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## BIOGRAPHY

Citizenship: USA

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

The W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Kalamazoo, MI 2018-present  
Economist

## PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA 2017-2018  
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Economics of an Aging Workforce  
Harvard Medical School, Department of Health Care Policy, Boston, MA 2017-2018  
Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of California, Irvine 2017  
Committee: Jan Brueckner (Chair), David Neumark, Marianne Bitler  
M.A. Economics, University of California, Irvine 2013  
B.A. Mathematics, Economics, Brandeis University, *cum laude* 2009

## PUBLICATIONS

Asquith, Brian and Evan Mast, "Birth Dearth and Local Population Decline", accepted at *Regional Science and Urban Economics*.

Gardner, Max and Asquith Brian, 2024. "The Effect of Rent Control Status on Eviction Filing Rates: Causal Evidence From San Francisco" *Housing Policy Debate* 1-21.

Asquith, Brian, Evan Mast, and Davin Reed, 2023. "Local Effects of Large New Apartment Buildings in Low-Income Areas," *Review of Economics and Statistics* 105, 359-375.

Asquith, Brian, Brad Hershbein, Tracy Kugler, Shane Reed, Steven Ruggles, Jonathan Schoeder, David Van Riper, and Steve Yesiltepe, 2022. "Assessing the Impact of Differential Privacy on Measures of Population and Racial Residential Segregation," *Harvard Data Science Review*, SI 2.

Asquith, Brian, Judy Hellerstein, Mark Kutzbach, and David Neumark, 2021. "Social Capital and Labor Market Networks," *Journal of Regional Science* 61, 212-260.

Neumark, David, Brian Asquith, and Brittany Bass, 2020. "Longer-Run Effects of Anti-Poverty Policies on Disadvantaged Neighborhoods," *Contemporary Economic Policy* 38, 409-434.

Asquith, Brian, Sanjana Goswami, David Neumark, and Antonio Rodriguez-Lopez, 2019. "U.S. Job Flows and the 'China Shock'," *Journal of International Economics* 118, 123-137.

Asquith, Brian, 2019. "Housing Supply Dynamics Under Rent Control: What Can Evictions Tell Us?" *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 109, 393-396.

Asquith, Brian, 2018. "Beggar Thy Neighbor, Beggar Thy Neighborhood," *Papers in Regional Science* 97, 439-459.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

Asquith, Brian and Margaret C. Bock, 2022. "The Case for Dynamic Cities" in *Challenges in Classical Liberalism: Debating the Policies of Today Versus Tomorrow*, Palgrave MacMillan.

## WORKING PAPERS

Asquith, Brian, "Do Housing Demand Increases Reduce the Housing Supply Under Rent Control? Evidence from San Francisco" (*submitted*), Upjohn Working Paper #19-296. [https://research.upjohn.org/up\\_workingpapers/296/](https://research.upjohn.org/up_workingpapers/296/) or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3165599>

- 2017, Winner of the Tiebout Prize in Regional Science for Best Graduate Student Paper, Western Regional Science Association

Asquith, Brian, "Do Older Workers Change Their Labor Supply in Response to Housing Wealth Shocks?" (*Submitted*). Upjohn Working Paper 24-415.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

"What is the Cost of Being Exiled from the Land of Opportunity? Evidence on Mobility from California Rent Control" with Kate Pennington and Charly Porcher

"The Meritocracy Shock" with Mike Andrews.

"Countershock: How Do Transfers Mediate Reallocation After an Economic Shock?" with Andrew Samwick and Mike Zabek.

## RESTING PAPERS

Asquith, Brian, "Why Are Older Workers Moving Less While Working Longer?" *Research Institute for Housing America* Working Paper.

- Press Release and Research Summary [here](#).

Asquith, Brian, "The Effects of an Ellis Act Eviction on Neighborhood Socioeconomic Status," Upjohn Working Paper #22-374. [https://research.upjohn.org/up\\_workingpapers/374/](https://research.upjohn.org/up_workingpapers/374/)

## REPORTS OR CHAPTERS IN REPORTS

"Minneapolis & St. Paul: A Tale of Twin Cities" in Bolter, Kathleen, Michelle Miller-Adams, Timothy J. Bartik, Brad J. Hershbein, Kyle Huisman, Bridget F. Timmeney, Brian J. Asquith, Gabrielle Pepin, Lee Adams, Jessica Brown, Gerrit Anderson, and Allison Colosky. 2022. "Bridging Research and Practice to Achieve Community Prosperity." Report prepared for the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

## OTHER WRITING

Asquith, Brian, 2024. "Superstars or Black Holes: Are Tech Clusters Causing Stagnation?" *American Affairs* Spring 2024, vol. VIII no 1. Lead article.

Asquith, Brian, 2022. "Bigger is Better: Dynamic Cities Need to be Allowed to Grow", Upjohn Institute Research Highlights.

Asquith, Brian, 2021. "Rent Control Comes to the Midwest: What Can Residents Expect", Upjohn Institute Commentary.

Asquith, Brian and Shane Reed, 2021. "Rent Control in California: Policy Review." Policy Paper. Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

Asquith, Brian J., 2020. "What Can We Learn from the 1918 Pandemic? Careful Economics and Policy Lessons from Influenza." Policy Paper #2020-022. Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

Asquith, Brian J., 2019. "Rent Control - Is the Cure Worse than the Disease?" *W.E. Upjohn Institute Employment Research Newsletter*, Vol 26, No. 1.

Asquith, Brian J., 2019. "Rent Control - Affordable Housing's Dubious Solution." *Milken Institute Review*

## AWARDS, RESEARCH GRANTS, AND OTHER FUNDING

Principal Investigator, <i>Washington State Department of Labor and Industries</i> L&I Contract No. K3430, Claim Resolution Settlement Agreements Study, Phase 3, \$170,000	2022-2024
Common Good Economics Grant, \$35,000	2023-2024
Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative Seed Grant, \$18,242	2019-2021
Lincoln Land Institute Scholar	2019
Mortgage Bankers Association Research Grant, \$20,700	2019-2020
American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association Homer Hoyt Dissertation Award (First Prize)	2017
NBER Postdoctoral Fellowship on the Economics of an Aging Workforce	2017-2018
Associate Dean's Fellowship, UCI	Spring 2017
31st Annual Tiebout Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, Western Regional Science Association	2017
NIA P01 AG029409, "Grandchildren and Grandparents' Labor Force Attachment", \$17,000	2015-2016
Data Science Graduate Summer Fellowship, Data Science Initiative, UCI, \$6,000	2015
Borowski Student Policy Research Initiative, Center for Economics and Public Policy, UCI, \$2,000	2016
Economics Summer Research Fellowship, \$5,025 UCI	2014, 2015, 2016
Associated Graduate Students Travel Grant, \$800 UCI	2014, 2016
Merit Fellowship in Economics, UCI	2011 – 2016
Social Science Tuition Fellowship, UCI	2011 – 2016
Presidential Scholar, Brandeis University	2005-2009

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher for David Neumark, UCI	January 2015 – March 2017
Graduate Student Researcher for Marianne Bitler and Christopher Carpenter, UCI	December 2011 – September 2013

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reimbursement Systems Analyst, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston, MA	November 2010 – August 2011
Consulting Research Analyst, Quantitative Economic Solutions, Cambridge, MA	August 2009 – October 2010

## TEACHING

Instructor, Probability and Statistics I, UCI	Summer 2016
Teaching Assistant, UCI	2011 – 2014
2011: Introduction to Economics	
2013: Probability and Statistics I	
2014: Probability and Statistics II, Basic Economics Discussion Section Leader for Advanced Students, Applied Econometrics.	

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

**Referee:** *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Demography, Economic Development Quarterly (x2), Economic Inquiry, Economica, Heliyon, Journal of Housing Economics (x3), Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics (x6), Journal of Real Estate Finance and*

*Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology, Journal of Urban Economics (x3), National Tax Journal, Papers in Regional Science, PLOS One, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Real Estate Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics (x2), Review of Economics and Statistics (x2), Review of International Economics, Smith Richardson Foundation, Urban Studies*

**Panel Reviewer:** National Science Foundation (x3). AREUEA National Conference 2022.

## SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

**2025:** American Economic Association.

**2024:** NBER Summer Institute (invited discussant); National Tax Association; University of North Texas (invited speaker).

**2023:** American Economic Association; The Great Stagnation Summit (Unconference Presenter); Reframing Housing Myths Together Panelist; National Tax Association

**2022:** APPAM

**2021:** Michigan Retirement and Disability Research Center Researcher Workshop; NBER Summer Institute (short presentation); UC Berkeley Symposium on Housing Production, Tenant Protections, and Displacement; RAND (invited speaker); Freddie Mac Housing Statistics User Group; National Tax Association; AREUEA Virtual Series Speaker.

**2020:** Economic Development Quarterly/Atlanta Fed, Urban Institute.

**2019:** American Economic Association, University of Southern California (invited speaker), Lincoln Land Institute/National Tax Association.

**2018:** American Economic Association, Harvard University Population Center, New York University Furman Center, Boston College Center for Retirement Research, 3rd IZA Junior/Senior Symposium, Economic Development Quarterly Researchers Workshop (discussant), North American Regional Science Conference.

**2017:** National Tax Association, Western Economic Association Annual Meeting, University of Pennsylvania Wharton Budget Model Initiative, Freddie Mac, Moody's Analytics, Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research

**2016:** Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, APPAM Fall Research Conference, Economic Graduate Student Conference (WUSTL), California State University at Long Beach (Invited Speaker), Western Economic Association Annual Meeting, University of Michigan (PSID)

**2015:** Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

## PUBLIC EVENTS, OUTREACH, AND PRESS

**2018:** UC Berkeley Turner Center for Housing Innovation Panel on Proposition 10, New York University Furman Center Breakfast on Rent Stabilization

**2017:** San Francisco City Planning Department Seminar on Rent Control

**Hackathons:** 2nd Prize in Gig Economy Category, MIT FinTech & Design Hackathon (with Diana Kolusheva, Esther Volchek, and David Wang). \$3,000.

**University Service:** Graduate Student Mentor (2012).

Founder and organizer of departmental applied microeconomics brown bag lunch seminar series (won \$500 to fund).

**Technical:** Stata (advanced), Python, SQL, Matlab, ArcGIS, R (beginner)

**Foreign Language:** Spanish (proficient), French (proficient), Russian (beginner)

**Other:** Cellist.