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EMPLOYMENT:

September 2011 - Present Lecturer, Department of Economics, London School of Economics
(Tenured 2017)

EDUCATION:

August 2009 - July 2011 Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research, Harvard
University
August 2004 - May 2009 Ph.D. in Economics, University of California-Berkeley
Dissertation Title: "Essays in Psychology and Economics"
September 2000 - May 2004 S.B. in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS:

Behavioral Economics, Public Economics, Health Economics

PUBLICATIONS:

"Who is a Passive Saver Under Opt-In and Auto-Enrollment?" (2019)
with Gopi Shah Goda, Colleen Manchester, Aaron Sojourner, and Joshua Tasoff,
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (in press)

"Predicting retirement savings using survey measures of exponential-growth bias and present bias"
(2019) with Gopi Goda, Colleen Manchester, Aaron Sojourner, and Joshua Tasoff
Economic Inquiry, 57(3), 1636–1658

"Exponential-Growth Bias in Experimental Consumption Decisions" (2019)
with Joshua Tasoff, *Economica*, 87(345), 52–80

"Exponential-Growth Bias and Overconfidence" (2017)
with Joshua Tasoff, *Journal of Economic Psychology*, 58, 1–14

"An Alternative to Signaling: Directed Search and Substitution" (2016)
with Balazs Szentes, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, 8(4), 1–15

"Exponential-Growth Bias and Lifecycle Consumption" (2016)
with Joshua Tasoff, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 14(3)

"Habit Formation and Naivete in Gym Attendance: Evidence from a Field Experiment" (2015)
with Daniel Acland, *Management Science*, 61(1), 146–160

"Misunderestimation: Exponential-Growth Bias and Time-varying Returns", with Joshua Tasoff, (2016)
Economics Bulletin, 36(1), 29--34

WORKING PAPERS:

"Estimating Biases in Cigarette Smoking Cessation: Evidence from a Field Experiment"
with Frank Chaloupka and Justin White

"Identification of intertemporal preferences in history-dependent dynamic discrete choice models"
with Pasquale Schiraldi

"Heterogeneous time preferences and hyperbolic discounting: Evidence from the Mortgage Market"
with Pasquale Schiraldi and Philippe Bracke

"Misspecified Higher-Order Beliefs and Failures of Social Learning"
with Andrew Ellis and Balazs Szentes

"How Do Retirement Income Tools Affect Saving Decisions? Evidence from a Field Experiment"
with Gopi Goda, Colleen Manchester, Aaron Sojourner, Joshua Tasoff

TEACHING:

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| Fall 2014 - Spring 2020 | EC331 - Quantitative Economics Project |
| Fall 2012 - Spring 2020 | EC310 - Behavioural Economics (Undergraduate) |
| Fall 2012-2019 | EC537 - Microeconomic Theory for Research Students |
| Summer 2012–Summer 2020 | EC2 - Behavioural Economics and the Modern Economy (Executive Program) |
| Summer 2018–Summer 2020 | EC200 - Introduction to Behavioural Economics (Summer Course) |

GRANTS:

- 2009 P30 AG12839, CEDA, UC Berkeley, "Do People Predict Habit Formation" (PI: Lee, R)
Role: Co-investigator on pilot grant (with Daniel Acland)
- 2010 Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies / RWJF Health and Society Scholars Seed
Role: Principal investigator (\$28,600)
- 2011 Fletcher-Jones Foundation
Role: Co-PI (with Joshua Tasoff)
- 2013 P50 DA036128 - 01, NIH/FDA, "Enhancing the Economic Impact Analysis Used in FDA's Rules for Tobacco Products" (PI: Chaloupka, F) within "The Science of Decision Making: Connecting People and Policy" (PI: Eriksen, M) (2013 Funding: \$3,381,257)
Role: Co-Investigator, Research Project #1
- 2014 TIAA-CREF Institute/Pension Research Council (with Gopi Shah Goda Matthew Levy, Colleen Manchester, and Aaron Sojourner, \$125,000)
- 2015 National Institute on Aging and the Social Security Administration (3R01AG020717-11S1) (with Gopi Shah Goda Colleen Manchester, Joshua Tasoff, and Aaron Sojourner, \$40,000)
- 2016 Social Security Administration through the NBER Retirement Research Center (with Gopi Shah Goda Colleen Manchester, Joshua Tasoff, and Aaron Sojourner, \$76,930)
- 2017 STICERD, "Identification of intertemporal preferences from smoking purchases" (£3,900)

OTHER INFORMATION:

Citizenship: United States