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RESEARCH INTERESTS
Wealth & Income Inequality; Fiscal Sociology; Historical Institutionalism; Political Economy; Simulation Methods; Social Demography; Tax & Transfer Policies

EDUCATION

University of Michigan — Ann Arbor, MI
Ph.D., Sociology & Public Policy – GPA 4.0 — 2019 – Present
Co-Investigator, Wealth and Mobility Study (WAM)
Population Studies Center (PSC) Trainee
Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics (CID) Student Fellow

City University of New York, SPS — New York, NY
M.S., Data Science – GPA 4.0 — 2018 – 2019

L'École doctorale de Sciences Po-Paris — Paris, FR
Graduate courses in economics — 2016 – 2017

Hampshire College — Amherst, MA
B.A., Economics and Public Policy — 2010 – 2014
Thesis: *The Economics of a Guaranteed Minimum Income* (89 pp.)

University of Copenhagen, Sociology Faculty — Copenhagen, DK
Graduate courses in criminology, sociology, and social policy — Fall 2012

SELECTED COURSEWORK
Graduate: Bayesian Statistics; Computational Mathematics; Econometrics I and II; Programming for Economics; Political Economy; Stratification; Statistics in R

Undergraduate: 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

TECHNICAL SKILLS
Advanced proficiency: Stata, R, LaTeX, R Markdown, vi/Vim, Excel
Intermediate proficiency: SQL, R Shiny
Elementary knowledge: CSS, HTML, JavaScript, Python

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS
Dvir-Djerassi, Asher and Fabian T. Pfeffer. *Forthcoming.* "Wealth Inequality: A Relational Perspective." *The Oxford Handbook of Social Stratification.*

Dvir-Djerassi, Asher. 2024. "An End to Racial Wealth Inequality? A Counterfactual Historical Simulation of Universal Inheritance Proposals." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences.*

Pfeffer, Fabian T. and **Asher Dvir-Djerassi**. 2022. "The U.S. Wealth Distribution: Off the Charts." *Socius.*

WORKING PAPERS
Dvir-Djerassi, Asher. 2021. "Can an unconditional cash transfer decrease poverty without decreasing labor supply for SSI and SSDI recipients? Evidence from the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, 1988-2019." *Social Security Administration: Disability Research.*

Mitnik, Pablo, **Asher Dvir-Djerassi**, and Victoria Bryant. "The Intergenerational Transmission of Relative-Income Advantages in the United States: Reassessing the Current View."

Dvir-Djerassi, Asher and Fabian Pfeffer. "Affluence Dynamics: Evidence from full population IRS data on changing Access to the Top of the Income Distribution."

Dvir-Djerassi, Asher. "Would Wealth Taxation Be Sufficient? Evidence from a Dynamic Counterfactual Historical Simulation."

Pfeffer, Fabian T., Kathy Velikov, and **Asher Dvir-Djerassi**. 2023. "Wealth Inequality and Redistribution." Data construction and estimation for short video visualization/documentary. `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAHYCiiXQlQ`

F. Thomas Juster Economic Behavior Research Award
Institute for Social Research. ($5,500)   2024

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship: University of Michigan
Highly competitive doctoral fellowship. ($36,084 + tuition)   2023 – 2024

National Institutes of Health Predoctoral Fellowship
University of Michigan's Pop Studies Center. ($26,352 + tuition)   2022 – 2023

Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies x 4
Department of Education Bulgarian language instruction funding.   2020 – 2023

Social Security Administration: ARDRAW x 3
Funded research on asset poverty of SSDI recipients. ($10,000)   2020 – 2022

Center for Inequality Dyanmics: Summer GSRA
Funding for work on the Wealth and Mobility Study. ($12,000)   2022

Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies
Department of Education language fellowship. ($26,352 + tuition)   2021 – 2022

Poverty Solutions: Summer GSRA
Funding for research on wealth inequality & poverty. ($5,600)   2021

National Institutes of Health Predoctoral Fellowship
University of Michigan's Pop Studies Center. ($25,320 + tuition)   2020 – 2021

Population Studies Center's Small Grant Program
Support for interactive visualization consultant. ($2,300)   2021

Bobbe and Jon Bridge Award for Engaged Scholarship
Support for travel and research expenses. ($5,000)   2020

Sciences Po Europe Bursary
Full scholarship & stipend to study at Sciences Po-Paris. (€22,000)   2016 – 2017

J. William Fulbright Fellowship: Bulgaria
Highly competitive U.S. State Department Fellowship.   2014 – 2015

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
Competitive scholarship for Pell Grant recipients to study abroad.   2012

	Internal Revenue Service - Statistics of Income Student volunteer for the IRS as part of the Joint Statistical Research Program & my graduate work at the University of Michigan.	Ann Arbor, MI 2020 – present
	New York City Department of Education High school math and economics substitute teacher.	New York, NY 2017 – 2018
	Boston Public Schools High school math and economics substitute teacher.	Boston, MA 2016
	Office of Congressman Jim McGovern Assistant to the Congressman's Aide.	Northampton, MA 2015 – 2016
	Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission Fulbright funded public school teacher and debate coach.	Vidin, Bulgaria 2014 – 2015
	National Priorities Project RA on Ford Foundation-funded project on inequality in tax expenditures. Results publicized in *The Nation* & *USA Today*.	Northampton, MA 2013 – 2014
	Hampshire College, Department of Social Sciences Teacher's assistant for 3 economics courses.	Amherst, MA 2012 – 2014
PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS	**Wealth & Mobility Study - Annual Board Meeting** Wealth Estimation using Full Population Tax Data	University of Michigan September 2024
	Policy Research Inc. Locked-Out of Tax Subsidies: The Impact of Social Security Disability Insurance on Retirement Assets and Asset Poverty	Virtual August 2023
	Black Reparations: Insights from the Social Sciences An End to Racial Wealth Inequality? A Counterfactual Historical Simulation of Wealth Redistribution Proposals	Russell Sage Foundation April 2023
	Longitudinal Research of Income Inequality Would Wealth Taxation Be Sufficient? Evidence from a Dynamic Counterfactual Historical Simulation	University of Haifa March 2023
	Policy Research Inc. The Income and Wealth of Social Security Disability Recipients: Preliminary Estimates Using Internal Revenue Service Data	Virtual August 2022
	SASE Radical Wealth Taxation and Redistribution	University of Amsterdam July 2022
	Policy Research Inc. An Unconditional Cash Transfer on Poverty & Employment of SSDI Recipients? The Effects of the Alaska Permanent Fund	Virtual August 2021
	Ford School of Public Policy A Counterfactual Historical Simulation of Wealth Taxation	University of Michigan April 2021
	Envisioning Real Utopias Organized book club on Erik Olin Wright's Real Utopias Project	University of Michigan August 2021
	Covib/20 The Case for Counterfactual Simulation using Administrative Data	Virtual/LSE/PSE October 2020

	Inequality Lab	University of Michigan
	Visualizing a Universal Capital Endowment	April 2020
	North American Basic Income Guarantee Congress	McGill University
	Basic Income as an Alternative Progressive Labor Market Program	June 2014
	Center for Popular Economics Conference	Hampshire College
	A Guaranteed Minimum Income as a True Third Way	2013

SERVICE — **2021 Admission Committee**
University of Michigan's Joint PhD program in Public Policy & Sociology

LANGUAGES — English (Native) | Bulgarian (B2) | French (A1)

CITIZENSHIPS — United States of America | Republic of Bulgaria (Citizen of the European Union)