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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, University at Albany, SUNY 2026–Present

Education

PhD, Economics & Public Policy, University of Michigan 2020–26
MA/BA, Economics, CUNY City College of New York 2012–16

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Gender and Family Economics

Research

Publications

Anglin, K., **Christian, A.**, Jacob, B., and Singleton, J. D. (2026). Education governance and race: An analysis of school board discourse using large language models. *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*

Christian, A., Jacob, B., and Singleton, J. D. (2025). Assessing school district decision making: In-person schooling and covid-19 transmission. *Education Finance and Policy*, 20(2):344–377

Edwards, D. S., Kraft, M. A., **Christian, A.**, and Candelaria, C. A. (2025). Teacher shortages: A framework for understanding and predicting vacancies. *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, 47(3):703–729

Kraft, M. A. and **Christian, A.** (2022). Can teacher evaluation systems produce high-quality feedback? an administrator training field experiment. *American Educational Research Journal*, 59(3):500–537

De, P. K. and **Christian, A.** (2020). Microfinance participation and intimate partner violence among women in bangladesh. *Oxford Economic Papers*, 72(2):435–452

Working Papers

Barnett, A. and **Christian, A.** (2025). Academic accommodations in higher education: Patterns, predictors, and potential

Christian, A. (2025). Restraining orders, domestic violence, and women’s labor market and marriage outcomes

[Received Eckstein Prize for Interdisciplinary Research and Policy, University of Michigan]

Christian, A., Ronfeldt, M., and Zafar, B. (2024). College students and career aspirations: Nudging student interest in teaching. *National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 32641* (Under review)

Works in Progress

Sports Gambling And Crime

Patterns of Domestic Violence Churn and Homicide (with Kaitlyn M. Sims)

The Effect of Subsidized Meals on Student Outcomes (with Brittany Vasquez, Katherine Micheltmore, and Natasha Pilkauskas)

Peer Effects in the Use of Academic Accommodations in College (with Arkey Barnett)

The Effect of Testing Accommodations on Standardized Test Scores And Postsecondary Outcomes

The Effect of Shared Custody on Parents and Children (with Micah Baum)

Presentations and Conferences

Association for Education Finance and Policy, The Annenberg Institute (Brown University)	2026
University at Albany, SUNY, Midwest Economics of Education Conference (University of Notre Dame), Association for Public Policy and Management, Workshop on Violence Against Women: Drivers and Policies (Universitat de Barcelona), Labor Seminar (University of Michigan), Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (University of Michigan, 2x)	2025
Labor Lunch Seminar (University of Michigan), Bozeman Applied Economics Summer Conference (Montana State University), Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars (London School of Economics), Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (University of Michigan)	2024
Labor Lunch Seminar (University of Michigan), Association for Education Finance and Policy, Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (University of Michigan), Human Capital, History, Demography, & Development Seminar (University of Michigan)	2023
Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (University of Michigan)	2022
Association for Education Finance and Policy	2020
Association for Public Policy and Management, The Annenberg Institute (Brown University, 2x)	2019

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Pre-doctoral Fellow in Causal Inference in Education Policy Research, IES, US ED	2021–26
Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan	2025
Rackham International Travel Grant, University of Michigan	2024
Eckstein Prize for Interdisciplinary Research and Policy, University of Michigan	2023
Rackham Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan	2023
Peter and Julie Borish Fellowship Award, University of Michigan	2020–21

Mark & Estelle Clements Scholarship For Excellence in Economics & Statistics, CCNY	2015–16
CUNY Service Corps, CCNY	2015–16
Colin Powell Fellow, CCNY	2014–16
Honors Program, CCNY	2012–16
Dean's List, CCNY	2012–16
Brooklyn Tech HS/CCNY Scholarship, CCNY	2012–16

Teaching

RPAD 503: Principles in Public Economics	2026
ECON 102: Macroeconomics	2024
PUBPOL 479: Evaluating Public Policies	2023

Professional and Academic Service

ASPIRE Mentor, University of Michigan	2025
PhD Admissions Committee, Economics & Public Policy, University of Michigan	2023–24
Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar Coordinator, University of Michigan	2023–24
PhD Admissions Committee, Economics Department, University of Michigan	2021–22
Graduate Student Union Steward, University of Michigan	2020–21

Reviewer: *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, *Educational Researcher*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Applied Economics Letters*, *Economics of Education Review*

Previous Employment

Research Assistant for Prof. Matthew Kraft, Brown University	2018–20
Communications Coordinator, The Annenberg Institute at Brown University	2019
Technical Research Assistant II, MDRC, New York, NY	2016–18
Energy Management Intern, CUNY SPS, New York, NY	2015–16
Economic Policy Intern, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.	2015
Research Assistant for Prof. Prabal De, CCNY, New York, NY	2014–15

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Other

Programming: Stata, SAS, R, ArcGIS, $\text{\LaTeX}$

Languages: English: native, Gujarati: fluent, Spanish: conversational

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