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Appointments

University of Illinois Chicago

2020 - present: Associate Professor (w/ tenure), Economics
Faculty Fellow, Honors College, 2020 - present
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2020 - 2024

2011 - 2020: Assistant Professor, Economics
On leave, 2018 - 2020

The Brookings Institution

2018 - 2020: David M. Rubenstein Fellow, Economic Studies

Duke University

2009 - 2011: NSF Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Economics

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign

2009: Ph.D.; M.S., Economics
Thesis: *Essays on Neighborhood Transition and Housing Markets*
Visiting Ph.D. Student, Economics, Duke University, 2007 - 2009

Howard University

2002: B.A., Economics (*Magna cum Laude*)

Other Professional Appointments, Affiliations & Service

2025: Second Vice President, Midwest Economics Association

2020 - present: Nonresident Fellow, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution

2021 - present: Mentor/External Advisor, Predoctoral Fellows Program, Economics Dept., Duke University

2018 - present: Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

2023 - 2024: Visiting Scholar, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

2019; 2023-2024: Visiting Scholar, Federal Bank of Philadelphia

2019 - 2024: Affiliated Scholar, Future of the Middle Class Initiative, The Brookings Institution

2021 - 2023: National Academy of Social Insurance COVID-19 Task Force Policy Translation Working Group

Fields of Interest

Urban, Labor, Public; Sorting and Social Interactions, Amenities, Inequality and Mobility, Education

Academic Research

Published and Accepted Articles

Bayer, Patrick, Marcus Casey, W. Ben McCartney, John Orellana-Li, and Calvin Zhang (2025). "Distinguishing Causes of Racial Change: A Nearest Neighbor Design," NBER WP #30487, Conditionally Accepted, *American Economic Review*.

Baude, Patrick, Marcus Casey, Eric Hanushek, Gregory Phelan, and Steven Rivkin (2020) "The Evolution of Charter School Quality" *Economica*, 87:158 - 189.

Casey, Marcus and Bradley Hardy (2018) “The Evolution of Black Neighborhoods Since Kerner ” *RSF: The Russell Sage Journal of the Social Sciences*, vol. 4(6): 185 – 205.

Casey, Marcus, Jeffrey Cline, Ben Ost, and Javaeria Qureshi (2018) “Academic Probation, Student Performance and Strategic Course Taking,” *Economic Inquiry*, vol. 56 (3): 1646 – 1677.

Casey, Marcus, Jeffrey Schiman, and Maciej Wachala (2018) “Local Violence, Student Performance, and School Accountability ” *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, vol. 108: 213 – 216.

Bayer, Patrick, Marcus Casey, Fernando Ferreira, and Robert McMillan (2017) “Estimating Racial and Ethnic Price Differentials in the Housing Market,” *Journal of Urban Economics*, vol. 102: 91-105.

Andrews, Rodney, Marcus Casey, Bradley Hardy, and Trevon Logan (2017) “Location Matters: Historical Segregation and Intergenerational Inequality,” *Economics Letters*, vol. 158.

Brown-Robertson, LaTanya, Marcus Casey, Bradley Hardy, and Daniel Muhammad (2016) “Does the EITC Buffer Against Neighborhood Transition? Evidence from Washington DC.” *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, vol.106 (5).

Chapters & Edited Collections

Casey, Marcus (2025) “Are All Disparities Evidence of Prejudice and Discrimination?” In *AM Research Skills: Ethnic and Indigenous Studies*, Adam Matthew Digital, NY

Working Papers

Casey, Marcus and Bradley. L. Hardy (2022). “Neighborhood Trajectory and Upward Mobility,” (*under revision*)

Casey, Marcus, Bradley L. Hardy, and Ene Ikebe (2022). “Local Childhood Context and Intergenerational Mobility, prepared for RSF: The Russell Sage Journal of the Social Sciences issue on Growing Up in Rural Areas

Casey, Marcus D. (2020) “The Microdynamics of Neighborhood Transition”

Casey, Marcus “Sorting, Entry Intensity, and Price Responses: Evidence from Chicago.”

Brown, Jeffrey R., Marcus D. Casey, and Olivia S. Mitchell (2007) “Who Values the Annuity from Social Security? New Evidence on the Annuity Puzzle” NBER Working Paper #13800.

Casey, Marcus D., Bradley L. Hardy, and D. Muhammed (2021) “EITC Receipt, Sorting, and Neighborhood Quality: Evidence from DC,”

Policy & Other Writing

Casey, M. and E. Smith, “Adapting workers to the modern economy: Alternative training and certification,” April 2021, Brookings Institution

Akee, R. and M. Casey, “Measuring Racism and Discrimination in Economic Data,” March 2021, Brookings Institution

Casey, M. and A. Maciolek, “Opportunity, policy, and the future of automation,” Dec 2020, Brookings Institution

Casey, M. and E. Smith, “From Farm to Table: Technology’s Impact on the Food Industry,” Nov 2020, Brookings Institution

Van Drie, H., E. Smith, and M. Casey, “Big Ideas to Redesign K-12 for the Automation Age,” October 2020, Brookings Institution

Casey, M., “Retraining During and After COVID-19,” August 2020, Brookings Institution

Casey, M., “Looking Towards the Future: Automation, Training, and the Middle Class,” July 2020, Brookings Institution

Nzau, S. and M. Casey, “Machines and The Middle Class: 5 Takeaways from a discussion between Marcus Casey and James Bessen,” January 2020, Brookings Institution

Casey, M. “Automation and labor market institutions,” January 2020, Brookings Institution

Casey, M. “How automation could make some jobs better,” Nov 2019, Brookings Institution

Casey, M. and S. Nzau “Automation, Work, and Skills: What Do We Know?” November 2019, Brookings Institution

Casey, M. and S. Nzau “The differing impact of automation on men and women’s work” September 2019, Brookings Institution

Casey, M. “How Policymakers Can Help Business to Train the New Workforce,” August 2019, Brookings Institution

Casey, M. and S. Nzau. “Searching for Clarity: How much will Automation affect the Middle Class?” July 2019, Brookings Institution

Casey, M. and S. Nzau. “Putting on the Brakes: How Technology May be Slowed by Social Norms,” May 2019, Brookings Institution

Casey, M. and S. Nzau. “Robots kill jobs. But they create jobs, too,” March 2019, Brookings Institution

Casey, M. “School Choice and Achievement: The Case of Charter Schools,” AEA CSMGEP Minority Report, Issue 11, Winter 2019

Casey, M. D. and B. L. Hardy “50 years after the Kerner Commission report, the nation is still grappling with many of the same issues,” Sept. 2018, The Brookings Institution

Casey, M. “The Evolution of Charter School Quality in Texas” Research and Analysis, April 2018, Washington Center for Equitable Growth

Casey, M., and B. L. Hardy (2018) “Reduced unemployment doesn’t equal improved well-being for Black Americans.” Brookings Institution

Baude, P., M. Casey, E. Hanushek, and S. Rivkin (2014) “The Evolution of Charter School Quality” Cato Research Briefs in Economic Policy No. 16.

Funded Research & Recognition

Funded Research

2020: Chicago Department of Transportation Grant (\$4900)

Project: “Camera Tickets, Fines & Fees: Analyzing the Impact of Chicago’s Automated Enforcement Program Through an Equity and Safety Lens,” Consultant

2019: University of Wisconsin, Institute for Research on Poverty Grant (\$25,000),

Project: “Neighborhood Change and Social Mobility,” Consultant

2017: Wash. Center for Equitable Growth Grant (\$75,000)

Project: “The Historical Shadow of Segregation on Human Capital and Upward Mobility,” Co-PI

2014: UIC Office of Social Science Research Seed Grant (\$3,984)

Project: “Evaluating University Retention and Graduation Policies,” PI

Awards & Recognition

2023: Distinguished Visitor, Duke University Economics Dept.

2009: Fellow, Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE) Program

2009: Duke University Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)

2001, 2002: Fellow, AEA Summer Training and Scholarship Program

2001: Howard University Trustee Scholar
1997: Howard University Laureate Scholarship
1997: Commended National Merit Scholar and National Achievement Scholar

Graduate Advising (*denotes chair of committee; **outside reader; (first job))

2025: Carmen Esposito (UMass-Dartmouth); Samuel Wylde*; Tong Ye; July Spector - Bishop; Mikita Zhilinsky
2024: Ryan Bhandari (GAO)
2023: Michael Disher; Bongsun (Regina) Seo, American Univ.*
2022: Christina Laternser* (Lurie Children's Hospital); Ruveyda Nur Gozen*; Todd Czurylo (Deloitte)
2019: Chia Chang (Joint Committee on Taxation); Loujaina Abdelwahad (The Cooper Union)
2018: Alicia Atwood (Vassar College); Xu Yuanrong (Shanghai Lixin School of Commerce)
2017: Xuan Yin (Etsy); Dennis Plott (ABD, Lecturer, Notre Dame)
2016: Patrick Baude (Asst. Professor Teaching Stream, University of Toronto)
2015: Carlos Villareal (Analyst, Blue Cross Blue Shield)
2014: Juliana Nobrego-Rogo (Lecturer, UBC); Brian Goegan (Lecturer, ASU)
Jessica Hiner (Data Scientist, Harris Bank)

MA

2012: Mark Agerton (Ph.D. Candidate, Rice U)

Teaching

Ph.D. Courses

Public Economics (Econ 575)
Microeconometrics (Econ 539)
Labor Economics (Econ 534)
Workshop in Economic Research (Econ 592)
Research Seminar in Economics (Econ 594- Special Topics)
Urban and Land Economics (Econ 594 - Special Topics)

Undergraduate

Public Finance (Econ 328)
Statistics for Economists (Econ 270)
Urban Economics and Public Policy (Econ 475)

Undergraduate Research Advising

2022 - 2023: Salar Baloch, Senior Thesis
2021 - 2022: Ayden Young, Honors Capstone; Krystian Morawa, Senior Thesis;
Chinenye Nwume, Honors Capstone
2020 - 2021: Ashna Agarwal, Senior Thesis
2014 - 2016: Nawal Elayyan, Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Award
2014 - 2015: Jayme Massion, Independent Study
Summer 2015: Sarah Malone, UIC Summer Research Opportunities Program
2014 - 2015: Brian Waddell, Independent Study Honors Capstone Project
2013- 2014: Ganna Zou, Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Award Honors Capstone Project;
Jeffrey Moy, Independent Study Honors Capstone Project

Presentations (includes scheduled)

Invited Talks

* Cancelled Due to COVID – 19

- 2025: Vanderbilt Univ. (11/2025)
2024: Minneapolis Fed (2/2024); Consumer Sciences, Wisconsin (3/2024); Univ. of Virginia (4/2024); Harris School, Univ. of Chicago (10/2024)
2023: Notre Dame (12/2023); Univ. South Florida(11/2023); Chicago Fed (2/2023); Econ Dept., Univ. of Wisconsin (3/2023); Duke Univ. (4/2023)
2022: Univ. of Illinois (4/2022); Wharton School, UPenn (4/2022); Cleveland Fed (5/2022); Wellesley College (11/2022); Dept. of Epidemiology, Boston Univ (11/2022)
2021: Northern Illinois (9/2021); Maryland, Baltimore County (3/2021); Clemson Univ. (4/2021)
2020: Memphis (4/2020*, 11/2020); RAND (11/2020); Clemson Univ.* (invited, 3/2020)
2018: UIC Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (3/2018); Washington Center for Equitable Growth (1/2018); Chicago Fed (10/2018); Howard (10/2018); George Washington (11/2018)
2017: Northwestern Univ. (12/2017); The Brookings Institution (8/2017); DePaul Univ. (6/2017)
2016: Teacher's College, Columbia Univ. (10/2016); Student Success Initiative Seminar, UIC (4/2016)
2015: Marquette Univ. (9/2015); Loyola Univ., Chicago (4/2015)
2012: Illinois, Institute for Gov. and Public Affairs (9/2012); Windsor (11/2012); Harris School, Chicago (12/2012) 2012: Western Michigan (4/2012)
2011: Illinois at UC; Mathematica Policy Research; Georgia State; Cleveland Fed; Maryland; UC, Irvine; UIC

Conference Presentations

- 2024: ASSA Meetings (Discussant), San Antonio (1/2024)
2023: ASSA Meetings (Discussant), New Orleans (1/2023)
2022: NBER Summer Institute (Presenter), Cambridge (7/2022)
Risk and Racial Bias Homeownership Workshop (Discussant), Chicago Fed (10/2022)
Equitable Growth Grantee Virtual Conference (Discussant), (7/2022)
NBER Labor Studies (Discussant), Chicago (3/2022)
ASSA Meetings (Discussant), Boston (1/2022)
2021: Yale Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Economic Justice Virtual Symposium (Discussant), (10/2021)
Washington Center for Equitable Growth Grantee Conference (Discussant), (10/2021)
2020: PAA Meetings* (Presenter, Discussant), Washington, DC (4/2020)
Automation, Training, and the Middle Class, (Presenter) Brookings, (6/2020)
ASA Meetings*, (panelist), San Francisco, CA (8/2020)
2019: RSF Conference on Rural Economics, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, NY
The Future of Automation and the Middle Class (Organizer, Presenter), Brookings Institution Webinar
Automation and the Labor Market (Discussant) FMCi, Brookings, (9/2019)
Automation and Labor Market Institutions (Discussant), FMCi, Brookings, (12/2019)
ASSA Meeting (Presenter), Atlanta (1/2019)
AREUEA National Meetings (Chair), Washington DC (5/2019)
2018: ASSA Meetings (Presenter), Philadelphia, PA (1/2018)
PAA Annual Meetings (Chair, Discussant), Denver, CO (4/2018)
AREUEA National Meetings (Discussant), Washington DC (5/2018)
2017: 50th Anniversary of the Kerner Commission Conference (Presenter), RSF (9/2017)
OIGI Fall Conference (Presenter), Minneapolis Fed (10/2017)
APPAM Fall 2017 Conference (Discussant, 2 papers), Chicago, (11/2017)
CHERP Mini - Conference (Presenter), Chicago Fed (12/2017)
ASSA Meetings (Presenter), Chicago (1/2017)
Education Policy Research Conference (Presenter), Austin (5/2017)
2016: ASSA Meetings (Presenter, Discussant), San Francisco, CA (1/2016)
2015: Urban Economics Association Meetings (Presenter, Discussant), Washington, D.C. (10/2015)
2014: HULM Conference (Discussant), Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (4/2014)
2011: IEA Meetings (Presenter), Chicago, IL (10/2011)
WEA Meetings (Presenter, Discussant), San Diego (6/2011)
2010: ASSA Meetings (Presenter, Discussant), Atlanta
ERID Housing Market Dynamics Conference (Presenter), Duke University
2009: DITE Workshop (Presenter), Duke University, Durham, NC (10/2010)

Other Invited Talks, Presentations, and Panels

- 2022: Guest Lecture, “Automation, Jobs, and Public Policy,” Harvard GSE (3/2022)
- 2021: Guest Lecture, “Automation, Jobs, and the Social Safety Net,” Harvard GSE (3/2021)
Panelist, “How Can We Widen the Pathway to the Middle Class,” Education Writers Assoc.(5/2021)
Panelist, “Autonomous Vehicles and Transportation Equity” CBC Foundation (7/2021)
- 2020: Panelist, “Tech’s Next Age of Disruption,” Edelman Communications
Panelist, “COVID-19 and its Educational and Child Development Consequences,” ASPA, AU
Guest Lecture, George Mason University (3/2020)
Guest Lecture, “Automation, Jobs, and the Social Safety Net,” Harvard GSE (3/2020)
- 2019: “Questions to Answers: Best Practices in Research,” (presenter), Brookings
“Preparing for the Future of Work in International Affairs,” (panelist), BPIA Panel Series
“Economists Doing Work: Conducting Research,” (presenter), Penn State, Brookings
“Taking a Question to Answer: The Process of Research,” (presenter), Sadie Tanner-Alexander
Collective Visit, Brookings
- 2018: “Inequity Since the Great Recession,” (presenter) UUSJ Webinar Series
“From Questions to Answers” (presenter) Hutchins Center College Day, Brookings
“Uncertainty and its Consequences” (panelist), BPIA
“Why You Should be an Economist,” (keynote) Economic Honors Banquet, Howard University
“Dynamic Aspects of the Charter School Market,” (invited presentation), Brookings

Service

UIC Departmental Service

- 2023-2024: Undergraduate Education Policy Committee (ex-officio)
- 2022-2023: Advisory Committee, Undergraduate Education Policy Committee (ex-officio)
- 2021-2022: Advisory Committee, Assistant Professor Recruiting Committee, Clinical Lecturer Search, Program
Coordinator Search, Education Policy Committee (ex-officio)
- 2020-present: Education Policy Committee (ex-officio)
- 2016-2017: Clinical Assistant Professor Search Committee, Graduate Curriculum Committee
- 2015-2016: Graduate Curriculum Committee
- 2014-2015: Graduate Curriculum Committee
- 2013-2014: Department Seminar Coordinator
- 2012-2013: Grad. Admissions and Financial Aid Committee
Seminar Coordinator; Lecturer Search Committee
- 2011-2012: Assistant/Associate Recruiting Committee

UIC College/University Service

- 2023 - 2025: Graduate College Executive Committee
- 2022-2025: LAS Educational Policy Committee (Chair: 2023 - 2024)
- 2022-2023: Graduate Awards Committee
- Fall 2017: Reviewer, Chancellor’s Graduate Award Competition
- Spring 2016: Truman Scholarship Practice Committee

Brookings Institution

- 2018/2020: Economic Studies Social Committee

Conference Organization

- 2023 - 2025: Co-Organizer, Conference on Race, Racism, and Structural Inequality, Duke University
- 2024: Co-Organizer, NBER Conference on Race and Stratification, Cambridge, MA
- 2020: Organizer, Automation, Training, and the Middle Class, Brookings Instit., Washington DC, (3/2020)
- 2019: Organizer, The Future of Automation and the Middle Class, Brookings Inst. Webinar, (12/2019)
Organizer, Automation and the Labor Market, Future of Middle Class Institute, Brookings Inst., (9/2019)
Organizer, Automation and Labor Market Institutions, Future of Middle Class Institute, Brookings Inst., (12/2019)

Grant Review

- Reviewer, Russell Sage Foundation
- NSF Advisory Panel and Ad Hoc Reviewer, SBE Program
- NSF Advisory Panel, Economics Program
- Ad Hoc Reviewer, Washington Center for Equitable Growth

Referee Service

Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Public Economics; Economic Inquiry;
Journal of Economic Psychology; Journal of Labor Research; Labour Economics;
Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management;
Regional Science and Urban Economics; Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics;
Review of Black Political Economics; The American Economist; Education Finance and Policy,
Journal of Housing Economics; Management Science; Review of Economics and Statistics;
Quantitative Economics; Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy; Urban Studies, Washington Center for
Equitable Growth; Education Evaluation and Policy Analysis; Economic Journal; Journal of Human Resources;
Urban Affairs Review; The Annals of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Journal of Regional Science;
Journal of Urban Economics; Economics of Education Review; Quarterly Journal of Economics

2016: Guest Editor, SAGE Open

Service to Community

2020 - 2022: Guest Speaker, Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, Westinghouse HS, Chicago, IL

Media & Commentary

Interview, “Federal work shaped a Black middle class. Now it’s destabilized by Trump’s job cuts,” NPR.org, 4/27/2025.
Interview, “Mass layoffs of federal workers could hurt families and local economies — but may not dent the overall economy,” CNNBusiness.com, 2/25/2025.
Interview, “Much of the Black middle class was built by federal jobs. That may change.” NBCnews.com (02/22/25)
Interview, “Robots Once Seen as Job Killers Now Protect Workers From Covid,” Bloomberg.com (12/14/20)
Interview, “Automation 101,” Kemtrails Podcast (12/2020)
Contributor, “How coronavirus could usher in a new age of automation,” CNBC (9/5/2020)
Interview, “Automation and Middle-Class Jobs” Brookings Cafeteria Podcast (Jan. 2020)
Contributor, State of the Union Coverage, FactCheck.Org, (February 6, 2019)
Paper discussed, Washington Examiner (October 9, 2018)
Interview, Reality Check with Charles Ellison (October 9, 2018)
“Two Economists Reflect on the Financial Crisis and their Careers,” Brookings (Sept. 14, 2018)
Podcast Interview, Brookings Cafeteria Podcast (June 22, 2018)
Interview, Reality Check with Charles Ellison (March 6, 2018)
Interview, The 21st Show, “Poverty and Inequality” (Sept 16, 2016)
Interview, Chicago Tribune, “Why Wealthy Blacks are Leaving Chicago for the South,” (Sept. 25, 2015)
Profile, UIC News, (July 24, 2015)
Interview, First Business News, “Anniversary of the March on Washington” (August 8, 2013)
Citation, Chicago Magazine, “Estimating Price Differentials in the Housing Market,” (May 8, 2013)
Citation, Business Insider, “Price Discrimination in the Housing Market,” (May 1, 2012)

Predoctoral Employment

2007 - 2009: Research Associate, Dept. of Economics, Duke University
2004; 2007: Teaching Assistant, AEA Summer Program, Duke University
2006 - 2007: Research Assistant, Dept. of Finance, University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign
2003 - 2006: Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign

Professional Memberships

Affiliation: AEA, NEA, APPAM, AREUEA, LERA, MEA