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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Income & Wealth 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  
Population Studies Center Trainee  
Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics 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, France  
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, Denmark  
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:** R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R Markdown, Excel  
**Intermediate proficiency:** SQL, R Shiny, vi/Vim  
**Elementary knowledge:** CSS, HTML, JavaScript, Python

## PUBLICATIONS

**Asher Dvir-Djerassi.** (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*.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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.”

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

	<b>Dvir-Djerassi, Asher.</b> “Would Wealth Taxation Be Sufficient? Evidence from a Dynamic Counterfactual Historical Simulation.”	
	<b>Dvir-Djerassi, Asher.</b> “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 <b>Asher Dvir-Djerassi.</b> (2023) “Wealth Inequality and Redistribution.” Data construction and estimation for short video visualization/documentary. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAHYCiiXQ1Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAHYCiiXQ1Q</a>	
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	<b>Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship: University of Michigan</b> Highly competitive doctoral fellowship. (\$36,084 + tuition)	2023 – 2024
	<b>National Institutes of Health Predoctoral Fellowship</b> University of Michigan’s Pop Studies Center. (\$26,352 + tuition)	2022 – 2023
	<b>Summer Foreign Language &amp; Area Studies x 4</b> Department of Education Bulgarian language instruction funding.	2020 – 2023
	<b>Social Security Administration: ARDRAW x 3</b> Funded research on asset poverty of SSDI recipients. (\$10,000)	2020 – 2022
	<b>Center for Inequality Dyanmics: Summer GSRA</b> Funding for work on the Wealth and Mobility Study. (\$12,000)	2022
	<b>Academic Year Foreign Language &amp; Area Studies</b> Department of Education language fellowship. (\$26,352 + tuition)	2021 – 2022
	<b>Poverty Solutions: Summer GSRA</b> Funding for research on wealth inequality & poverty. (\$5,600)	2021
	<b>National Institutes of Health Predoctoral Fellowship</b> University of Michigan’s Pop Studies Center. (\$25,320 + tuition)	2020 – 2021
	<b>Population Studies Center’s Small Grant Program</b> Support for interactive visualization consultant. (\$2,300)	2021
	<b>Bobbe and Jon Bridge Award for Engaged Scholarship</b> Support for travel and research expenses. (\$5,000)	2020
	<b>Sciences Po Europe Bursary</b> Full scholarship & stipend to study at Sciences Po-Paris. (€22,000)	2016 – 2017
	<b>J. William Fulbright Fellowship: Bulgaria</b> Highly competitive U.S. State Department Fellowship.	2014 – 2015
	<b>Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship</b> Competitive scholarship for Pell Grant recipients to study abroad.	2012
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	<b>Internal Revenue Service - Statistics of Income</b> 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
	<b>New York City Department of Education</b> High school math and economics substitute teacher.	New York, NY 2017 – 2018

	<b>Boston Public Schools</b> High school math and economics substitute teacher.	Boston, MA 2016
	<b>Office of Congressman Jim McGovern</b> Assistant to the Congressman's Aide.	Northampton, MA 2015 – 2016
	<b>Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission</b> Fulbright funded public school teacher and debate coach.	Vidin, Bulgaria 2014 – 2015
	<b>National Priorities Project</b> RA on Ford Foundation-funded project on inequality in tax expenditures. Results publicized in <i>The Nation &amp; USA Today</i> .	Northampton, MA 2013 – 2014
	<b>Hampshire College, Department of Social Sciences</b> Teacher's assistant for 3 economics courses.	Amherst, MA 2012 – 2014
PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS	<b>Policy Research Inc.</b> Locked-Out of Tax Subsidies: The Impact of Social Security Disability Insurance on Retirement Assets and Asset Poverty	Virtual August 2023
	<b>Black Reparations: Insights from the Social Sciences</b> An End to Racial Wealth Inequality? A Counterfactual Historical Simulation of Wealth Redistribution Proposals	Russell Sage Foundation April 2023
	<b>Longitudinal Research of Income Inequality</b> Would Wealth Taxation Be Sufficient? Evidence from a Dynamic Counterfactual Historical Simulation	University of Haifa March 2023
	<b>Policy Research Inc.</b> The Income and Wealth of Social Security Disability Recipients: Preliminary Estimates Using Internal Revenue Service Data	Virtual August 2022
	<b>SASE</b> Radical Wealth Taxation and Redistribution	University of Amsterdam July 2022
	<b>Policy Research Inc.</b> An Unconditional Cash Transfer on Poverty & Employment of SSDI Recipients? The Effects of the Alaska Permanent Fund	Virtual August 2021
	<b>Ford School of Public Policy</b> A Counterfactual Historical Simulation of Wealth Taxation	University of Michigan April 2021
	<b>Envisioning Real Utopias</b> Organized book club on Erik Olin Wright's Real Utopias Project	University of Michigan August 2021
	<b>Covib/20</b> The Case for Counterfactual Simulation using Administrative Data	Virtual/LSE/PSE October 2020
	<b>Inequality Lab</b> Visualizing a Universal Capital Endowment	University of Michigan April 2020
	<b>North American Basic Income Guarantee Congress</b> Basic Income as an Alternative Progressive Labor Market Program	McGill University June 2014
	<b>Center for Popular Economics Conference</b> A Guaranteed Minimum Income as a True Third Way	Hampshire College 2013

SERVICE

**2021 Admission Committee**

Admissions committee member for the 2021 Joint PhD program at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy and Department of Sociology.

LANGUAGES

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

CITIZENSHIPS

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