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National Bureau of Economic Research
1050 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear NBER Training Program Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my keen interest in the NBER mentoring program, supported by the National Institute of Aging, focused on aging and health economics. As a current PhD candidate in Economics at Howard University, my academic and research endeavors are deeply intertwined with my personal experiences growing up in Hartford, Connecticut, and serving as a paratrooper in the Iraq War. These experiences have shaped my commitment to utilizing economic research to address systemic inequalities, particularly in health economics, public policy, and the impact of artificial intelligence on economic growth.

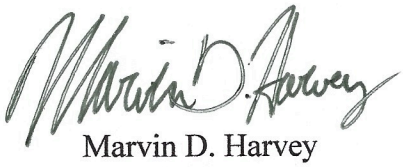
My recent engagement in researching the socio-economic impacts of the crack cocaine epidemic, under the mentorship of Dr. Jevay Grooms at Howard University, underscores my commitment to evidence-based, compassionate research that seeks to inform policies benefiting marginalized groups. As a Black veteran who has personally navigated the disparities in PTSD care, I possess a profound insight into the systemic inequities that pervade our healthcare framework. These experiences invigorate my resolve to contribute to economic research that champions fair healthcare access and advocates for justice across all sectors. The NBER mentoring program offers a pivotal opportunity to refine my research skills, deepen my understanding of empirical methods, and develop impactful projects that can lead to substantial policy improvements, perfectly aligning with my research goals and the broader objectives of your esteemed program.

Joining the NBER training program represents an unparalleled opportunity to refine my analytical skills, engage in substantive project development, and collaborate with esteemed scholars like Jetson Leder-Luis and Sebastian Tello Trillo. I am particularly excited about participating in the workshop in Cambridge, MA, and believe that my background and research interests will add valuable perspectives to the discussions.

I am motivated by the prospect of contributing to the economics of aging and health through innovative research that bridges empirical methods with real-world applications. Through this program, I aim to further my commitment to crafting economic policies that not only advance scholarly understanding but also tangibly benefit society's most vulnerable.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to and learning from the vibrant NBER community, driving forward the frontiers of economic knowledge and practice.

Sincerely,



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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. of Economics
Howard University, Washington DC
Expected Graduation Date 2026

Courses:
History of Economic Analysis, Advanced Statistics, Mathematics for Economists, Microeconomic Theory (I, II, III), Macroeconomic Theory (I, II, III), Econometrics (I, II), Advanced Topics in Econometrics.

Masters of Business Administration
North Carolina Central University, Durham NC
December 11, 2021

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Shaw University, Raleigh, NC
May 08, 2010

Current Research:

Research Assistant under Dr. Jevay Grooms, Howard University

- Investigating the economic ramifications of the crack cocaine epidemic and its community impact.

Research Interests:

- Applied Microeconomics
- Health Economics
- Public Policy
- Race & Inequality
- Exploring the impact of Artificial Intelligence on market efficiency and economic growth

Professional Experience:

Graduate Assistant, Howard University (2022–2024)

- Assisted in academic and research activities, contributing to various projects and departmental tasks.

Research Assistant, Howard University (2024)

- Engaged in data analysis, contributing to research publications and economic studies.

Technical Skills:

- Proficient in R Studio and Stata for econometric analysis, statistical modeling, and data visualization.

Work Experience:

Harris Teeter, Raleigh, NC

Co-Manager (October 2016 - June 2018)

- Spearheaded customer service initiatives, significantly enhancing the customer experience and contributing to a 10% sales growth during critical fiscal periods.
- Administered budgets, payroll, and inventory, aligning financial and operational strategies with corporate objectives.
- Led a diverse team of over 100 associates, fostering a culture of continuous improvement, professional development, and high performance.
- Executed comprehensive financial audits, ensuring adherence to fiscal accountability and integrity.
- Championed company policies and regulatory compliance, mitigating risk and enhancing operational efficiency.

Wal-Mart, Cary, NC

Asset Protection Manager (June 2010 - October 2016)

- Instrumental in reducing liability and financial risks, achieving significant cost savings and enhancing profitability through strategic risk management and loss prevention initiatives.

- Managed and optimized facility-level operations, upholding the highest standards of compliance, ethics, and integrity.

- Pioneered training programs and audits, fortifying the organization's commitment to best practices in asset protection and operational excellence.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Raleigh, NC

Transportation Security Officer (TSO) July-08 to October-09

- Collaboratively led a dedicated team to fortify the security measures for the flying public, ensuring a safe travel environment through meticulous security protocols.
- Proactively communicated updated government safety procedures and regulations to passengers, enhancing their understanding and compliance.
- Exhibited exceptional vigilance in monitoring security processes, prioritizing the safety and well-being of passengers and team members with acute attention to detail.
- Addressed passenger inquiries and provided recommendations with professionalism and courtesy, upholding the TSA's commitment to excellent customer service.
- Demonstrated adept decision-making in high-pressure situations, effectively managing crisis scenarios and maintaining operational integrity.

Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), Department of Defense (DoD)
Southport, NC

Supply Technician, Responsible Officer July-07 to October-08

- Oversaw the accountability of $44 million in government assets, ensuring stringent compliance with federal regulations and safeguarding fiscal integrity.
- Managed 23 asset accounts, optimizing logistical efficiency and asset utilization through strategic oversight and data-driven decision-making.
- Employed advanced Windows-based software to maintain precise records, generate reports, and conduct detailed audits, reinforcing operational transparency and accuracy.
- Cultivated strong collaborative relationships across all logistical and departmental levels, facilitating seamless operational coordination and enhancing organizational effectiveness.
- Led a team of three, fostering a culture of accountability, precision, and continuous improvement in alignment with the DoD's mission and values.

Military Experience:

United States Army

Unit Supply Specialist June-01 to February-06

- Entrusted with the fiscal responsibility for $500 million in government assets, ensuring meticulous accountability and adherence to stringent federal guidelines.

- Administered 16 asset accounts, implementing efficient management practices and strategic oversight to optimize asset utilization and operational effectiveness.
- Mastered and rigorously applied government and departmental regulations, guaranteeing compliance and operational excellence within the military supply chain.
- Operated advanced Windows-based software for comprehensive account management, generating detailed reports, maintaining accurate records, and conducting thorough audits to uphold fiscal accuracy and integrity.
- Cultivated and maintained robust professional relationships across various logistical channels, enhancing interdepartmental collaboration and operational cohesion while providing leadership and oversight to departmental personnel.

Schools and Training:

2007/Property Book Unit Supply Enhanced Training
2003/Purchasing Agent Course
2002/Armor School
2001/Automated Inventory Control Training School
2001/Unit Supply Specialist School

Honors and Awards:

The **Bronze Star Medal** for meritorious service during combat operations while serving as the battalion property book specialist in Iraq
The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal for services rendered in Iraq
The Army Achievement Medal for outstanding achievement while in service with 37TH EN BN during the 18th Airborne Corps Operational Readiness Inspection
The Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity in active federal military service
The Parachutist Badge for successful competition of Airborne School

References:

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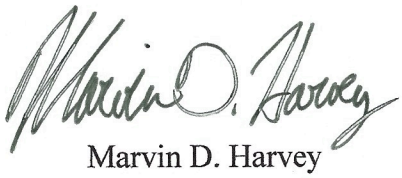
Statement of Interest

Growing up in Hartford, Connecticut, a city marked by sharp contrasts between affluence and systemic marginalization, I've been intimately acquainted with the challenges faced by underprivileged communities. My academic journey at Howard University transcends traditional education, embodying an earnest quest to leverage economic insights for societal transformation. My expertise spans Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Public Policy, Race & Inequality, and the implications of Artificial Intelligence on financial progress, all rooted in a steadfast commitment to rectify economic disparities.

My investigative drive research into the socio-economic aftermath of the crack cocaine crisis reflects a broader endeavor to inform policy with empathy and evidence, ensuring economic strategies empower the marginalized. As a Black US Army veteran, a Bronze Star Medal recipient, and a Paratrooper in the Iraq War who battles PTSD, I've personally encountered the stark inequities of a healthcare system where my counterparts received superior care. This injustice has not only magnified my personal adversities but also galvanized my resolve to eradicate such disparities, advocating for a world where the color of one's skin does not dictate the quality of one's treatment over the valor of one's service.

I seek to join the NBER training program to enhance my analytical ability and extend my collaborative influence. I aspire to shape economic policies that foster innovation, inclusivity, and justice. This program is a crucial avenue for me to actively sculpt an economic framework that centers the needs and voices of those frequently sidelined in policy discussions, propelling a future where economic practices and policies are inherently aligned with equitable growth and universal opportunity.

Sincerely,



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