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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Income & Wealth Inequality; Fiscal Sociology; Historical Institutionalism; Political Economy; Simulation Methods; Social Demography; Tax & Transfer Policies
EDUCATION	<p><b>University of Michigan</b> Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D., Sociology &amp; 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</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, FR 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, DK Graduate courses in criminology, sociology, 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> SQL, R Shiny, vi/Vim</p> <p><b>Elementary knowledge:</b> CSS, HTML, JavaScript, Python</p>
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	<p><b>Asher Dvir-Djerassi.</b> 2024. “An End to Racial Wealth Inequality? A Counterfactual Historical Simulation of Universal Inheritance Proposals.” <i>RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences</i>.</p> <p>Pfeffer, Fabian T. and <b>Asher Dvir-Djerassi.</b> 2022. “The U.S. Wealth Distribution: Off the Charts.” <i>Socius</i>.</p>
WORKING PAPERS	<p><b>Asher Dvir-Djerassi.</b> 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.” <i>Social Security Administration: Disability Research</i>.</p>
MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS	<p>Mitnik, Pablo, <b>Asher Dvir-Djerassi</b>, and Victoria Bryant. “The Intergenerational Transmission of Relative-Income Advantages in the United States: Reassessing the Current View.”</p>

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

Pfeffer, Fabian T. and **Asher Dvir-Djerassi**. “Wealth as a Dimension of Social Stratification” (invited for Oxford Handbook of Social Stratification).

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

**Dvir-Djerassi, Asher**. “Locked-Out of Tax Subsidies: The Impact of Social Security Disability Insurance on Retirement Assets and Asset Poverty.”

OTHER  
CONTRIBUTIONS

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=PAHYCiIXQ1Q>

FELLOWSHIPS &  
AWARDS

**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 Dynamics: 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

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

**Envisioning Real Utopias** University of Michigan  
Organized book club on Erik Olin Wright's Real Utopias Project August 2021

**Covib/20** Virtual/LSE/PSE  
The Case for Counterfactual Simulation using Administrative Data 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)