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EDUCATION

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University of Michigan M.A., Economics	Ann Arbor, MI 2008
University of Michigan B.S., Major: Economics with Honors and Mathematics, Minor: Modern Greek Studies	Ann Arbor, MI 2007

EXPERIENCE

Executive Office of the President Senior Economist, Council of Economic Advisors	Washington, D.C. 2023-2024
David Eccles School of Business, University of Utah Sorenson Assistant Professor Assistant Professor, Division of Quantitative Analysis of Markets and Organizations Assistant Professor, Department of Finance	Salt Lake City, UT 2023–2025 2023 - Present 2018 - 2023
The George Washington University Adjunct Faculty, Department of Economics	Washington, D.C. 2016 - 2018
US Department of the Treasury Financial Economist, Office of Tax Analysis	Washington, D.C. 2012 - 2018
Postal Regulatory Commission Economist, Office of Accountability and Compliance	Washington, D.C. 2011 - 2012
Congressional Budget Office Summer Associate, Macroeconomic Analysis Division	Washington, D.C. Summer 2009
Department of Justice Social Science Analyst, Antitrust Division	Washington, D.C. Summer 2007

PUBLICATIONS

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- Heim, Bradley, Ithai Lurie, **Elena Patel**, and Shanthi Ramnath. ““Medicaid-ing Uninsurance: Reducing the Duration of Uninsurance Spells””. Available at SSRN 3882237.
- Lurie, Ithai, **Elena Patel**, and Shanthi Ramnath. “Inducing Labor: the Impact of Health Insurance on Post-Natal Labor Supply”. Available at SSRN 3882237.
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- Byker, Tanya, Sara Malik, Elena Patel, and Jason Sandvik, “Gender Diversity and Boards of Directors: Impacts on Gendered Employment Outcomes and Organizational Diversity”
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OTHER PAPERS

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- Patel, Elena S., “An Empirical Analysis of Mergers Between Nonprofit and For-Profit Firms: An Application in the Hospital Industry”
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GRANTS

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SELECT MEDIA

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- Do Public and Private Firms Invest Differently? *Columbia Law School Blue Sky Blog* 2018

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- IRS Statistics of Income Consultants Panel 2020 –Current
- American Economic Association 2018 –Current
- International Institute of Public Finance 2018 –Current
- National Tax Association 2018 –Current
- National Tax Association, Board of Directors 2019 –2022