

Curriculum Vitae

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Citizenship: U.S. Permanent Resident

Academic Work Experience

Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies, San Diego State University

Post Doctoral Research Scholar 2024-2026

Princeton University, School of Public & International Affairs

Lecturer, Research Methods Lab 2022-2024

New Jersey Division of Law, Affirmative Civil Rights & Labor Enforcement Office

Data Analyst Intern for Assistant Attorney General Spring 2022

Rutgers University, Department of Economics

Instructor, Undergraduate Macroeconomics Summer - 2021, 2022

Rutgers University, Department of Economics

Research Assistant for Professor Amanda Agan 2021-2022

Education

Ph.D. Economics, Rutgers University 2019-2024

M.A. Economics, Rutgers University 2019-2022

M.A. Economics, University of Texas at Austin 2018-2019

M.B.A. Finance & Strategy, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode 2014-2016

B.Tech. Electronics & Communications, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological Institute 2008-2012

Research & Teaching Interests

Economics of Crime & Risky Behaviors Health Economics Public Economics

Working Papers

["Are E-Cigarette Taxes Losing their Bite?"](#) (**Revise & Resubmit** at *Journal Of Health Economics*)

["Nicotine Vaping and Youth Mental Health: New Evidence from E-Cigarette Regulations"](#) (**Revise & Resubmit** at *Health Economics*)

["Diversion, a deterrence to delinquency? The impact of Florida's Juvenile Civil Citation Program on recidivism"](#)

["Do Vaping Taxes Tip the Scale? The Effect of E-Cigarette Taxation on Obesity"](#) (NBER WP 33890 w/ Charles J. Courtemanche, Yang Liang, Joseph J. Sabia & Anthony Chuo)

["Do Informal Social Markets and Online Sellers Help Youths to Avoid E-Cigarette Taxation"](#) (NBER WP 34880 w/ Chad Cotti, Erik Nesson, Joseph J. Sabia, Dhaval Dave)

["Health Insurance Protections and Ex Ante Moral Hazard in Risky Health Behaviors"](#) (NBER WP 33935 w/ Barış K. Yörük, Joseph J. Sabia, and Dhaval M. Dave)

[“Closer to home, farther from recidivism? The effect of ‘Close to home’ reform on New York City youth”](#)

Work in Progress

“Do Recreational Marijuana Laws Ignite Youth Vaping?” (w/ Dhaval Dave, Joseph J. Sabia & Joaquin Arellanes)

“E-Cigarette policies and Risk Beliefs” (w/ Joseph J. Sabia & Diletta Migliacciano)

“From hallways to highwalls?: The effect of Florida’s Juvenile Civil Citation Program on school referral rates”

Conference & Guest Seminar Sessions

Invited to Arnold Ventures’ BRIDGE (Building Research IDEas and Generating Evidence) 2025
event on “Improving the Parole Process”

“Crime and Policing: Early Investments”, Southern Economic Association Annual 2025
Conference (Presenter & Discussant)

“Impacts of Criminal Legal Contact”, Association for Public Policy and Management 2025
Fall Research Conference (Presenter & Discussant)

Invited to Arnold Ventures’ BRIDGE event on “Restorative Justice” 2025
4th Annual Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars (Presenter)

“Crime and Policing: Gender, Violence, and Disparities”, Southern Economic Association 2024
Annual Conference (Discussant)

“Crime, Risky Behaviors & Policing Responses”, Association for Public Policy and 2024
Management Fall Research Conference (Organizer & Presenter)

Invited to “Topics on Criminal Justice and Drug Use”, Midwest Economics Association 2024
Annual conference (Presenter & Discussant)

“Guest lecture on Game Theory”, Rutgers University, Law & Economics Course (UG) 2024

“Recidivism, Policing, and Labor”, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference 2023
(Presenter & Discussant)

“Strategies Addressing Juvenile Crime”, Association for Public Policy and Management Fall 2023
Research Conference (Chair & Presenter)

“Applied Microeconomics Seminar”, Rutgers University, Department of Economics 2023

“Law, Economics, & Antitrust”, International Atlantic Economic Conference (Presenter & 2023
Discussant)

Invited to “Crime, Recidivism, and Risky Behaviors”, Midwest Economics Association 2023
Annual conference (Presenter & Discussant)

“Flash Presentations by Ph.D. Students”, Texas Economics of Crime Workshop (Presenter) 2022

Academic Grants & Honors

Postdoctoral Fellowship (Center for Health Economics & Policy Studies, SDSU) 2024-26

Travel Grant awarded by Institute for Humane studies at George Mason University 2023

Dorothy Rinaldi Award for outstanding scholarship, leadership, & service to grad. students 2022

Sidney I. Simon Award for exemplary economic research in second year research paper 2022
Teaching Assistantship (Competitive dept. funding for teaching & research at Rutgers) 2020-24
Research Assistantship (Competitive dept. funding for independent research at Rutgers) 2021-22
Excellence Fellowship (Competitive dept. grant for first-year graduate study at Rutgers) 2019-20
Merit Scholarship (Competitive scholarship for grad. study at University of Texas, Austin) 2018

Academic Affiliations (Member)

American Society of Health Economists 2025-Current
Midwest Economics Association, Association for public policy & management, 2023-Current
Southern Economics Association

Refereeing

American Journal of Health Economics, Economics and Human Biology

Teaching Assistant Experience - Rutgers University, Department of Economics

Law & Economics, Environmental Economics Spring 2024
Introduction to Microeconomics, International Trade Fall 2023
Financial & Monetary History of USA, European Economic History Spring 2021, 2023
Computational Methods in Economics Fall 2022
Graduate Macroeconomic Theory Fall 2020
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory Fall 2020

Programming & Software Skills

Stata, Git, R, MATLAB, LaTeX, MS Office, Institutional Social Media Management

Leadership Experience

Rutgers University

Organizer, Graduate Economics Student Reading Group 2022-2023
President, Graduate Economics Student Association 2021-2022

Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode

Elected Coordinator, Editorial Board Committee 2014-2015
Elected Coordinator, Konsult, the consulting Interest group 2014-2015

Non-Academic Work Experience

Market Risk Analyst, Credit Suisse Services India Pvt. Ltd. 2016-2018
Associate Consultant, CallidusCloud India Pvt. Ltd. 2012-2014

References

[Amanda Agan](#)

[Anne Piehl](#)

[Joseph J. Sabia](#)

[Ruonan Xu](#)