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Education

Ph.D. Public Policy (Economics Track), Harvard University 2022
B.A. Public Policy, minor in Political Science, Duke University 2012

Professional Experience

Research Director, The People Lab, Harvard Kennedy School 2022-2023
Research Assistant, MIT School Effectiveness and Inequality Initiative and NBER 2015-2016
Research Associate II/Research Assistant, Urban Institute 2012-2015

Working Papers

“Tripping through Hoops: The Effect of Violating Compulsory Government Procedures” with Natalia Emanuel.
Accepted at *AEJ: Economic Policy*.

“Ask and You Might Disappoint: Reference-Dependent Preferences and Worker Voice”

“Willingness-to-Pay for Workplace Safety Precautions: Evidence from COVID-19”

“STEM Summer Programs for Underrepresented Youth Increase STEM Degrees” with Sarah Cohodes and Silvia Robles

Works in Progress

“The Long-Term Consequences of Court Fees on Criminal Legal System Contact” with Lindsay Bing, Rebecca Goldstein, Devah Pager, and Bruce Western

“The Effects of Court Fees on Financial Well-Being and Perceptions of Criminal Legal System Legitimacy” with Lindsay Bing, Rebecca Goldstein, Devah Pager, and Bruce Western

Journal Publications

Pager, Devah, Rebecca Goldstein, **Helen Ho**, and Bruce Western. 2022. Criminalizing Poverty: The Consequences of Court Fees in a Randomized Experiment. *American Sociological Review*.

Stacy, Christina Plerhoples, **Helen Ho**, and Rolf Pendall. 2016. Neighborhood-Level Economic Activity and Crime. *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

Additional Publications

Ho, Helen, Daniel Schneider, and Kristen Harknett. 2020. *COVID-19 Safety Measures Update*. The Shift Project at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Leopold, Josh and **Helen Ho**. 2015. *Evaluation of the 100,000 Homes Campaign: Assessing the Campaign's Effectiveness in Housing the Chronically and Vulnerable Homeless*. Urban Institute.

Jannetta, Jesse, Justin Breaux, **Helen Ho**, and Jeremy Porter. 2015. *Examining Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Probation Revocation: Summary Findings and Implications from a Multisite Study*. Urban Institute.

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

2021 Association for Public Policy and Management

- 2020 University of Chicago Crime Lab – New York, NY, Association for Public Policy and Management
- 2019 Association for Public Policy and Management

Grants

- 2021 Institute for Quantitative Social Science Research Grant, Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy Research Grant, Review of Economics and Statistics COVID-19 Emergency Research Fund
- 2017 J-PAL North America Pilot Grant with Natalia Emanuel, J-PAL North America Travel Grant with Natalia Emanuel, Access to Justice Lab Start-up Grant with Natalia Emanuel
- 2016 HKS Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management Research Grant

Honors and Scholarships

- 2021 Jeanne Humphrey Block Dissertation Award
- 2017–2021 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2017–2021 Malcolm Hewitt Wiener Ph.D. Scholar in Poverty and Justice, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy Fellowship, Harvard University

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2019 “Economic Analysis of Public Policy,” Master’s, Harvard Kennedy School, teaching fellow for Professor Mark Shepard
- Fall 2018 “Econometric Methods for Applied Research I,” PhD, Harvard Kennedy School, teaching fellow for Professor Christopher Avery
- Fall 2011, “Introduction to Policy Analysis,” Undergraduate, Duke University, teaching assistant for Spring 2012 Professors Sarah Bermeo (Spring) and Elizabeth Vigdor (Fall)

Professional Activities and Service

- 2020–2021 Co-Organizer, HKS Anti-Racism in Economics
- 2018–2019 President, Kennedy PhD Student Association (KPSA)
- 2017–2018 Mental Health and Sexual Assault/Harassment Committee Chair, KPSA