

# Paul Mohnen

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## Employment

Research Economist & Assistant Adviser, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 2023–  
Senior Fellow, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 2021–2023  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, 2018–2021

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, Northwestern University, 2018  
M.Sc. Econometrics & Operations Research (*cum laude*), Maastricht University, 2012  
B.Sc. Econometrics & Operations Research (*cum laude*), Maastricht University, 2011

## Publications

[Black Economic Progress in the Jim Crow South: Evidence from Rosenwald Schools](#), with A. R. Shariq Mohammed, *Journal of Economic History*, March 2025, Vol. 85, Issue 1, 72–109

[The Impact of the Retirement Slowdown on the US Youth Labor Market](#), *Journal of Labor Economics*, January 2025, Vol. 43, Number 1, 203–246

[The creation of LIFE-M: The Longitudinal, Intergenerational, Family Electronic Micro-Database project](#), with Martha Bailey, Peter Lin, A. R. Shariq Mohammed, Jared Murray, Mengying Zhang & Alexa Prettyman, *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, August 2023, Vol. 56, Issue 3, 138–159

## Working papers

[Long-Run Intergenerational Effects of Social Security](#), with Daniel Fetter & Lee Lockwood  
[Changes in Educational Mobility in the U.S. over the Twentieth Century and the Role of Public Education](#), with Martha Bailey & A. R. Shariq Mohammed

## Work in progress

The Impact of Social Security on Longevity, with Daniel Fetter, Lee Lockwood & Joseph Price

## Policy

[Recent Trends in the Demand for AI Skills](#), with David Lee, *Atlanta Fed Policy Hub: Macroblog*, October 15, 2024

## Fellowships, grants & awards

Russell Sage Foundation Research Grant (\$145,000), with Martha Bailey & A. R. Shariq Mohammed, 2020–2022

Washington Center for Equitable Growth Academic Grant (\$70,000), with Martha Bailey & A. R. Shariq Mohammed, 2020–2022

Population Studies Center Small Grant Award (\$5,000), with A. R. Shariq Mohammed, University of Michigan, 2019

NBER Pre-Doctoral Fellowship on the Economics of an Aging Workforce, 2016–2018

Susan Schmidt Bies Prize (co-winner), Northwestern University, 2015

Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, Northwestern University, 2015

Top 3% Award, Maastricht University, 2009

## Research experience

Researcher at the Advancing Careers Initiative, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 2023–

- Help maintain the [Policy Rules Database](#)

Postdoctoral Researcher at the LIFE-M Project, University of Michigan, 2018–2021

- Helped create the [LIFE-M dataset](#)

Research Assistant to Daniel Fetter & Lee Lockwood, Northwestern University, 2015–2016

Research Assistant to Matthew Notowidigdo, Northwestern University, Summer 2014

Research Assistant to Thomas Dohmen, Maastricht University, 2011–2012

## Teaching experience

Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, 2013–2015

- Econometrics III (graduate, Charles Manski & Alexander Torgovitsky), Spring 2015
- Intermediate Econometrics (undergraduate), Winter 2015
- Econometrics I (graduate, Charles Manski), Fall 2014
- Introductory Econometrics (undergraduate), Fall 2013, Winter 2014 & Spring 2014

## Conferences & invited seminars († = co-author)

2025: NBER Economics of Aging Spring Meeting<sup>†</sup>, Federal Reserve System Economic Heterogeneity Conference, NBER Development of the American Economy Spring Meeting, Cliometrics Conference<sup>†</sup>, SOLE Annual Meeting, NBER Summer Institute<sup>†</sup>, National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics Workshop<sup>†</sup>, EHA Annual Meeting, University of Maryland-Baltimore County, Federal Reserve System Community Development Conference<sup>†</sup>

2024: ASSA Annual Meeting, MRDRC Researcher Workshop, SOLE Annual Meeting, Federal Reserve System Applied Microeconomics Conference, Leuven Summer Event, IPUMS Data-Intensive Research Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Emory

2023: Boston College Center for Retirement Research, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Rutgers University, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Clemson Conference on Labor Markets and Public Policy, Lehigh University, NBER Development of the American Economy Spring Meeting, University of Pennsylvania Working Group on Quantitative Methodology, “Labor, Firms, and Macro” virtual workshop

2022: Mountain West Economic History Conference<sup>†</sup>, Princeton Northeast Labor Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Nebraska-Lincoln England-Clark Conference, SOLE Annual Meeting<sup>†</sup>, NBER Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Seminar, Hitotsubashi University, NBER Summer Institute, Equitable Growth Grantee Conference, University of Pennsylvania Education and Inequality Workshop, UCLA Proseminar in Economic History, SEA Annual Meeting, NBER Economics of Mobility Fall Meeting

2021: ASSA Annual Meeting<sup>†</sup>, NBER Summer Institute<sup>†</sup>, SSHA Annual Conference

2020: ASSA Annual Meeting, MIT, Equitable Growth Grantee Conference

2019: NBER Summer Institute, EHA Annual Meeting<sup>†</sup>, NBER Labor Studies Fall Meeting, SSHA Annual Conference<sup>†</sup>

2018: Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Stockholm University

2016: Washington University in St. Louis Economics Graduate Student Conference

**Discussions**

Returns to Education for Women in the Mid-Twentieth Century: Evidence from Compulsory Schooling Laws, by Sophie Li, EHA Annual Meeting, 2025

The Heterogeneous Impacts of Job Displacement: Evidence from Canadian Job Separation Records, by Serdar Birinci, Youngmin Park & Kurt See, Federal Reserve System Applied Microeconomics Conference, 2025

Schooling and Political Activism in the Early Civil Rights Era, by Daniel Aaronson, Mark Borgschulte, Sunny Liu & Bhashkar Mazumder, Federal Reserve System Equitable Growth Conference, 2024

Beyond Students: Effects of University Establishment on Local Economic Mobility, by Lauren Russell & Michael Andrews, ASSA Annual Meeting, 2024

**Refereeing**

*AEJ: Applied Economics, AEJ: Economic Policy, Economics and Labour Relations Review, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics*

**Reviewer**

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