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Education

Harvard University

Doctoral Candidate in Public Policy (Economics Track)

Fields: Public and Labor Economics

Committee: Professors Raj Chetty, David Deming and Luis Armona

Cambridge, MA

2021–

Australian National University

Bachelor of Economics (w/ First Class Honors)

Canberra, Australia

2014–2017

Publications and Working Papers

Jacob, M. and R. Livas. (2025) **Local Taxes and Suburbanization: Evidence from Philadelphia's Wage Tax**. Working paper

Chetty, R., M. O. Jackson, T. Kuchler, J. Stroebel, N. Hendren, R. Fluegge, S. Gong, F. Gonzalez, A. Grondin, M. Jacob, D. Johnston, M. Koenen, E. Laguna-Muggenberg, F. Mudekereza, T. Rutter, N. Thor, W. Townsend, R. Zhang, M. Bailey, P. Barbera, M. Bhole, and N. Wernerfelt. (2022b). **Social capital II: determinants of economic connectedness**. *Nature*, 608: 122–134

Chetty, R., M. O. Jackson, T. Kuchler, J. Stroebel, N. Hendren, R. Fluegge, S. Gong, F. Gonzalez, A. Grondin, M. Jacob, D. Johnston, M. Koenen, E. Laguna-Muggenberg, F. Mudekereza, T. Rutter, N. Thor, W. Townsend, R. Zhang, M. Bailey, P. Barbera, M. Bhole, and N. Wernerfelt. (2022a). **Social capital I: measurement and associations with economic mobility**. *Nature*, 608: 108–121

Honigsberg, C. and M. Jacob. (2021). **Deleting misconduct: The expungement of BrokerCheck records**. *Journal of Financial Economics*, 139(3): 800-831

Jacob, M. (2017). **Optimal Non-linear Taxation and the Design of Education Policy**. Working paper

Select Awards

Horowitz Foundation Award

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy

External

2025

Meyer Dissertation Fellowship

Joint Center for Housing Studies

Harvard

2025

Graduate Fellowship on Consumer Financial Management

National Bureau of Economic Research

NBER

2025

Social Equity and Health Equity Stipend

Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy

Harvard

2025

Summer Predissertation Fellowship <i>Graduate School of Arts and Sciences</i>	Harvard 2024
Stone Research Grant <i>Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality, and Social Policy</i>	Harvard 2024
HMUI Urban Research Grant <i>Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative</i>	Harvard 2024, 2025
Linda G. Hammett Ory Fellowship <i>EdRedesign Lab, Harvard Graduate School of Education</i>	Harvard 2022
Economic Society Prize for Economics IV Honors <i>For the highest grade in Economics Honors</i>	ANU 2017
Prize for First Year Economics <i>Awarded to the most distinguished first year undergraduate student in economics</i>	ANU 2015

Research and Teaching Experience

Teaching Fellow – Graduate Public Economics <i>ECON 2450A and 2450B, Harvard University</i>	Cambridge, MA 2023–2024
Math Camp Instructor <i>Harvard Kennedy School</i>	Cambridge, MA 2023–2025
Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow <i>Opportunity Insights</i> Research on inequality, intergenerational mobility and social capital	Cambridge, MA 2018–2021
Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow <i>Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research</i> Research on financial advisor misconduct and debt collection reform	Stanford, CA Jan–Jun 2018

Conferences and Seminars

2025: Network Science in Economics Conference; APPAM Annual Fall Research Conference
2024: e61 Institute Research Seminar
2023: UC Berkeley Stone Center Summer Institute
2021: ANU Tax and Transfer Policy Institute Seminar
2018: MIT Sloan Accounting Seminar; Harvard Research Seminar in Law, Economics & Organization

Affiliations

Harvard Advisory Committee on Shareholder Responsibility — **Student Representative**
ANU Crawford School of Public Policy — **Research Affiliate at Tax and Transfer Policy Institute**
Meta — Contingent Worker in Central Applied Science Team
Opportunity Insights — **Graduate Student Affiliate**

Skills

Programming: R, Python, STATA, SQL, Git and L^AT_EX