

# KELSEY PUKELIS

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## EDUCATION

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**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA 2025 (expected)  
**Ph.D.** in Public Policy (Economics Track)  
*Fields:* Public Economics, Labor Economics  
*Research Interests:* U.S. Nutrition Assistance Policy

**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL 2017  
**B.A.** in Economics, Mathematics, Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences (triple major)  
Interdisciplinary Honors in Economics & Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences  
*Cum Laude*; Phi Beta Kappa

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Scholar in Inequality, Harvard University 2021 – 2025  
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2021 – 2024  
Harvard Graduate Prize Fellowship 2019 – 2021

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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Institute for Quantitative Social Science Graduate Student Research Grant, Harvard University 2024  
Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy Qualitative Research Grant, Harvard University 2024  
Stone Research Grant, James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Program in Wealth Distribution,  
Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University 2023  
Division of Social Sciences Fund (with Michael Holcomb), Harvard University 2022  
Mind Brain Behavior Graduate Student Award (with Alice Heath), Harvard University 2021  
Harvard Center for American Political Studies Graduate Seed Grant (with Alice Heath) 2021

## PUBLICATION

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**“Employed in a SNAP? The Impact of Work Requirements on Program Participation and Labor Supply”** (with Colin Gray, Adam Leive, Elena Prager, and Mary Zaki)  
*American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2023, 15(1): 306-341.

## WORKING PAPERS

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“SNAP Policies and Enrollment during the COVID-19 Pandemic”  
“Stigma and Social Safety Net Program Participation” (with Alice Heath & Michael Holcomb)  
“The Impacts of Online Grocery Shopping with SNAP”

## RESEARCH PAPERS IN PROGRESS

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“Dynamic Enrollment in Transfer Programs: Evidence from Disaster SNAP” (with Laura Blount Carper)  
“Automatic Enrollment in Transfer Programs” (with Claire Leroy)  
“The Health Impacts of SNAP Work Requirements” (with Bradley Katcher)  
“SNAP Benefit Changes and Household Grocery Purchases”

## POLICY WRITING

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Public Comment to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service’s Proposed Rule: “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Program Purpose and Work Requirement Provisions of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023” (FNS-2023-0058). Submitted on Regulations.gov, June 14, 2024.

Public comment to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service’s Proposed Rule: “Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children: Online Ordering and Transactions and Food Delivery Revisions to Meet the Needs of a Modern, Data-Driven Program” (FNS-2022-0015-0001). Submitted on Regulations.gov, May 26, 2023.

“SNAP work requirements don’t actually get more people working — but they do drastically limit the availability of food aid.” *The Conversation*, April 2023.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Benefit Changes in SNAP and Household Grocery Purchases” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC	November 2024 (planned)
“The Impacts of Online Grocery Purchasing on SNAP Households” Agriculture & Applied Economics Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC	July 2023
“SNAP Application Policies and Enrollment during the COVID-19 Pandemic” Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Portland, OR	July 2022

## TEACHING

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<b>Harvard Kennedy School</b> , Cambridge, MA <i>Quantitative Analysis and Empirical Methods II</i> (Master of Public Policy course) Teaching Fellow for Benjamin Schneer & Teddy Svoronos	Spring 2023
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<b>Harvard Kennedy School</b> , Cambridge, MA <i>Resources, Incentives, and Choices II: Analysis of Public Policy</i> (Master of Public Policy course) Teaching Fellow for Mark Shepard	Spring 2022
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<b>University of Virginia</b> , Charlottesville, VA <i>Advanced Topics in Impact Evaluation</i> (Master of Public Policy course) Teaching Assistant for Sally Hudson	Fall 2018
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## MENTORING

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<b>Invited Panel Speaker</b> , Northwestern University’s Womxn in Economics Student Group	Fall 2023
<b>Mentor</b> , Harvard Undergraduates for Inclusion in Economics	2022
<b>Mentor</b> , MIT / Harvard Economics Application Assistance and Mentoring Program	2021 – 2022
<b>Peer Mentor</b> , Harvard Public Policy PhD Program	2020 – 2022
<b>Classroom &amp; Language Consultant</b> , University of Virginia	2018 – 2019

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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<b>Referee</b> , <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>	
<b>Referee</b> , <i>Agriculture &amp; Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting</i>	
<b>Student-Faculty Engagement Co-Chair</b> , Harvard Kennedy PhD Student Association	2022 – 2023
<b>Social Committee Co-Chair</b> , Harvard Kennedy PhD Student Association	2021 – 2022
<b>Student Organizer</b> , Harvard Econometrics Reading Group	2020

## AFFILIATIONS

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Social Economics Lab, Harvard University, Affiliate  
Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, Affiliate  
Mosaic Economic Project, Progressive Policy Institute, Alumna  
American Economic Association, Member  
Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, Member

## ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Microsoft Research New England**, Cambridge, MA Summer 2020  
Research Intern with Eleanor Dillon

**University of Virginia**, Charlottesville, VA 2017 – 2019  
Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy  
Research Specialist Intermediate to Jennifer Doleac, Sally Hudson, and Adam Leive

**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL 2014 – 2017  
Two-Generation Educational Research Team, Institute for Policy Research  
Research Assistant to Lindsay Chase-Lansdale and Teresa Sommer

## SKILLS

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**Computer** Proficient in Stata, R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Git/GitHub, Microsoft Office  
Experience with Python, HTML, BASH, ArcGIS, Matlab  
**Language** English (native), Spanish (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (basic)