, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*
- 2012-2014 Deputy Editor, *Journal of Marriage and Family*
- 2010-2012 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Marriage and Family*
- 2005-2010 Associate Editor, *Developmental Psychology*

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Bresciani, D., Kalil, A., Michelini, M., & Shah, R. (2025). What drives educational technology adoption in classrooms serving young children? Evidence from two experiments. *Economics Letters*, 257, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econlet.2025.112680>
- Shah, R., Kalil, A., & Mayer, S. (2025). Engaging parents with preschools: evidence from a field experiment. *Applied Economics*, 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2025.2471586>
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- Kalil, A., Mayer, S., Delgado, W., & Gennetian, L. (2024). The education gradient in parental time investment and subjective well-being. *Review of Economics of the Household*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11150-024-09734-5>
- Silverman, D., Destin, M., Hernandez, I., Ryan, R., Kalil, A., & Schneider, M. (2024). Economic mobility and parents' opportunity hoarding. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 121, 37.
- Jackson, M., Song, H., & Kalil, A. (2024). Local welfare state spending and educational gaps in maternal time with children *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 86, 412-432.
- Kalil, A., Corman, H., Dave, D., Schwartz-Soicher, O., & Reichman, N. (2023). Welfare reform and the quality of young children's home environments. *Demography*, 60, 1791-1813.
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- Reichman, N., Corman, H., Dave, D., Kalil, A., Schwartz-Soicher, O. (2023). Effects of welfare reform on positive health and social behaviors of adolescents. *Children*, 10, 260-
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- Kalil, A., Ryan, R., & Steimle, S. (2023). Trends in parents' time investment at children's schools during a period of economic change. *AERA Open*, 9. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23328584231163862>.
- Rege, M., Størksen, I., Solli, I., Kalil, A., McClelland, M. et al. (2021). The importance of a structured curriculum for preschool effectiveness: A field experiment. *Journal of Human Resources*. Published online ahead of print December 8, 2021: <https://doi.org/10.3368/jhr.0220-10749R3>

- Hines, C., Kalil, A., & Ryan, R. (2021). Differences in parents' attitudes toward spanking across socioeconomic status and region, 1986-2016. *Social Indicators Research*. Published on-line ahead of print: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-021-02803-7>
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- Kalil, A. & Ryan, R. (2020). Parenting practices and socioeconomic gaps in childhood outcomes *The Future of Children* 30 (1), 29-54.
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- Price, J. & Kalil, A. (2019). The effect of parental time investments on children's cognitive achievement: Evidence from natural within-family variation. *Child Development*, 90: e-688 -e702. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cdev.13137>
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- Chor, E., Andresen, M., & Kalil, A. (2016). The impact of universal preschool on family behavior and child outcomes in Australia. *Economics of Education Review*, 55, 168-181.
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- Leininger, L., & Kalil, A. (2008). Cognitive and non-cognitive predictors of success in adult education programs: Evidence from experimental data with low-income welfare recipients. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 27, 521-535.
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- Kalil, A. & Ziol-Guest, K. (2008). Teacher support, school goal structures, and teenage mothers' school engagement. *Youth and Society*, 39, 524-548.
- Foster, E.M. & Kalil, A. (2007). Living arrangements and children's development in low-income white, black, and Latino families. *Child Development*, 78, 1657-1674.
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- Ziol-Guest, K., DeLeire, T., & Kalil, A (2006). The allocation of food expenditure in married and single-parent families. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, 40, 347-371.
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- Kalil, A. & Ziol-Guest, K (2005). Single mothers' employment dynamics and adolescent well-being. *Child Development*, 76, 196-211.
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- DeLeire, T. & Kalil, A (2005). How do cohabiting couples with children spend their money? *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 67, 285-294.
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- Dunifon, R., Kalil, A., & Danziger, S.K. (2003). Maternal work behavior under welfare reform: How does the transition from welfare to work affect child development? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 25, 55-82.

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Manuscripts Under Review

Kalil, A., Mayer, S., Oreopoulos, P., & Shah, R. (2025). Making a song and dance about it: The effectiveness of teaching young children vocabulary with animated music videos. Revise and resubmit, *Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis*.

Kalil, A., Liu, H., Mayer, S., Rury, D., & Shah, R. (2025). A digital library for parent-child shared reading improves language skills for young disadvantaged children. Revise and resubmit, *European Journal of Economics*.

Bresciani, D., Kalil, A., Liu, H., Mayer, S., & Shah, R. (2025). Boosting young children's math skill with technology in the home environment. Revise and resubmit, *Economics of Education Review*.

Bresciani, D., Kalil, A., Liu, H., & Mayer, S (2025). Priming parental identity: Evidence from experimental data. Reject and resubmit, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*.

Kalil, A., Ryan, R., & Bresciani, D. (2025). Men at work: Time investment and subjective well-being. Under review, *Review of Economics of the Household*.

Liu, L. & Kalil, A. (2025) Chat2Learn: A proof-of-concept evaluation of a technology-based tool to enhance parent-child language interaction. Under review, *Developmental Science*.

Rury, D., Kalil, A., Mayer, S., & Bresciani, D. (2025). Talking about words boosts preschool-age children's vocabulary: Evidence from a parent intervention. Under review, *American Economic Journal: Policy*.

Books

Kalil, A., Haskins, R., & Chesters, J., (Eds.) (2012). *Investing in Children: Work, Education, and Social Policy in Two Rich Countries*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press.

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Book Reviews, Book Chapters, and Other Publications

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INVITED SPEAKER

2025 Keynote Speaker, UNICEF Innocenti, Futures of Behavioral Data Science, AI Technology, and Development for Children

- Australian Research Council (ARC) Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course, International Life Course Conference
 Faculty lecturer, Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality, Dilijan, Armenia
 Armenian Economics Association Annual Meeting, Yerevan, Armenia
 University of Stavanger, Norway
 University of Konstanz, Cluster of Excellence "The Politics of Inequality"
 Centre for Demographic Studies, Autonomous University of Barcelona
 Department of Economics, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Quito, Ecuador
 Berlin School of Economics, Berlin, Germany
- 2024 SciencesPo, Center for Research on Social Inequalities, Paris, France
 Keynote Speaker, 1st Social Innovation Opportunity, Ministry of Development and Social Inclusion of Peru
 University of Chicago Department of Psychology
 University of Zürich, Department of Economics
 The Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne (Melbourne, Australia)
 Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra, Australia)
- 2023 Keynote Speaker, Stavanger Economics Festival, Stavanger, Norway
 University of Pennsylvania, School of Education
- 2022 Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories (LIfBi), Bamberg, Germany
 Federal Institute for Population Research (BiB), Wiesbaden, Germany
 Keynote Speaker, Fröbel (Germany) 11th Plenum Early Education conference Berlin, Germany
 Invited Speaker, Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality, and Rationality (FAIR) Midway Conference, NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Sommarøy, Norway
 University of Sydney, Australian Health and Human Capital Economics Seminar
 University of Chicago Department of Pediatrics, Grand Rounds
 University of Chicago, Yuen Campus in Hong Kong (virtual, 2x)
- 2021 Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin Italy
 Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health
 Keynote Speaker, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)/German Center for Higher Education Research and Science Studies (DZHW) Conference, Berlin, Germany
 Keynote Speaker, Singapore Civil Service College & Ministry of Social and Family Development
 Invited faculty lecturer, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity (HCEO) Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality
 University College London, Social Research Institute
 Invited Plenary Speaker, Council of Large Public Housing Authorities (CLPHA) Annual Summit

- Keynote Speaker, International Sociological Association, Conference on Social Stratification and Social Mobility, Turku, Finland
 Guest Speaker University of Chicago, Oeconomica (Undergraduate Economics Research Society)
 University of Stavanger Business School, Stavanger, Norway
- 2020 University of Michigan, Ford School of Public Policy
 Keynote Speaker, University of Chicago/Chicago Booth Asia Forum, Hong Kong (re-scheduled due to COVID-19)
 Keynote Speaker, International Sociological Association, Conference on Social Stratification and Social Mobility, Turku, Finland (re-scheduled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 Invited Speaker, Chicago Booth Education Management Conference
 Invited Speaker, LEGO Idea Conference, Billund, Denmark
 Invited Masterclass Presenter, Graduate Center of DIW Berlin (the German Institute for Economic Research)
 Keynote Speaker, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) Behavioral Insights Network of the Latin American Economic Association meeting, Washington, D.C.
 Invited faculty lecturer, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity (HCEO) Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality, Bergen, Norway.
 National University of Singapore, Department of Economics
 Western Michigan University, Department of Economics Sichel Lecture Series
- 2018 University of Chicago, Department of Psychology
 University of Chicago, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience
 Keynote Speaker, Finnish National Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki, Finland
 Keynote Speaker, Reach Out and Read National Leadership Conference, Cincinnati, OH
 Invited Speaker, Centre for Experimental Research on Fairness, Inequality, and Rationality (FAIR) Inaugural Conference, NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen, Norway
 Invited Symposium Speaker, IZA-Institute of Labor Economics World Labor Conference, Berlin, Germany
 Invited Symposium Speaker, Cornell University, Department of Policy and Management
 Keynote Speaker, The Society of Bolivian Economists (SEBOL) 9th Bolivian Conference on Development Economics, Santa Clara, Bolivia
- 2017 University of Luxembourg, Institute for Research on Socio-Economic Inequality
 University of Chicago, UnCommon Core Alumni Lecture, Chicago IL
 Invited Speaker, Chicago Early Learning Research Symposium, Office of the Mayor, City of Chicago
 Invited Plenary Speaker, LENA Early Language Conference, Vail, Colorado

- Keynote Speaker, Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies Conference (SLLS), Stirling, Scotland
Invited Keynote Speaker, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) meeting “How Behavioral Insights can Inform the Design of Health and Social Policies in Latin America,” Buenos Aires, Argentina
Brown University, Department of Economics
- 2016 APPAM/MDRC policy forum on “The Future of Applying Behavioral Science to Improve Social Policy,” Washington, D.C
Keynote Speaker, Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative, Portland, Oregon
Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President – Washington, D.C
University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Education
Keynote Speaker, Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development, Vilnius, Lithuania
Invited Symposium Speaker, Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting Ideas42 – New York, NY
Triennial Invitational Choice Symposium, Alberta, Canada
Brown University, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs
University of Chicago Harper Alumni Lecture, Minneapolis, MN
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty
Invited Speaker, Ford Foundation/OECD High-Level Expert Group on Economic Insecurity
Invited Panel Speaker, Early Learning Lab (San Francisco, CA) Next Generation Testing and Learning Summit
- 2015 University of Southern California, Center for Economic and Social Research
University of Virginia, Curry School of Education
Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences Board on Children Youth and Families
Keynote Speaker, ideas42 “Applying Behavioral Insights to Cities” Workshop, Office of the Mayor, City of Chicago
Keynote Speaker, University of Queensland, Australia, Life Course Centre Inaugural Research Conference
University of Sydney, Australia, Department of Economics
Washington, D.C., Center for American Progress
- 2014 University of Chicago, Population Research Center
Keynote Speaker, Head Start Annual Research Conference
Brigham Young University, Department of Economics
The White House, Working Families Summit
The White House, Bridging the Word Gap conference
The White House, Workshop on Changes in Family Life and Implications for 21st Century Workforce
University of Michigan, Ford School of Public Policy

Duke University, Sanford School of Public Policy Sulzberger Distinguished
Lecture

- 2013 University of Chicago, Department of Human Development
University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration
University of California-Davis, Center for Poverty Research
Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), Bergen, Norway, Department of
Economics
Russell Sage Foundation, New York NY
Penn State University, Population Research Center
- 2012 University of Chicago, Department of Psychology
Pew Charitable Trusts, Economic Mobility Project (Washington, D.C.)
University of California-Davis, Center for Poverty Research
Australian Institute of Family Studies, Invited Conference Panel Speaker
(Melbourne, Australia)
The Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of
Melbourne (Melbourne, Australia)
Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra,
Australia)
- 2011 Cornell University, Department of Policy Analysis and Management
University of Chicago, Center for Population Economics, Booth School of
Business
Penn State University, Population Research Center
University of Virginia, Batten School of Public Policy
- 2010 University of Illinois, Institute of Government and Public Affairs
Economic Policy Institute (Washington, D.C.)
- 2009 Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace
Relations (Canberra, Australia)
University of Stavanger, Norway, Department of Business Administration
University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine, Grand Rounds (Section of
Geriatrics)
University of Texas, Population Research Center
- 2008 Social Policy Research Center, University of New South Wales (Sydney,
Australia)
Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute, Australian National
University (Canberra, Australia)
Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace
Relations (Canberra, Australia)
University of Stavanger, Norway, Department of Business Administration
Telluride Economic Summit on Early Childhood Investment
University of Toronto, School of Public Policy and Governance

- University of Wisconsin, La Follette School of Public Affairs
Northwestern University, Institute for Policy Research
- 2007 University of Washington, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology
University of Kentucky, Center for Poverty Research (April and October)
University of Michigan, National Poverty Center
- 2006 Migration Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.
Northwestern University, Cells to Society (C2S): The Center on Social Disparities
and Health
Cornell University, Department of Policy Analysis and Management
Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Public Affairs
University of California, Davis, Institute of Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and
Families (Child Care Bureau), Child Care Policy Research Consortium
- 2005 University of Lausanne (Switzerland), Institute of Psychology
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children
and Families (Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation), National
Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference
University of Michigan, Panel Study of Income Dynamics –Child Development
Supplement –II Early Results Conference
- 2004 U.S. Bureau of the Census
New York University, Department of Sociology
Northwestern University, Department of Sociology
University of Chicago, Department of Psychology
University of Chicago, Population Research Center
Northwestern University, Institute for Policy Research & Department of
Psychology
- 2003 University of Wisconsin, School of Social Work and Institute for Research on
Poverty
Cornell University, Department of Policy Analysis and Management
University of Michigan, National Poverty Center Conference on Marriage and
Family Formation among Low-income Couples
Duke University, Sanford Institute of Public Policy
University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research
- 2002 University of Nebraska, Center on Children, Families, and the Law
- 2001 University of Chicago, Population Research Center
- 2000 Penn State University, Population Research Institute National Symposium on
Cohabitation and Child Development
Northwestern University, Institute for Policy Research

Penn State University, Department of Human Development and Family Studies
University of Chicago, Alfred P. Sloan Working Families Center

1998 University of Michigan, School of Public Policy
University of Chicago, Population Research Center
Northwestern University/University of Chicago, Joint Center for Poverty
Research September Research Institute

RESEARCH GRANTS

2025-2026	Institute for Educational Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. “Chat2Learn Suite.” (Grant #R305J250039 - FP114569). Awarded \$500,000. (Principal Investigator).
2025-26	University of Chicago, Susan and Richard Kiphart Center Fund for Research and Innovation in Global Health and Social Development, “Chat2Learn Peru.” Awarded \$50,000. (Principal Investigator)
2025-28	Arnold Ventures. “Reducing Chronic Absenteeism in the Early Years of School.” Awarded \$479,843 (Principal Investigator)
2025-2026	The Overdeck Foundation. “Mitigating chronic absenteeism in public pre-K (II).” Awarded \$150,000. (Principal Investigator).
2025-2026	The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL North America), Social Policy Research Initiative Grant “Chat2Learn-AI,” Awarded \$76,498 (Principal Investigator)
2025-2026	Becker-Friedman Institute, University of Chicago, Socioeconomic Inequalities Initiative. “Chat2Learn-AI” Awarded \$20,000 (Principal Investigator)
2024-2025	UCLA Center for Incentive Design. “Understanding the impact of misaligned incentives in student achievement evaluations.” Awarded \$10,000 (Principal Investigator)
2024-2025	Anonymous Foundation. “Raising futures: Narrowing the skill gap between advantaged and disadvantaged children.” Awarded \$155,235 (Principal Investigator)
2024-2025	MIT Solve/Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Learner//Meets//Future Challenge. “Chat2Learn AI Suite.” Awarded \$50,000 (Principal Investigator).
2024-2025	The Overdeck Foundation. “Mitigating chronic absenteeism in public pre-K (I).” Awarded \$150,000. (Principal Investigator).
2024-2025	University of Chicago, Provost’s Global Faculty Awards for Latin America and the Caribbean “Chat2Learn Peru.” Awarded \$20,000 (Principal Investigator).
2024-2025	Carina Initiatives, Irvine, CA “About TIME II: Technology in math education.” Awarded \$470,000 (Principal Investigator).

2023-2025	The McCormick-Tribune Foundation: “Implementation of Chat2Learn.” Awarded \$325,000. (Principal Investigator)
2023	The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL North America), Social Policy Research Initiative Grant “Evaluating Learning Interactions II” Awarded \$141,543 (Principal Investigator)
2022-23	Becker-Friedman Institute, University of Chicago. “Remediating Inequalities in Young Children’s Human Capital Development after COVID-19” Awarded \$90,000 (Principal Investigator)
2021-2023	Carina Initiatives, Irvine, CA “About TIME: Technology in Math Education Phase 2” Awarded \$1,506,000 (Principal Investigator).
2021-2023	Russell Sage Foundation, “Parents’ Beliefs about Economic Mobility as Determinants of Human Capital Investment Strategies.” Awarded \$40,465 (Co-Investigator with Principal Investigator Mesmin Destin).
2021-2022	The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL North America), Social Policy Research Initiative Grant “Evaluating Learning Interactions I” Awarded \$150,000 (Principal Investigator)
2021	Carina Initiatives, Irvine, CA “About TIME: Technology in Math Education” Awarded \$120,000 (Principal Investigator).
2020-2021	Talking Points, Oakland, CA “Behavioral messaging for teacher-family engagement.” Awarded \$75,000 (Principal Investigator).
2020-2021	The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) “Chat2Learn for Illinois Families” Awarded \$370,000 (Principal Investigator)
2020	The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL North America) “Parent Engagement & Action for Kindergarten Success (PEAKS)” Awarded \$50,000 (Principal Investigator)
2020	Becker-Friedman Institute, University of Chicago. “Effects of the Novel Coronavirus on Parents’ Investments in Children’s Human Capital Development” Awarded \$20,000 (Principal Investigator)
2019-2021	The McCormick-Tribune Foundation: “Connecting Parents and Schools (CPAS)” Awarded \$400,000 (Principal Investigator)
2019-2021	The McCormick-Tribune Foundation: “Parents’ Investment in their Children’s School Readiness: Understanding Differences by Parental Education.” Awarded \$350,000. (Principal Investigator)
2019-2021	The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL North America) “Evaluation of Talking Points.” Awarded \$175,000, additional project funding awarded by the Peery Foundation (\$100,000), Voqal Foundation (\$50,000) and the Open Road Alliance (\$100,000) (Principal Investigator)

2019-2020	University of Chicago, Griffin Applied Economics Incubator: "Understanding Differences in Parents' Investment in Their Children's School Readiness." Awarded \$75,000 (Principal Investigator)
2019-2021	Anonymous Foundation "Narrowing the Gap in Children's Literacy Skills: The Children and Parents Engaged in Reading (CAPER) Project." Awarded \$2,166,475 (Principal Investigator).
2018-2019	The Chicago Mercantile Exchange Foundation "New Avenues for Parent Math Engagement: Understanding the User Experience." Awarded \$100,000 (Principal Investigator).
2018-2019	Paul M. Angell Family Foundation "Mapping Cognitive Barriers to Participation in Preschool Parenting Programs (MAP4 Parents)." Awarded \$100,000 (Principal Investigator).
2017-2018	The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL North America) "Evaluation of Big Word Club." Awarded \$223,080 (Principal Investigator).
2016-2020	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. "Effects of Maternal Work Incentives on Adolescent Social and Health Behaviors." Grant #1R01HD086223. Awarded \$1,425,533 (Co-Investigator with Principal Investigator Nancy Reichman).
2016-2018	The Chicago Mercantile Exchange Foundation "M-PACT: Math for Parents and Children Together." Awarded \$49,969 (Principal Investigator).
2016-2018	The Overdeck Foundation "M-PACT: Math for Parents and Children Together." Awarded \$500,000 (Principal Investigator).
2016-2018	The McCormick-Tribune Foundation "M-PACT: Math for Parents and Children Together." Awarded \$250,000 (Principal Investigator).
2015-2017	Paul M. Angell Family Foundation "M-PACT: Math for Parents and Children Together." Awarded \$50,000 (Principal Investigator).
2015-2017	The Heising-Simons Foundation "M-PACT: Math for Parents and Children Together." Awarded \$154,624 (Principal Investigator).
2015-2017	The Joyce Foundation "Using Behavioral Insights to Increase Preschool Attendance." Awarded \$175,000 (Principal Investigator).
2014-2019	Norwegian Research Council "Leveling the Playing Field: An Intervention to Promote School Readiness and Human Potential" Awarded 9,993,000 NOK (~ \$1.5m USD)(Co-Investigator with Principal Investigators Mari Rege and Ingunn Størksen).
2015-2016	The Spencer Foundation "Inequality at Home: The Evolution of Class-based Gaps in Young Children's Home Learning Environments and School Readiness Skills from 1986 to 2012." Awarded \$238,827 (Principal Investigator).

2014-2016	Russell Sage Foundation and Washington Center for Equitable Growth “Inequality at Home: The Evolution of Class-based Gaps in Young Children’s Home Environments and Pre-school Skills from 1986 to 2012.” Awarded \$100,007 (Principal Investigator).
2014-2016	National Science Foundation “Preschool-Age Skills Gaps and the Changing Technology of Parenting.” Awarded \$247,501 (Principal Investigator).
2014-2015	The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) “Mindful parenting: A pilot study leveraging neuroscience and technology to promote well-being and child development at home.” Awarded \$49,713 (Co-Investigator with Principal Investigator Philip Oreopoulos).
2014-2015	Aspen Institute Ascend Fund “It all adds up: Promoting financial and math literacy in two-generations of low-income families.” Awarded \$50,000 (Principal Investigator).
2014-2015	Smith Richardson Foundation “Motivating parents to spend time with their children.” Awarded \$256,103 (Principal Investigator).
2013-2015	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. “Mothers’ education after childbearing and family wellbeing.” Grant # 1R03HD073312. Awarded \$162,670 (Co-Investigator with Principal Investigator Jennifer March Augustine).
2012-2013	Foundation for Child Development. “A dual-generation strategy: Using technology to support learning opportunities for children and for families.” Awarded \$57,747 (Principal Investigator).
2011-2013	Russell Sage Foundation. “The Great Recession and married parents’ use of time.” Awarded \$82,840 (Principal Investigator).
2011-2012	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. “Long-run impacts of childhood housing instability on attainment, health, and behavior.” Awarded \$200,000 (Principal Investigator).
2010	Population Research Center, University of Chicago “The effects of the Great Recession on vulnerable children and their families.” Awarded \$18,500 (Principal Investigator).
2010	Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Awarded \$105,000 for the Australian National University conference “Advancing Child and Family Policy Through Research” (conference co-organizer with Andrew Leigh).
2010-2011	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. “Nonstandard work schedules and child development—Administrative Supplement.” Grant # 3 R01 HD057952-02S1. Awarded: \$176,661 (Principal Investigator).

2009-2012	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. "Nonstandard work schedules and child development." Grant #R01 #HD057952. Awarded \$1,003,668 (Principal Investigator).
2009-2010	National Center for Marriage Research, Bowling Green State University "Parental job loss and marital conflict." Awarded \$20,000 (Principal Investigator).
2009-2010	Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan. "Early childhood poverty and the occurrence of inflammation in adulthood." Awarded \$15,000 (Co-investigator with Kathleen Ziol-Guest and Greg Duncan).
2009	Population Research Center, University of Chicago "Diverging destinies: Maternal education, employment, and investments in children" Awarded \$19,425 (Principal Investigator).
2008-2009	John A. Hartford Center of Excellence in Geriatrics, University of Chicago Medical School. "Job insecurity and health among older men and women." Awarded \$12,000 (Principal Investigator)
2008	Population Research Center, University of Chicago Conference grant "Health and attainment over the lifecourse: Reciprocal linkages from before birth to old age." Awarded \$10,000 (Principal Investigator)
2008	Population Research Center, University of Chicago "Mexican immigrant mothers, their children, and the American educational system" Awarded \$19,408 (Principal Investigator).
2006-2009	Individual National Research Service Award (NRSA), National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: "Cohabitation, child wellbeing, and parental investments." Grant #F32-HD054044-01 (Sponsor for Rebecca Ryan)
2006-2007	U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service, Research Development Grant: "Food Stamps receipt and food insecurity after welfare reform: Links to health and behavior among low-income immigrant and native children." Awarded \$40,000 (Principal Investigator)
2006	The Chicago Center of Excellence in Health Promotion Economics, University of Chicago: "The effects of maternal education on children's health in low-income families: Evidence from experimental data in the United States." Awarded \$15,000 (Principal Investigator)
2005-2008	Foundation for Child Development, Changing Faces of America's Children Young Scholars Program: "Parental labor market experiences, investments in children, and the educational, behavioral, and physical health status of immigrant children." Awarded \$150,000 (Principal Investigator)

- 2005 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Conference Grant (1R13HD51199-1) “Mixed methods research on economic conditions, public policy, and family and child well-being.” (Principal Investigator)
- 2005 American Psychological Association Conference Grant “Mixed methods research on economic conditions, public policy, and family and child well-being.” (Principal Investigator)
- 2003 Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research, Census-funded Research Development Grant: “Parental job loss and child well-being.” Awarded \$30,000 (Principal Investigator)
- 2002-2007 William T. Grant Foundation, Faculty Scholars Award: “Consequences of parental job loss for adolescents’ school performance and educational attainment.” Awarded \$300,000 (Principal Investigator)
- 2002-2003 National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship: “Consequences of parental job loss for adolescents’ school performance and educational attainment.” Awarded \$50,000 (Principal Investigator)
- 2002 William T. Grant Foundation, Officer’s Discretionary Funds. Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research 2002 September Research Institute “Family Investments in Children’s Potential: Resources and Behaviors that Promote Children’s Success.” Awarded \$20,000 (Conference organizers: A. Kalil & T. DeLeire)
- 2002 Foundation for Child Development, Officer’s Discretionary Funds. Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research 2002 September Research Institute “Family Investments in Children’s Potential: Resources and Behaviors that Promote Children’s Success.” Awarded \$20,000 (Conference organizers: A. Kalil & T. DeLeire)
- 2001-2003 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: “Living Arrangements, Parenting & Developmental Outcomes Among Children in Poverty.” Grant #R01 HD40935-01. Awarded \$533,000 (Co-Investigator with Principal Investigator R. Jayakody)
- 2000-2002 Joyce Foundation: “Educational and occupational experiences and outcomes among low-income teenage mothers.” Awarded \$102,000 (Principal Investigator)
- 2000-2001 Spencer Foundation: “Intergenerational capital and academic achievement in black and white youth.” Awarded \$35,000 (Principal Investigator)

2000-2001	Population Research Center, University of Chicago: "Linking child development outcomes to transitions in family structure among single-mother families." Awarded \$10,000 (Co- Principal Investigator with T. DeLeire)
1997-2000	Individual National Research Service Award (NRSA), National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: "Welfare effects on mental health and child development." Grant #F32-HD08145-03. Awarded \$87,000 (Principal Investigator)
1999	Office of the Vice-President for Research, Northwestern University: "Family of origin social capital and the black-white test score gap." Awarded \$12,000 (Co-Principal Investigator with M. Pattillo-McCoy)
1999	Radcliffe College Research Support Program, Cambridge, MA: "Living arrangements and family functioning in low-income young mother families." Awarded \$5,000 (Co-principal investigator with R. Jayakody)
1998	Poverty Project Award: Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison: "How teen mothers are faring under welfare reform." Awarded \$37,000 (Co-principal investigator with S.K. Danziger)
1998-1999	Joyce Foundation, Chicago, IL: "Barriers to employment of welfare recipients." Awarded \$400,000 (Co-principal investigator with Danziger, S.H., Danziger, S.K., Corcoran, M., & Tolman, R)
1997-1998	Children in Poverty Research Award: Center for Human Growth and Development, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "Risk and protective factors for child development and family functioning in multigenerational welfare families." Awarded \$7,500 (Co-principal investigator with S. K. Danziger)
1997-1998	Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Flint, MI: "Barriers to employment of welfare recipients." Awarded \$400,000 (Co-principal investigator with Danziger, S.H., Danziger, S.K., Corcoran, M., & Tolman, R)
1997	Poverty Project Award: Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison: "Barriers to well-being in multigenerational families in Michigan's Family Independence Program." Awarded \$50,000 (Co-principal investigator with S. K. Danziger)

NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

2023-25	Member, Board of Directors, State of the Nation Project https://stateofnation.org/
2022-	International Advisory Board Member, IPUMS Time Use Surveys

- 2016-17 Program Co-Chair, Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development
- 2013- Research Advisory Board, Washington Center for Equitable Growth at the Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Review Panel Chair, “Social Policy & Public Health”
- 2012 Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (Children and Youth topic area)
- 2011 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Review Panel Chair, “Public Policy”
- 2010-2014 Member (permanent), Social Sciences and Population Studies (SSPS) Study Section, National Institutes of Health
- 2010-2013 Member, Technical Review Committee, Bureau of Labor Statistics' National Longitudinal Surveys Program
- 2008-2014 Member, Board of Overseers, Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)
- 2009 Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy and Management (Social Policy and Child and Family Policy Subcommittees)
- 2008 Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy and Management (Social Policy Subcommittee)
- 2008 National Institutes of Health, Social Science and Population Studies. Member, Health of the Population special emphasis panel (NIH R03, R15 and R21 Funding Mechanisms)
- 2008 Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (Chair, Children, Youth, and Parenting topic area)
- 2007 Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy and Management (Social Policy Subcommittee)
- 2005 National Poverty Center, University of Michigan. Co-organizer (with H. Yoshikawa) for the conference “Mixed methods research on economic conditions, public policy, and family and child well-being.”
- 2003 National Institutes of Health, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR). Member, special emphasis panel for “Pathways Linking Education to Health” (NIH R01 Funding Mechanism)
- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Member, special emphasis panel for “Intergenerational Family Resource Allocation” (NIH R01 Funding Mechanism)
- 2002 Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research. Co-organizer (with T. DeLeire) for the September Research Institute (“Family investments in children’s potential: Resources and behaviors that promote success”)

2000 Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research. Co-organizer (with G. Duncan, S. Mayer, & T. DeLeire) for the September Research Institute (“The role of non-cognitive skills in economic success”)

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

2025- Faculty Council Member, France-Chicago Center, University of Chicago

2024- Advisor, Stone Center for Research on Wealth Inequality and Mobility, University of Chicago

2021- Steering Committee, University of Chicago International Institute of Research in Paris (IIRP)

2023 Co-Organizer (with Professor James Heckman), Rohit and Harvanit Kumar Conference on the Economics of Early Childhood Education, Becker Friedman Institute

2022 Organizer, Rohit and Harvanit Kumar Conference on the Economics of Early Childhood Education, Becker Friedman Institute

2021-22 Chair, University of Chicago Benton Medal Committee

2021 University-wide Student Disciplinary Committee

2021-22 Harris School Senior Faculty Search Committee, Education

2020-21 Co-chair, Harris School Postdoctoral Scholar Search Committee, Inequality

2018-20 Chair, Harris School Senior Faculty Search Committee, Education

2018-2020 Co-chair, Harris School Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board

2016 Co-founder, University of Chicago Undergraduate Public Policy Major Study Abroad Program, Barcelona, Spain

2015- Harris School Curriculum Committee

2014-2017 University-wide Student Disciplinary Committee

2013-14 Harris School Dean’s Search Committee (elected by Harris faculty)

2011-2015 University of Chicago Women’s Leadership Council

2013-14 Chair, Harris School Junior Faculty Search Committee, Child/Family Policy

2008-09 Harris School Senior and Junior Faculty Search Committee, Child/Family Policy

2008-present Faculty Advisory Council for the Arete (interdisciplinary research) Initiative, University of Chicago

2008-2011 University of Chicago Committee on Faculty Retirement and Oversight

2008-2012 Committee to Advise the Provost on Faculty Hiring in the Harris School

2008-2012 Harris School Expansion Architect Selection Committee

2006-2010 France Chicago Center Faculty Advisory Committee, University of Chicago

2005-06	Harris School Senior and Junior Faculty Search Committee, Child/Family Policy
2004-2012	Harris School Ph.D. Committee
2004-2009	Institutional Representative, Association for Public Policy and Management
2004-present	Executive Committee member and Director of the Program Development Core for the Population Research Center, NORC and the University of Chicago
2004-2006	Social and Behavioral Sciences IRB Committee member (Vice-chair), University of Chicago
2004	Faculty facilitator, Harris School Ph.D. Foreign Exchange Workshop (Sciences Politiques, Paris)
2001-2002	Faculty Mentor, University of Chicago Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP)/McNair Scholars Program
2001-2002	Harris School Public Policy Student Association Policy Fellowship Selection Committee
1999-2001	Harris School Senior Faculty Search Committee for Director, Center for Human Potential and Public Policy; Junior Faculty Search Committee, Child/Family Policy

Ad-Hoc Reviewer

American Economic Review
American Journal of Community Psychology
American Journal of Sociology
Applied Developmental Science
Australian Journal of Social Issues
Demography
Developmental Psychology
Economics of Education Review
Family Planning Perspectives
Family Relations
Journal of Adolescence
Journal of Adolescent Research
Journal of Family Issues
Journal of Marriage and Family
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory
Journal of Research on Adolescence
Journal of the American Medical Women's Association
 Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation
 National Science Foundation
 Oxford University Press
Parenting: Science and Practice
Population Studies
Psychological Bulletin

Social Forces

Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology

Social Science Quarterly

Social Science Research

Social Service Review

Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting

Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting

Spencer Foundation

SRCD Social Policy Report

Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research

William T. Grant Foundation

TEACHING

Early Childhood: Human Capital Development and Public Policy, graduate and undergraduate courses that introduce students to the literature on early child development and explores how an understanding of core developmental concepts can inform social policies.

Poverty and Social Welfare Policy, graduate course that examines the causes and consequences of poverty in the United States and reviews the major social policies used to reduce poverty.

Policy Interventions to Improve Children's Health and Human Capital, graduate course that assesses the effectiveness of interventions (in the U.S. and internationally) targeted at children, families, schools, and neighborhoods that aim to improve children's health, achievement, and long-run success.

Work and Family Policy, graduate course that focuses on the conditions shaping working families, and the public policies that can help improve the quality of parent and child well-being in these families.

Developmental Perspectives on Child and Family Policy, graduate course that shows how the science of developmental psychology can inform public policy for children and families.

Adolescent Development and the Transition to Adulthood, graduate course that discusses the transition to adulthood in a changing economic landscape with a focus on the role that public policy can play for disadvantaged youth.

Introduction to Developmental Psychology, undergraduate course that teaches the principles of social, cognitive, and biological development from infancy to old age.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Society for Research in Child Development

The Association for Public Policy and Management
Population Association of America

ADVISING

Postdoctoral Students Supervised (Dates and First Positions)

Crosby, Danielle (2004-2006); Assistant Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

Mendenhall, Ruby (2004-2006); Assistant Professor, Departments of Sociology and African American Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ziol-Guest, Kathleen M. (2005-2006); Postdoctoral Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program, Harvard University.

Leininger, Lindsey (2007-08); Postdoctoral Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program, University of Wisconsin

Ryan, Rebecca (2006-09); Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Georgetown University

Prickett, Kate (2016-2018); Senior Lecturer and Director of the Roy McKenzie Centre for the Study of Families and Children, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Klein, Nadav (2015-2019); Assistant Professor of Organisational Behaviour, INSEAD, Fountainebleau, France.

Delgado, William (2020-2021); Postdoctoral Fellow, Wheelock College of Education, Boston University

Rury, Derek (2021-2025); Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Oregon State University

PhD. Theses Supervised (Year of Ph.D.)

Ziol-Guest, Kathleen M. (2005). Role: Major advisor and Chair of the Dissertation Committee. First position: Postdoctoral fellow, Center for Human Potential and Public Policy, Harris School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago

Wightman, Patrick (2009). Role: Major advisor and Chair of the Dissertation Committee. First position: MacArthur Foundation Network on Transitions to Adulthood Postdoctoral Fellow, National Poverty Center, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

Garrett, Rachel (2010). Role: Major advisor and Chair of the Dissertation Committee. First position: Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago

Chen, Jen-Hao (2012). Role: Major advisor and Chair of the Dissertation Committee. First position: Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Health Studies, University of Chicago

Chor, Elise (2014). Role: Major advisor and Chair of the Dissertation Committee. First position:
Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Human Development and Social Policy,
Northwestern University

Shah, R. (2025). Role: Major advisor and Chair of the Dissertation Committee. First position:
Assistant Professor (Teaching), Department of Economics, Yale University

Ph.D Committee Membership (Year of Ph.D)

Matjasko, Jennifer (2001)

Silver, Michelle (2010)

Ugaz, Jorge (2013)

Sumiko Hayasaka (2017)