

# KELSEY PUKELIS

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## EDUCATION

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**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA *Fall 2019 – Present*  
Ph.D. Candidate in Public Policy (Economics Track)  
*Fields:* Public Economics (Primary) & Labor Economics (Secondary)

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

## PUBLISHED PAPER

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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.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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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”  
“Dynamic Enrollment in Transfer Programs: Evidence from Disaster SNAP”  
“Automatic Enrollment in Transfer Programs” (with Claire Leroy)

## 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 – 19*  
Frank Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy  
Research Specialist Intermediate to Jennifer Doleac, Sally Hudson, and Adam Leive

**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL *2014 – 17*  
Two-Generation Educational Research Team  
Research Assistant to Lindsay Chase-Lansdale and Teresa Sommer

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Harvard Kennedy School**, Cambridge, MA *Spring 2023*  
Quantitative Analysis and Empirical Methods II (Master of Public Policy course)  
Teaching Fellow for Benjamin Schneer & Teddy Svoronos

**Harvard Kennedy School**, Cambridge, MA *Spring 2022*  
Resources, Incentives, and Choices II: Analysis of Public Policy (Master of Public Policy course)  
Teaching Fellow for Mark Shepard

**University of Virginia**, Charlottesville, VA *Fall 2018*  
Advanced Topics in Impact Evaluation (Master of Public Policy course)  
Teaching Assistant for Sally Hudson

## POLICY WRITING

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

Public comment on the Food 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.” May 2023.

## REFEREEING

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*The Quarterly Journal of Economics, Agriculture & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting*

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Agriculture & Applied Economics Association Annual Conference	July 2023
Western Economic Association International Annual Conference	July 2022

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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Stone PhD Scholar, James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University	2021 – Present
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2019 – Present
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 – 22
Harvard Center for American Political Studies Graduate Seed Grant (with Alice Heath)	2021 – 22
Harvard Graduate Prize Fellowship	2019
Phi Beta Kappa (inducted as a junior)	2016
Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship	2016

## MENTORSHIP

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Northwestern University’s Womxn in Economics, Panel Speaker	Fall 2023
Harvard Undergraduates for Inclusion in Economics, Mentor	2022
MIT / Harvard Economics Application Assistance and Mentoring Program, Mentor	2021 – 22
Harvard Public Policy PhD Program, Peer Mentor	2020 – 22

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

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Harvard Kennedy PhD Student Association	2021 – 23
Student-Faculty Engagement & Social Committee Co-Chair	
Harvard TaxHelp, Volunteer Tax Preparer	2020
Harvard Econometrics Reading Group, Organizer	2020

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Mosaic Economic Project, Progressive Policy Institute, Member, 4th Cohort	2022
Cross-Harvard Study Group on the Future of Work, Student Team Member	Spring 2021
<i>In collaboration with the Massachusetts Healthcare Collaborative</i>	

## SKILLS

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<b>Computer</b>	Proficient in Stata, R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Git/GitHub, Microsoft Office
	Experience with Python, HTML, BASH, ArcGIS, Matlab
<b>Language</b>	English (native), Spanish (fluent), Mandarin (basic)

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