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**Personal Information:**

Date of Birth: 2/9/1980 (San Francisco, California)  
Citizenship: USA

**Employment:**

UC San Diego Department of Economics, and School of Global Policy and Strategy  
Associate Professor (with tenure), 2018-present (on leave, 2020-)

Goldman School of Public Policy, U.C. Berkeley  
Associate Professor (with tenure), 2017-2018  
Assistant Professor, 2013-2017

Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research  
Visiting Associate Professor, 2017-2018

U.S. Treasury Department  
Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy and Acting Chief Economist, 2013  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy, 2012-2013

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania  
Assistant Professor, Department of Business Economics and Public Policy, 2009-2013

Harvard University Department of Economics  
Lecturer on Economics, Spring 2009

National Bureau of Economic Research  
Post-Doctoral Fellow in Aging and Health, 2008-9

**Other Positions and Affiliations:**

National Bureau of Economic Research  
Research Associate in Public Economics, 2017-present  
Research Associate in Aging, 2017-present  
Co-organizer, NBER working group on Social Security, 2020  
Faculty Research Fellow in Public Economics, 2009-2017  
Faculty Research Fellow in Aging, 2013-2017

*Journal of Public Economics*  
Co-Editor, 2017-present

Social Security Advisory Board Technical Panel on Assumptions and Methods  
Member and Chair, Committee on Presentation, 2018-2019

National Academy of Social Insurance  
Elected member, 2019-present

Berkeley Institute for the Future of Young Americans  
Co-Founder and Faculty Affiliate, 2013-present

*Journal of the European Economic Association*  
Associate Editor, 2017-2019

UC Berkeley Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance  
Faculty Associate, 2015-2018

UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor Economics  
Faculty Affiliate, 2013-2018

UC Berkeley Opportunity Lab  
Faculty Affiliate, 2016-2018

Wharton Risk Management and Decision Processes Center  
Research Fellow, 2010-present

Institute for Labor Market Policy Evaluation (IFAU), Uppsala, Sweden  
Affiliated Researcher, 2008-2016

**Education:**

Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University, 2008

Advisors: Lawrence Katz, David Cutler, Martin Feldstein, and Caroline Hoxby

A.B., Economics, Harvard University, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 2003

**Field:**

Public Economics

**Honors, Grants, and Fellowships:**

2019-20	Social Security RDRC Grant (with Damon Jones and Daniel Sacks)
2018-19	Social Security RDRC Grant (with Timothy Moore)
2017-19	Sloan Foundation Grant (with Damon Jones and Daniel Sacks)
2016-17	Social Security RRC Grant (with Damon Jones and Daniel Sacks)
2016	Richard Musgrave Prize for the best paper in the <i>National Tax Journal</i> in 2016
2016	<i>American Economic Review</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award
2015-17	UC Berkeley Center on Governing and Investing for the Future Grant
2015-16	National Institute on Aging Pilot Grant
2015-16	UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Grant
2015-17	Sloan Foundation Grant (with Damon Jones and Daniel Sacks)
2015	<i>American Economic Review</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award
2014-15	UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Grant
2014-15	UC Berkeley Center on Governing and Investing for the Future Grant
2014-15	Social Security RRC grant (with Damon Jones and Daniel Sacks)
2014-15	Social Security Disability Research Consortium Grant (with Timothy Moore)

2014 *American Economic Review* Excellence in Refereeing Award  
2014 UC Berkeley Regents' Junior Faculty Fellowship  
2014 UC Berkeley Committee on Research grant  
2013-2014 UC Berkeley Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Grant  
2013 U.S. Treasury Meritorious Service Award  
2013 *American Economic Review* Excellence in Refereeing Award  
2013 *Journal of Public Economics* Certificate of Reviewing Excellence  
2012 Social Security Retirement Research Consortium Grant (with Damon Jones)  
2012 National Institutes of Health R03 Grant (with Damon Jones)  
2012 Sandell Grant (with Damon Jones)  
2012 Social Security Disability Research Consortium Grant (with Timothy Moore)  
2012 Wharton Dean's Research Fund Grant  
2012 Duke Young Economists Jamboree for Empirical Microeconomics  
2011 Wharton Entrepreneurship and Family Business Research Center Grant  
2011 Upjohn Institute Grant  
2011 Wharton Mack Center Grant  
2010 Wharton Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Grant  
2010 Wharton Global Initiatives Grant  
2010 University of Pennsylvania TRIO Grant  
2010 Wharton Center for Human Resources Grant  
2009, 2012 Wharton Risk and Decision Processes Center Grant  
2008-9 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award  
2007, 8 Derek Bok Teaching Award, Harvard University  
2005-6; 2007-8 Starr Family Fellowship, Harvard University  
2003-5 Economics Department Fellowship, Harvard University  
2002 Phi Beta Kappa  
2000-2002 John Harvard Scholarship, Harvard University  
2000 Detur Book Prize, Harvard University (for freshman GPA in the top 6%)  
1998 National Merit Scholar  
1997 Research Science Institute (RSI) participant, MIT  
1996 Program in Mathematics for Young Scientists (PROMYS) participant, Boston University

**Published and Forthcoming Papers:**

Gelber, Alexander, Damon Jones, Daniel Sacks, and Jae Song. "Using Non-Linear Budget Sets to Estimate Extensive Margin Responses: Method and Evidence from the Social Security Earnings Test." Forthcoming, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

Gelber, Alexander, Damon Jones, Daniel Sacks, and Jae Song. "The Employment Effects of the Social Security Earnings Test." Forthcoming, *Journal of Human Resources*.

Gelber, Alexander, Damon Jones and Daniel Sacks. "Estimating Adjustment Frictions Using Non-Linear Budget Sets: Method and Evidence from the Earnings Test," *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 2020, 12(1), 1-31 (lead article).

Gelber, Alexander, Timothy Moore, and Alexander Strand. "The Impact of Disability Insurance on Beneficiaries' Earnings." *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 2017, 9(3), 229-261.

Gelber, Alexander, Adam Isen, and Jae Song. "The Role of Social Security Benefits in the

Turnaround of Older Women's Employment Rate: Evidence from the Notch Cohorts," October 2016. Forthcoming in a National Bureau of Economic Research volume on *Women Working Longer*, ed. Claudia Goldin and Lawrence Katz.

Gelber, Alexander, Adam Isen, and Judd Kessler. "The Effects of Youth Employment: Evidence from New York City Lotteries," *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 2016, 131(1), 381-422.

Gelber, Alexander, and Matthew Weinzierl. "Optimal Taxation when Children's Abilities Depend on Parents' Resources," *National Tax Journal* 2016, 69(1), 11-40 (lead article; winner of the Musgrave Prize for the best paper in the *National Tax Journal* in 2016).

Gelber, Alexander. "Taxation and the Earnings of Husbands and Wives: Evidence from Sweden," *Review of Economics and Statistics* 2014, 96(2), 287-305.

Gelber, Alexander, and Adam Isen. "Children's Schooling and Parents' Behavior: Evidence from the Head Start Impact Study," *Journal of Public Economics* 2013, 101, 25-38.

Gelber, Alexander, and Joshua Mitchell. "Taxes and Time Allocation: Evidence from Single Women and Men," *Review of Economic Studies* 2012, 79(3): 863-897 (lead article).

Gelber, Alexander. "How do 401(k)s Affect Saving? Evidence from Changes in 401(k) Eligibility," *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 2011, 3:4, 103-122 (reprinted in *Economic Behaviour and Taxation*, edited by James Alm and J. Sebastian Leguizamon).

Freeman, Richard, and Alexander Gelber. "Prize Structure and Information in Tournaments: Experimental Evidence," *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 2010, 2:1, 149-164.

Cutler, David, and Alexander Gelber. "Changes in the Incidence and Duration of Periods without Insurance," *New England Journal of Medicine* 2009, 360:17, 1740-1748.

#### **Academic Working Papers Under Review:**

Gelber, Alexander, Timothy Moore, and Alexander Strand. "Disability Insurance Income Saves Lives," March 2018 (reject and resubmit, *Journal of Political Economy*).

Gelber, Alexander, Adam Isen, and Jae Song. "The Effect of Pension Income on Elderly Earnings: Evidence from Social Security and Full Population Data," December 2016 (revise and resubmit, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*).

Doran, Kirk, Alexander Gelber, and Adam Isen. "The Effects of High-Skilled Immigration Policy on Firms: Evidence from Visa Lotteries," February 2016, NBER Working Paper 20668 (revise and resubmit, *Journal of Political Economy*).

Gelber, Alexander, and Adam Isen. "Firm Regulations and Employment: Evidence from Administrative Data," May 2016.

#### **Reports:**

Gelber, Alexander, Damon Jones, and Daniel Sacks. "The Social Security Earnings Test and Retirement," September 2015. Social Security Administration report 14-08r.

Gelber, Alexander, Timothy Moore, and Alexander Strand. "SSDI Replacement Rates and

Beneficiary Life Expectancy,” May 2015. Social Security Administration report NB14-06.

Gelber, Alexander, Timothy Moore, and Alexander Strand. “The Effect of Disability Insurance on Work Activity: Evidence from a Regression Kink Design,” April 2014. Social Security Administration report NB13-05.

Gelber, Alexander, Damon Jones, and Daniel Sacks. “How do Individuals Respond to the Earnings Test?” September 2013. Social Security Administration report NB13-07.

**Policy Writing:**

Gelber, Alexander, Timothy Moore, and Alexander Strand. “New Evidence Shows Larger Benefits of Disability Insurance Income.” SIEPR Policy Brief, May 2018.

Gelber, Alexander. “Statement by Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy Alexander Gelber for the Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee,” April 29, 2016.

**Presentations and Discussions (completed and scheduled):**

2019: UC San Diego, Yale

2018: SIEPR, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

2017: UCSD, UIUC, SIEPR, Stanford, UC Berkeley, University of Utah, National Tax Association

2016: NBER, Sloan Foundation conference on Women Working Longer, White House Council of Economic Advisors, University of Southern California, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management

2015: UCLA, LSE, NBER, Sloan Foundation meeting on Women Working Longer, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management

2014: UC Santa Cruz, NBER Summer Institute, University of Utah, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, California Neurological Society, Sloan Foundation meeting on Women Working Longer

2013: All-California Labor Economics Conference, National Tax Association, NBER Summer Institute, Social Security Retirement Research Consortium, UC Berkeley (Goldman School of Public Policy), UC San Diego, UC Davis Poverty Research Center, UC Santa Barbara Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance, National Congress of American Indians, Brookings, Kettering Foundation

2012: Columbia, NBER Summer Institute, IZA Workshop on Recent Advances in Labor Supply Modeling, University of Virginia, Young Economists’ Jamboree (Empirical Microeconomics) sponsored by Economic Research Initiatives at Duke

2011: American Economic Association, Columbia Tax Workshop, National Tax Association, U.S. Treasury Office of Tax Analysis, University of Oslo workshop on household behavior, University of Chicago (Harris School of Public Policy), University of Toronto

2010: Econometric Society, Econometric Society World Congress, Georgia State (Young School of

Policy Studies), IFS-STICERD Public Economics Seminar, Hebrew University, Humboldt University of Berlin, INSEAD, IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Conference, National Tax Association, NBER Labor Studies, NBER Summer Institute, Public Economics UK Conference, Society for Economic Dynamics

2009: American Economic Association, Brookings (2), Institute for International Economic Studies (IIES), National Tax Association, NBER Public Economics meetings, NBER Summer Institute, Nordic Summer Institute for Empirical Labor Economics, RAND, Stanford, Stockholm School of Economics, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Tax Policy Center, University of British Columbia, University of Michigan (Office of Tax Policy Research), University of Michigan (Economics Department), University of Wisconsin-Madison, Uppsala

2008: Boston University, Cornell (Policy Analysis and Management), Harvard, IFN Stockholm Conference, IZA/CEPR European Summer Symposium in Labour Economics, London School of Economics, NBER Summer Institute, Northwestern, Society for Economic Dynamics, Tel Aviv University, UC Berkeley, University of Chicago GSB, UCLA, University College London, University of Maryland, Wharton

2007: NBER Summer Institute, Texas A&M, Uppsala

2006: NBER Summer Institute, NBER Economics of National Security Conference, Uppsala

**Referee service:**

2005-present: ad hoc reviewer for *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *Berkeley Electronic Press*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Journal*, *European Economic Review*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *International Economic Review*, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, *International Tax and Public Finance*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *J-PAL State and Local Initiative*, *Labour Economics*, *Management Science*, *National Tax Journal*, *Oxford University Press*, *Quantitative Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Industrial Organization*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Social Science Research*

**Ph.D. student advising (\* indicates co-primary advisor, # dissertation committee, ~ letter-writer), with first placement:**

\*#~ Adam Isen, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Tax Analysis

#~ Timothy (Jun) Lu, Peking University HSBC Business School

#~ David Rothschild, Yahoo! Research

~ Daniel Sacks, Indiana University Kelley School of Business

**Other Professional Activities and Consulting:**

2020: Program Committee, Econometric Society World Congress

2020-present: chair, NBER selection committee for grant program on the aging workforce

2020-present: delegate to National Economic Education Delegation

2019-present: co-founder, chairman, and advisor, FutureProof

2019-present: adjunct consultant, Kagin's consulting

2018-present: advisor, Neptune Street Advisors

2017-present: member, selection committee for fellowship program on the aging workforce

2017-present: advisor to Locus Analytics

2016-present: advisor to Orange Door Research

2016-present: advisory council, Gerson Lehrman Group

2018: Stripe, Inc.

2016-2017: advisory board member, Good World Solutions

2016: member of NBER group, "Economic Measurement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"

2015-2016: consultant to Premise Data Corporation on economic data collection

2009, 2010, 2011: Program Committee, National Tax Association

2008: *pro bono* tax policy consulting for Obama presidential campaign