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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Pittsburgh	2023–present
NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Duke University	2021–23
Postdoctoral Associate, Duke University	2019–21
Associate, Analysis Group	2017–19

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics , <i>University of California, Los Angeles</i>	2017
MSc in Interdisciplinary Mathematics (with distinction), <i>University of Warwick</i>	2011
MSc in Economics (with distinction), <i>University of Warwick</i>	2009
BSc in Economics , <i>University of Nottingham</i>	2006

PUBLICATIONS

[Race and home values in Durham, NC: 1940-2020](#)

with Nick Datto, Pei Yi Zhuo, Clinton Boyd Jr, and William Darity Jr
Regional Science and Urban Economics, 2026.

[The effects of community land trusts on neighborhood outcomes](#)

with Sarah Raviola
Real Estate Economics, 2025.

[Does anger drive populism?](#)

with Klaus Desmet and Romain Wacziarg
Economics Bulletin, 2024.

[On the Impact of Federal Housing Policies on Racial Inequality](#)

AEA Papers and Proceedings, 2022.

[The Association between Wealth Inequality and Socioeconomic Outcomes](#)

with William Darity Jr, Avra Janz, and Marta Sanchez
AEA Papers and Proceedings, 2021.

WORKING PAPERS

[Race, redistribution, and partisanship: evidence from the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Pablo Beramendi, William Darity Jr, and Monica Garcia-Perez

[The Impact of Federal Housing Policies on Racial Inequality: the case of the Federal Housing Administration](#)

Revise and resubmit at Journal of Public Economics

[Inequality and Socioeconomic Outcomes](#)

with William Darity Jr, Avra Janz, and Marta Sanchez

[Disclosure in Multistage Projects](#)

[Stability in a many-to-one Matching Model with Positive Externalities among Colleagues](#)

Revise and resubmit at International Journal of Game Theory

[A Simple Model of Party Formation](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

[The Distribution of Federally-Insured Mortgages, 1935-1975: Evidence from Local Land Records](#)

with Jacob Faber, Andreas Ferrara, Jonathan Rose, Thomas Storrs, Katherine Thomas, Gabby Toborg, Randall Walsh, and Wenfei Xu

[Discrimination and Economic Development](#)

with Lukas Althoff

The Effects of Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Evidence from the Early 20th Century
with Andria Smythe and Randall Walsh

Housing Instability and Criminal Justice Involvement: Evidence From Evictions
with Cameron Drayton and Andrew Garin

Sites of settlement and extraction in the American city
Sunmi Jung

TEACHING

PhD Topics in Urban Economics — (with Randall Walsh) Fall 2024

Economics of Inequality — Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Fall 2025

Game Theory — Fall 2025

AWARDS AND GRANTS

The Distribution of Federally-Insured Mortgages: 1935-1975, Evidence from Local Land Records Washington Center for Equitable Growth (2025)

SES-2447083: Collaborative Research: Effects of government-insured mortgages (with Randall Walsh and Andreas Ferrara) National Science Foundation (2025)

Using municipal land records to reconstruct the initial patterns and evolution of redlining: 1935-1975 (with Randall Walsh and Andreas Ferrara) Russell Sage Foundation (2024)

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