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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Wealth & Income Inequality; Retirement Policy; Tax & Transfer Policies; Fiscal Sociology; Historical Institutionalism; Political Economy; Simulation Methods

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

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Advanced proficiency: Stata, R, L^AT_EX, 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. 2025. “Wealth Inequality: A Relational Perspective.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Social Stratification*, ed. Markus Gangl et al. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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. 2026. “The Growth Process of Individual Retirement Accounts: Evidence from Administrative Data.” *Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income (SOI) Working Papers*. Available online at: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-soi/26rpgrowthprocessIRA.pdf>

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*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS	<p>Mitnik, Pablo, Asher Dvir-Djerassi, and Victoria Bryant. “The Intergenerational Transmission of Relative-Income Advantages in the United States: Reassessing the Current View.”</p> <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.”</p> <p>Dvir-Djerassi, Asher. “Would Wealth Taxation Be Sufficient? Evidence from a Dynamic Counterfactual Historical Simulation.”</p>
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	<p>Pfeffer, Fabian T., Kathy Velikov, and Asher Dvir-Djerassi. 2023. “Wealth Inequality and Redistribution.” Data construction and estimation for short video visualization/documentary. youtube.com/watch?v=PAHYCiiXQ1Q</p> <p>Sweger, Becky, Jasmine Tucker, and Asher Dvir-Djerassi. 2014. “The Big Money in Tax Breaks Continues.” National Priorities Project. nationalpriorities.org/analysis/2014/big-money-tax-breaks</p>
SELECTED COURSEWORK	<p>Graduate: Bayesian Statistics; Computational Mathematics; Econometrics I and II; Programming for Economics; Political Economy; Stratification; Statistics in R</p> <p>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</p>
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	<p>Wealth and Mobility Study GSRA Institute for Social Research. (\$29,192 + tuition) 2025-26</p> <p>F. Thomas Juster Economic Behavior Research Award Institute for Social Research. (\$5,500) 2024</p> <p>National Institutes of Health Predoctoral Fellowship x 3 University of Michigan’s Pop Studies Center. (\$26,352 + tuition) 2020 – 2025</p> <p>Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship: University of Michigan Highly competitive doctoral fellowship. (\$36,084 + tuition) 2023 – 2024</p> <p>Summer Foreign Language & Area Studies x 4 Department of Education Bulgarian language instruction funding. 2020 – 2023</p> <p>Social Security Administration: ARDRAW x 3 Funded research on asset poverty of SSDI recipients. (\$10,000) 2020 – 2022</p> <p>Center for Inequality Dynamics: Summer GSRA Funding for work on the Wealth and Mobility Study. (\$12,000) 2022</p> <p>Academic Year Foreign Language & Area Studies Department of Education language fellowship. (\$26,352 + tuition) 2021 – 2022</p> <p>Poverty Solutions: Summer GSRA Funding for research on wealth inequality & poverty. (\$5,600) 2021</p> <p>Population Studies Center’s Small Grant Program Support for interactive visualization consultant. (\$2,300) 2021</p> <p>Bobbe and Jon Bridge Award for Engaged Scholarship Support for travel and research expenses. (\$5,000) 2020</p>

	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
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	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 <i>The Nation</i> & <i>USA Today</i> .	Northampton, MA 2013 – 2014
	Hampshire College, Department of Social Sciences Teacher's assistant for 3 economics courses.	Amherst, MA 2012 – 2014
PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS	American Political Economy eXchange (APEX) Taxing Capital in the 21st Century	Yale February 2026
	Economic Sociology & Organizations (ESO) Seminar The Wealth Inequality of Pensions	University of Michigan November 2025
	ISI Wealth Conference 2025 The State Construction of Heterogeneous Returns: The Individualized Retirement System and the Rise of the 1%	LMU Munich, Germany October 2025
	Data & Analytics Community of Practice, IRS The Growth Process of Individual Retirement Accounts: Evidence from Administrative Data	Online July 2025
	Data & Analytics Community of Practice, IRS Determining the U.S. Adult Population Using Administrative Data (w/ Pablo Mitnik and Carrie Jankowski)	Online March 2025
	Wealth & Mobility Study - Annual Board Meeting Wealth Estimation using Full Population IRS Data	University of Michigan September 2024
	Statistics of Income Division, IRS Identifying Spouses in Full Population IRS Data (w/ Pablo Mitnik and Carrie Jankowski)	Online March 2024

RC28: International Sociological Association Intergenerational Transmission of Relative-Income Advantage (w/ Pablo Mitnik and Victoria Bryant)	University of Michigan August 2023
Population Association of America (PAA) Intergenerational Transmission of Relative-Income Advantage (w/ Pablo Mitnik and Victoria Bryant)	New Orleans, Louisiana April 2023
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
Longitudinal Research of Income Inequality Intergenerational Transmission of Relative-Income Advantage (w/ Pablo Mitnik and Victoria Bryant)	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 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 Visualizing a Universal Capital Endowment	University of Michigan April 2020
North American Basic Income Guarantee Congress Basic Income as an Alternative Progressive Labor Market Program	McGill University June 2014
Center for Popular Economics Conference A Guaranteed Minimum Income as a True Third Way	Hampshire College 2013

2021–2022 Associate Editor
Michigan Journal of Law & Society

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

LANGUAGES English (Native) | Bulgarian (B2)