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POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Education Finance

University of Vermont, College of Education and Social Services *2026-*

Research Fellow

United States Department of Education, Office of the Chief Economist *2023-2024*

Staff Economist

Executive Office of the President of the United States, Council of Economic Advisers *2021 - 2022*

Research Consultant, Research Analyst, Research Assistant

Urban Institute, Center on Education Data and Policy *2016 - 2021*

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Harvard University

Education Policy and Program Evaluation 2026

B.A., Wellesley College

Economics and Political Science *2016*

RESEARCH

WORKING PAPERS

Do Families Follow the Money? The Impact of School Finance Reforms on Public School Enrollment

The Impact of School Resources on Academic and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Massachusetts Education Reform Act of 1993

The Effects of Public Subsidies for Private Projects on K–12 Education Finance

REPORTS AND BRIEFS

Boushey, Heather, Lisa Barrow, Gopi Shah Goda, **Victoria Lee**, Anna Pasnau, and Sarah Wheaton. 2022. Care Businesses: A Model that Doesn't Work for Providers, Workers, or Families. Washington, D.C.: The White House.

Blagg, Kristin, Emily Gutierrez, and **Victoria Lee**. 2021. How COVID-19-Induced Changes to K–12 Enrollment and Poverty Might Affect School Funding. Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute.

Blagg, Kristin and **Victoria Lee**. 2019. MA DESE Policy Report: A First Look at School-Level Expenditures. Malden, MA: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Lee, Victoria and Kristin Blagg. 2018. School District Funding in Massachusetts: Computing the

Effects of Changes to the Chapter 70 Funding Formula. Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute.

Baum, Sandy and **Victoria Lee**. 2018. Understanding Endowments. Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute.

Baum, Sandy and **Victoria Lee**. 2017. Paying for College: What is Affordable? Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute

Blagg, Kristin, Matthew M. Chingos, and **Victoria Lee**. 2017. The Price of Room and Board. Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute.

Chingos, Matthew M., Kristin Blagg, and **Victoria Lee**. 2017. Five Facts about the Sharp Rise in College Living Costs. Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute.

BLOG POSTS AND COMMENTARIES

Jordan Matsudaira, Daniel Pollard, and **Victoria Lee** “Trends in Federal Student Loan Borrower Payments Through the End of the Payment Pause: A Comparison of Different Federal Data Sources”, U.S. Department of Education, Office of the Undersecretary. October 27, 2023

Lisa Barrow, **Victoria Lee**, and Ryan Perry “What is Happening to Higher-Ed Enrollment?”, Chicago Fed Insights (blog), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, January 18, 2023

Victoria Lee, Emily Gutierrez, and Kristin Blagg, “Declining enrollment spells trouble for education funding”, Urban Wire (blog), Urban Institute, October 6, 2020

Victoria Lee and Kristin Blagg, “‘Equal’ K-12 State Funding Cuts Could Disproportionately Harm Low-income Students”, Urban Wire (blog), Urban Institute, July 31, 2020.

Matthew M. Chingos and **Victoria Lee**, “40 years after the Bakke decision, what’s the future of affirmative action in college admissions” Urban Wire (blog), Urban Institute, June 28, 2018.

Constance Lindsay, **Victoria Lee**, and Tracey Lloyd “The prevalence of police officers in US schools” Urban Wire (blog), Urban Institute, June 21, 2018.

Victoria Lee, “Striking teachers want better supplies. The data say those requests are justified” Urban Wire (blog), Urban Institute, April 18, 2018.

Victoria Lee and Constance Lindsay, “Unequal access to calculus could hinder low-income and black students” Urban Wire (blog), Urban Institute, March 6, 2018.

Kristin Blagg and **Victoria Lee**, “The complexity of education debt among older Americans” Urban Wire (blog), Urban Institute, November 15, 2017.

MULTI-MEDIA

Constance Lindsay and **Victoria Lee**, “Which Colleges are Helping Create a Diverse Teacher Workforce” Urban Institute, July 16, 2018.

Sandy Baum, Martha Johnson, and **Victoria Lee** “Understanding College Affordability”, Urban In-

stitute, April 2017

SKILLS

Programming Languages

Stata, R, Python, SQL

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Partnering in Education Research Fellowship , Harvard University	2022-2024
Presidential Scholar Fellowship , Harvard University	2019-2020
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Prize Fellowship , Harvard University	2019-2020
Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society , Wellesley College	2016

TEACHING

University of Vermont	Burlington, VT
Affecting and Managing Change	Fall 2026
Harvard University, Teaching Fellow	Cambridge, MA
Microeconomics of Education	Spring 2025
Program Evaluation and Education Policy	Spring 2023, Spring 2025
K-12 Education Policymaking in the U.S.: A View from the States	Fall 2024
Education Policy and Analysis	Fall 2022, Fall 2024
Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems	Spring 2024
Education Finance and Budgeting	Fall 2020, Fall 2022
Economics of Education through the Lens of Race and Inequality	Spring 2021

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Northeast Economics of Education Workshop	2026 (forthcoming)
Wellesley Economics Alumni Conference	2026 (forthcoming)
AEFP Doctoral Student Group	2026
Panelist, Navigating the Job Market	
AEFP Qualitative Policy Scholars of Color Community Groups	2024
Panelist, <i>Temporary Tenures: Academic Expertise in Government Leadership</i>	
Wellesley College	2022
Guest Lecture, Economics of Education	
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation	2021
Panelist, Emerging Leaders Summit, <i>Student Debt as a Barrier to Building Black Wealth</i>	
Association of Governing Boards	2018
Panelist, Annual Conference, <i>The Myths—And Truths—about College and University Endowments</i>	

MEDIA COVERAGE

Research featured or cited in the New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, and NPR.