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Biography

Citizenship: USA

Current Employment

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

Economist

Other Affiliations

Affiliate, Better Urbanism, Infrastructure, and Land-Use Decisions (BUILD) Research Network 2026-present

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, "Do Older Workers Change Their Labor Supply in Response to Housing Wealth Shocks?" (Accepted at *National Tax Journal*).

Asquith, Brian and Evan Mast, 2025. "Birth Dearth and Local Population Decline", *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 115, 104159.

Gardner, Max and Asquith Brian, 2024. "The Effect of Rent Control Status on Eviction Filing Rates: Causal Evidence From San Francisco" *Housing Policy Debate* 35, 334-354.

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" (R&R at *Journal of Urban Economics*)

Previously circulated as Upjohn Working Paper #19-296. `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*

Works in Progress

"Evicted from Opportunity: Labor Market Effects of Housing Loss in High-Productivity Cities" with Kate Pennington and Charly Porcher

"The Meritocracy Shock" with Ran Abramitzky, Mike Andrews, Santiago Pérez, and Joe Price.

Resting Papers

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/`

Reports or Chapters in Reports

Bartik, Timothy J., Gerrit Anderson, Brian Asquith, Kathleen Bolter, Kyle Huisman, Iryna Lendel, Jeremy Morris, and Sevrin Williams. 2026. The Economic Benefits and Costs of State and Local Incentives for Clean Energy Projects. Upjohn Institute Technical Report No. 26-057. Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

"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.

Asquith, Brian J., Yuci Chen, Marcus Dillender, Kevin Hollenbeck, and Beth C. Truesdale, "A Study of Claim Resolution Settlement Agreements: Final Report," Upjohn Institute Technical Report No. 24-048. Kalamazoo, MI: 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, *Washington State Department of Labor and Industries* 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 Massachussetts, 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* (x4),*Labour Economics*, *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: Arnold Ventures. National Science Foundation (x3). AREUEA National Conference 2022.

Selected Research Presentations

2026: Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate at Notre Dame; 6th Annual Rent Control Workshop.

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 Terner 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.