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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research and Policy Associate

November 2015 – Present

Center for Labor Research and Education

Berkeley, CA

- Management of research projects and report releases, including coordination of internal staff, external researchers, and ally organizations.
- Analysis of labor force data, including household survey data, administrative data, and proprietary data.
- Development of microsimulation models to estimate the economic impact of wage increases.
- Prepare reports, fact sheets, memos, op-eds, and IRB applications.
- Supervise the work of graduate students and junior researchers.

Associate

July 2014 – November 2015

Social Policy Research Associate

Oakland, CA

- Implemented random assignment impact evaluations of workforce development programs.
- Developed interactive data dashboards.
- Qualitative data collection, including focus groups and individual interviews.
- Prepared report chapters, memos, procedures manuals, and IRB applications.

Data Analysis Consultant

May 2013 – January 2015

INSIGHT Center for Community Economic Development

Oakland, CA

- Built microsimulation models of proposed policy changes for the Bay Area, including a minimum wage increase and a transitional jobs program.
- Analysis of labor force data to assess employment, income, and wealth disparities across race and ethnicity at the metropolitan area, state and national level.
- Created data visualizations.

Project Coordinator

August 2013 – March 2014

El Colegio de México

Mexico City, Mexico

- Assisted in the design and piloting of a 45 minute survey questionnaire.
- Coordinated survey monitoring activities to ensure high quality data collection.
- Programmed questionnaire for Android phones and tablets.
- Managed the acquisition, cleaning and storage of administrative and survey data.
- Analyzed geographic and administrative data.

Research and Policy Fellow

May 2012 – May 2013

National People's Action

- Analysis of labor force data.
- Preparation of fact sheets, policy memos, and literature reviews.

Reader, Labor Economics

January - May 2013

Graduate Student Instructor, Intro to Economics

January – Dec 2012

Economics Department, University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

**Public Housing Coordinating Organizer
Yonkers Community Organizer
Community Voices Heard (CVH)**

**March 2009 – November 2010
February 2007 – March 2009
New York, NY**

- Coordinate issue campaigns and voter mobilization
- Supervise a team of five to seven full time organizers
- Training design and facilitation
- Individual coaching of community leaders to take on leadership roles.

**Organizer
SEIU Local 880**

**July 2004 – May 2005
Chicago, IL**

- Conduct house visits to childcare providers and sign them up as dues paying union members
- Mobilize members to lobby days and other actions

EDUCATION

**University of California, Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy
Master of Public Policy**

**Berkeley, CA
May 2013**

Coursework in Economics of Public Policy Analysis, Quantitative Methods for Public Policy, Financial Models, Applied Econometrics, Survey Methods and Research Design, Cost Benefit Analysis, International Economic Development, Impact Evaluation

**DePaul University
Bachelor of Arts, Women's and Gender Studies and Political Science**

**Chicago, IL
June 2004**

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Sarah Thomason and Annette Bernhardt. "[Front-line Essential Jobs in California: A Profile of Job and Worker Characteristics.](#)" Center for Labor Research and Education. May 14, 2020.

Sarah Thomason, Annette Bernhardt, and Nari Rhee. "[Industries at Direct Risk of Job Loss from COVID-19 in California: A Profile of Front-Line Job and Worker Characteristics.](#)" Center for Labor Research and Education. April 10, 2020.

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Ken Jacobs and Sarah Thomason. "[The Union Effect in California #1: Wages, Benefits, and Use of Public Safety Net Programs.](#)" Center for Labor Research and Education. May 2018.

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- Thomason, Sarah, and Annette Bernhardt. [“Estimating the Cost of Raising Child Care Workers’ Wages for State Subsidy Programs: A Methodology Applied to California’s New State Minimum Wage Law.”](#) Center for Labor Research and Education. December 2016.
- Reich, Michael, Claire Montialoux, Sylvia A. Allegretto, Ken Jacobs, Annette Bernhardt and Sarah Thomason. [“The Effects of a \\$15 Minimum Wage by 2019 in San Jose and Santa Clara County.”](#) Center for Labor Research and Education. June 2016.
- Perry, Ian Eve, Sarah Thomason and Annette Bernhardt. [“Data and Methods for Estimating the Impact of Proposed Local Minimum Wage Laws.”](#) Center for Labor Research and Education. June 2016.
- Hinkley, Sara, Annette Bernhardt and Sarah Thomason. [“Race to the Bottom: How Low-Road Subcontracting Affects Working Conditions in California’s Property Services Industry.”](#) Center for Labor Research and Education. March 2016.
- Sinicrope, Castle, Mika Clark, Sarah Thomason, and Heather Lewis Charp. [“Data Report for Our Children, Our Families Council.”](#) Social Policy Research Associates. August 2015.
- Leshnick, Sukey and Sarah Thomason. “Operating a Vocational Training Program in a Juvenile Correctional Facility: A Case Study.” Social Policy Research Associates and Mathematica Policy Research. June 2015.
- Dunham, Kate, Deanna Khemani, Antoinnae Comeaux, Chandra Larson, Sarah Thomason, Hannah Diaz, and Lydia Nash. “ShaleNET TAACCCT Grant Third-Party Evaluation – Interim Report to the US Department of Labor.” Social Policy Research Associates. June 2015.
- Thomason, Sarah. [“Promoting Family Economic Security in the San Francisco Bay Area Region – Interactive Dashboard.”](#) Insight Center for Community Economic Development. March 2015.
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- Thomason, Sarah. “Revenue Raising Ballot Measure Options for the City of Oakland.” City of Oakland City Administrator’s Office. May 2013.
- Thomason, Sarah. [“The Future of Work in the Heart of America: How Our Changing Economy is Opening Up New Opportunities for Organizing Workers in the Heartland, Midwest and Northeast.”](#) National People’s Action. November 2013.
- Lomeli, Andrew, Katherine Murtha, Anna Rubin, and Sarah Thomason. “Cost Benefit Analysis of the DREAM Act.” December 2012.
- Fleming, Katie, Megan Siems, Sarah Thomason, and Lisa White. “Children’s Mental Health Realignment: Impacts on Foster Youth in Alameda County.” Foster Youth Alliance. May 2012.
- Chien, Florence, Anna Johnson, and Sarah Thomason. “Surveying Occupy Oakland’s December 12th Port Shutdown.” PolicyMatters Journal. Spring 2012

OTHER SKILLS

Computer/Programming:	Stata, R, Excel, ArcGIS, QGIS, Python
Design/Data Visualization:	Tableau
Language:	Spanish