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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Comparative Historical Institutionalism; Income & Wealth Inequality; Fiscal Sociology; State Socialist Economic Policy; Social Demography; Simulation Methods; Tax and Transfer Policy in the United States and the European Union.
EDUCATION	<p><b>University of Michigan</b> Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D., Sociology &amp; Public Policy 2019 – Present Population Studies Center Trainee</p> <p><b>City University of New York, SPS</b> New York, NY M.S., Data Science – GPA 4.0 2018 – 2019</p> <p><b>L'École doctorale de Sciences Po-Paris</b> Paris, France Graduate courses in economics 2016 – 2017</p> <p><b>Hampshire College</b> Amherst, MA B.A., Economics and Public Policy 2010 – 2014 Thesis: <i>The Economics of a Guaranteed Minimum Income</i> (89 pp.)</p> <p><b>University of Copenhagen, Sociology Faculty</b> Copenhagen, Denmark Graduate courses in criminology, labor, and social policy Fall 2012</p>
SELECTED COURSEWORK	<p><b>Graduate:</b> Bayesian Statistics; Computational Mathematics; Econometrics I and II; Programming for Economics; Political Economy; Stratification; Statistics in R</p> <p><b>Undergraduate:</b> Calculus I, II, and III; Linear Algebra; Econometrics I and II; Introductory and Advanced Micro/Macroeconomics; The Economics of Education; Senior Seminar: Evaluating Social Policy; Senior Seminar: Public Finance</p>
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<p><b>Advanced proficiency:</b> R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R Markdown, Excel</p> <p><b>Intermediate proficiency:</b> Python, R Shiny</p> <p><b>Elementary knowledge:</b> CSS, HTML, JavaScript</p>
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	<p><b>Internal Revenue Service - Statistics of Income</b> Ann Arbor, MI As part of my graduate work at the University of Michigan, I work with the IRS-SOI on administrative tax data. 2020 – present</p> <p><b>New York City Department of Education</b> New York, NY High school substitute teacher, primarily for economics and math, at Brooklyn and Manhattan public schools. 2017 – 2018</p> <p><b>Boston Public Schools</b> Boston, MA High school math and social science substitute teacher, primarily for the O'Bryant School of Math and Science. 2016</p> <p><b>Office of Congressman Jim McGovern</b> Northampton, MA Assistant to the Congressman's Aide. Drafted letters of support for constituents, conducted casework, and engaged in outreach. 2015 – 2016</p>

FELLOWSHIPS &  
AWARDS

<p><b>Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission</b> Served as a full-time public school English teacher and debate coach for the 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade at a public high school in Vidin, Bulgaria through a Fulbright Fellowship. Succeeded in tripling the size of the school's debate team and bringing the team to win the national gold medal. Organized an essay competition on the history of Jews in Bulgaria during WWII and facilitated the competition winners to tour the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem.</p>	<p>Vidin, Bulgaria 2014 – 2015</p>
<p><b>National Priorities Project</b> Quantitative research assistant. Worked on issues regarding tax policy and the flow of federal funds to the states with Excel and Python. Via Ford Foundation funding, constructed an interactive data-set following the cost of tax expenditures over 40 years, which was publicized in The Nation and USA Today.</p>	<p>Northampton, MA 2013 – 2014</p>
<p><b>Hampshire College, Department of Social Sciences</b> Teacher's assistant for 3 economics courses: Intro to Economics; Seminar on South-South Economic Relations; Economics and the Environment. Lectured, graded, prepared curricula, and tutored.</p>	<p>Amherst, MA 2012 – 2014</p>
<p><b>Bobbe and Jon Bridge Award for Engaged Scholarship</b> Support for travel and research expenses to conduct original research focused on social policy in Bulgaria. (\$5,000)</p>	<p>Bulgaria Summer 2021</p>
<p><b>Population Studies Center - Predoctoral Trainee</b> National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and National Institutes of Health funded fellowship to research social demography under Dr. Fabian Pfeffer. (\$25,320 + tuition)</p>	<p>Ann Arbor, MI 2020 – 2021</p>
<p><b>Social Security Administration - ARDRAW</b> Funded to research the impact of the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend on SSI and SSDI recipients for the SSA's Small Grant Program. (\$10,000)</p>	<p>Ann Arbor, MI 2020 – 2021</p>
<p><b>Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies</b> Support provided by the U.S. Department of Education for Bulgaria language instruction. (\$7,500)</p>	<p>Ann Arbor, MI Summer 2021</p>
<p><b>International Policy Center - Ford School of Public Policy</b> Support to study radical right-wing economic policy in Bulgaria. I was <i>not</i> able to accept this award because of COVID-19. (\$6,066)</p>	<p>Bulgaria Summer 2020</p>
<p><b>Sciences Po Europe Bursary</b> Full-tuition scholarship and living stipend to study at L'École doctorale de Sciences Po-Paris. (€22,000)</p>	<p>Paris, France 2016 – 2017</p>
<p><b>J. William Fulbright Fellowship</b> Highly competitive U.S. State Department Fellowship to serve as an English Teaching Assistant in Bulgaria. (\$12,500)</p>	<p>Vidin, Bulgaria 2014 – 2015</p>
<p><b>Social Justice Summer Research Award</b> Competitive Hampshire College grant to facilitate summer research with the National Priorities Project. (\$3500)</p>	<p>Northampton, MA Summer 2013</p>

	<b>Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship</b> Highly competitive State Department scholarship enabling Pell Grant recipients to conduct research and study abroad. (\$5000)	Copenhagen, Denmark Fall 2012
	<b>Hampshire College Presidential Grant</b> Four-year full-tuition scholarship to study at Hampshire College.	Amherst, MA 2010 – 2014
PRESENTATIONS	<b>North American Basic Income Guarantee Congress</b> Basic Income as an Alternative Progressive Labor Market Program	McGill University 2014
	<b>Center for Popular Economics Conference</b> A Guaranteed Minimum Income as a True Third Way	Hampshire College 2013
LANGUAGES	English (Native)   Bulgarian (B1 - Intermediate)	
CITIZENSHIPS	United States of America   Republic of Bulgaria (Citizen of the European Union)	