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- Education**     **Duke School of Medicine/Sanford School of Public Policy**  
MD/PhD candidate in Public Policy  
Dissertation title: “Three Essays on the Well-being of Children and Families”  
Committee: Lisa Gennetian (Chair), Kate Bundorf, Manoj Mohanan, Marcos Rangel
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
BS in Economics, 2014
- Research Interests**     Child health & development in low-resource settings, housing and child health, prevention and evaluation of child maltreatment, child poverty, infant feeding
- Current Positions**     Graduate Student Researcher, DevLab, Duke University  
Graduate Student Researcher, [Baby’s First Year Study](#), Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University  
Graduate Student Researcher, Child Maltreatment Prevention Research Team, Children’s Health & Discovery Initiative, Duke University
- Research**     **Publications (including accepted)**
- Halpern-Meehin, S., Gennetian, L. Hoiting, J., **Stilwell, L.**, Meyer, L. (2024). “Monthly unconditional income supplements starting at birth: Experiences among mothers of young children in poverty in the U.S.” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*.
- Stilwell, L.**, Morales-Gracia, M., Magnuson, K., Gennetian, L., Sauval, M., Fox, N., Halpern-Meehin, S., Yoshikawa, H., Noble, K. (2023). “Unconditional Cash and Breastfeeding, Child Care and Maternal Employment Among Families with Young Children Residing in Poverty.” *Forthcoming at Social Service Review*.
- Stilwell, L.**, Golonka M., Ankoma-Sey, K., Yancy, M., Kaplan, S., Terrell, L., & Gifford, E. (2022). “Electronic Health Record Strategies to Identify and Evaluate Child Maltreatment: Systematic Literature Review and Key Informant Interviews” *Academic Pediatrics*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.acap.2022.01.017>
- Golonka, M., Liu, Y., Rohrs, R., Copeland, J., Byrd, J., **Stilwell, L.**, Crew, C., Kuehn, M., Snyder-Fickler, E., Hurst, J. H., Evans, K. E., Terrell, L., & Gifford, E. J. (2022). “What Do Child Abuse and Neglect Medical Evaluation Consultation Notes Tell Researchers and Clinicians?” *Child Maltreatment*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/10775595221134537>
- Liu, Y., Shepherd-Banigan, M., Evans, K., **Stilwell, L.**, Terrell, L., Hurst, J., Gifford, E. (2022) “Do children evaluated for maltreatment have higher subsequent emergency department and inpatient care utilization compared with a general pediatric sample?” *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 134, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2022.105938>
- Policy Briefs & Commentaries**
- Stilwell, L.**, Buck, A., Green, S., Hurewitz, S., Johnson, S., Vasudeva, K., Cholera, R., Franklin, M., Gifford, B., Schmidler, G. (2023) “[Landscape of Early Childhood Housing Instability & Homelessness in North Carolina and Recommendations to Address Unmet Needs](#).” Margolis Center for Health Policy, Duke University.
- Stilwell, L.**, Golonka M., Ankoma-Sey, K., Yancy, M., Kaplan, S., Liu, Y., Terrell, L., & Gifford, E. (2023, November). “[What We Know About Current Electronic Health Record Tools for the Identification and Management of Child Abuse](#).” Center for Child & Family Policy, Duke University.
- Stilwell, L.** & Merritt, D.H. (2023) "Methodology and interpretation of recent Rebbe et al paper." *The Journal of Pediatrics*. 261.

Liu, Y., Shepherd-Banigan, M., Evans, K., **Stilwell, L.**, Terrell, L., Hurst, J., Gifford, E. (2023, March). "[Children Evaluated for Maltreatment Have Higher Subsequent Emergency Department and Inpatient Care Utilization than the General Pediatric Population.](#)" Center for Child & Family Policy, Duke University.

**Stilwell, L.** & Gennetian, L. [Economics of Infant Feeding in the U.S.](#) *Econofact*. Posted October 7, 2022.

### **Working Papers & Ongoing Projects**

Gennetian, L., Maury, M., Stilwell, L., Shah, H., Magnuson, K., Noble, K., Duncan, G., Fox, N., Halpern-Meekin, S., Yoshikawa, H. "The Impact of Monthly Unconditional Cash on Food Security, Spending, and Consumption: Three Year Follow-Up Findings from the Baby's First Years Study." (April 2, 2024). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4781670> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4781670>

The Causal Impact of Poverty Reduction on Housing Conditions of Low-Income, U.S. Children: Evidence from Baby's First Years

Infant Feeding in Pakistan (with Erica Field, Kate Vyborny, Nicola Singletary)

Evaluating the impact of community health workers on maternal and child health outcomes: Evidence from a natural experiment (with Erica Field and Kate Vyborny)

Days at Home among Child and Adolescent NC Medicaid Beneficiaries by Complexity of Chronic Disease (with Caleb Easterly, Neal deJong, David Ming, Justin Trogon)

### **Acknowledged Contributions**

Banerjee, A., Duflo, E., Grela, E., McKelway, M., Schilbach, F., Sharma, G., & Vaidyanathan, G. (2022). "[Depression and Loneliness Among the Elderly Poor](#)" (No. w30330). *National Bureau of Economic Research*.

Wong, C., Ming, D., Maslow, G., Gifford, E. (2020). "[Mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic response on at-risk children.](#)" *Pediatrics* 145, no. 4.

Banerjee, A., Barnhardt, S., Duflo, E. (2018). "[Can iron-fortified salt control anemia? Evidence from two experiments in rural Bihar.](#)" *Journal of Development Economics* 133 (2018): 127-146.

Duflo, E. "[Richard T. Ely lecture: The economist as plumber.](#)" (2017). *American Economic Review* 107(5): 1-26.

Bertrand, M., Duflo, E. "[Field experiments on discrimination.](#)" (2017). In *Handbook of Economic Field Experiments*, vol. 1, pp. 309-393. North-Holland.

Banerjee, A., Duflo, E., Kremer, M. (2016). "The influence of randomized controlled trials on development economics research and on development policy." *The State of Economics, The State of the World*.

Banerjee, A., Barnhardt, S., Duflo, E. (2015). "[Movies, margins, and marketing: Encouraging the adoption of iron-fortified salt.](#)" In *Insights in the Economics of Aging*, pp. 285-306. University of Chicago Press.

<b>Conferences &amp; Invited Presentations</b>	2024	Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-Being (Atlanta, Georgia, March 1-2); PubPol813 Quantitative Evaluation Methods, Duke University, Sanford (February 19, <i>Guest Lecturer</i> )
	2023	Southern Economics Association (SEA) 93 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting (New Orleans, Louisiana, November 18-20); Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference (Atlanta, Georgia, November 9-11); Population Association of America (PAA) Conference (New Orleans, Louisiana, April 12-15); Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Conference (Salt Lake City, Utah, March 23-25)

- 2022 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Policy Development and Research Seminar (Virtual Meeting, November 3; *Invited Speaker*); The Administration for Children and Families' National Research Conference on Early Childhood (Virtual Meeting, June 27-29; *Poster*); APPAM Research Conference (Austin, Texas, March 27-29)
- 2021 Academy Health (Virtual Meeting, June 14-17; *Poster*); Duke Department of Pediatrics Research Retreat (Virtual Meeting, April 20; *Poster*); Pediatric Academic Societies (Virtual Meeting, April 30-May 4; *Poster*).
- 2020 UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Child Abuse Clinical Decision Support (CA-CDS) (Virtual Conference, October 21-22; *Invited Speaker*)

## Grants, Fellowships & Awards

### Fellowships

National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD) F30 Fellowship (2023-2025); Duke University Katherine Goodman Stern Fellowship (2023-2024); Duke University SSRI Program for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences (PARISS) Fellowship (2023); Social Science Research Council's Charles E. Lindblom Memorial Fellowship (2022); Duke University Research Summer Fellowship (2021, 2022, 2023); MSTP T32 Training Grant (2019, 2020); Primary Care Leadership Track (PCLT) Scholarship, Duke School of Medicine (2017)

### Awards

P.E.O. Scholar Award (2023-2024); Duke-Margolis Scholar in Health Policy and Management (2022-2024); Graduate School Conference Support Award (2023); PhD Small Grants Award, Sanford School of Public Policy (2020, 2022, 2023); Duke University Center for International and Global Studies (DUCIGS) Graduate Award (2022); Dissertation Research Travel Award: Domestic (2022); Gertrude B. Elion Mentored Medical Student Research Award (2021-2022); Ferdon Children's Health & Discovery Initiative (CHDI) Award (2020); PCLT Opportunity Award, Duke School of Medicine (2019); Honors in 6/7 Core Clinical Clerkships, Duke School of Medicine (2018-2019); Fulbright-Nehru Grant Finalist (2014; *received Fulbright to execute a project in India; turned down opportunity to work for J-PAL/Esther Duflo*)

### Research Grants/Funds

Duke University Global Student Research Fund (2022); Duke University Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) Grant (co-PI, 2022-2023); Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics (co-PI, 2021-2024); Duke University Population Research Institute (DUPRI) Pilot Project Grant (2021)

### Undergraduate Travel & Project Grants

Davis Projects for Peace Grant (2014); Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation Scholarship (2014); Legatum Seed Grant (2013); Baker Foundation Project Grant (2013), MIT Public Service Leadership Council Grant (2013); Kelly-Douglas Travel Fellowship (2011, 2013)

## Past Research Experience

Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Research Assistant to Esther Duflo, Cambridge, MA	Aug 2014 – June 2017
Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Cambridge, MA	Sept 2012 – June 2014
Inter-American Development Bank, Knowledge Intern for Gender and Diversity Division, Washington, D.C.	May 2013 – July 2013

## Teaching Experience

### Duke University, Teaching Assistant

HLTHMGMT 710: Health Institutions, Systems & Policy, Master's Level (Summer 2023); PubPol 590S: Poverty, Policy & Pandemics, Master's Level (Spring 2022); Microeconomics Tools for Public Policy Analysis, Undergraduate Level (Spring 2022; Spring 2023); Bass Connections, NC Integrated Care for Kids Model, Undergraduate Level (Sept 2021 – May 2022) PubPol 303: Microeconomics Tutor, Master's Level (Fall 2021)

### MIT EdX

14.100x Microeconomics (Teaching Assistant, 2017); 14.73x The Challenges of Global Poverty (Content Development, 2016-2017); 14.740x Foundations of Development Policy (Content Development, 2016-2017)

**MIT, Undergraduate, Teaching Assistant**

MIT Development Lab (D-Lab) Course: Waste Management in Kuna Yala, Panama (Spring 2014)

**Tutoring**

Microeconomics Tutor, Master's Level (Fall 2021); Private Tutor (Biology, Math, Writing, MCAT; 2015-2018)

**Service**

**Journal Refereeing.** The Journal of Pediatrics

**Discussant.** APPAM Conference (2022, 2023)

**Mentoring.** [Graduate Applications International Network \(GAIN\)](#) Mentorship Program (Mentor, July 2023-present); Mentorship Program with University of Global Health Equity in Kigali, Rwanda (Mentor, Feb 2021 – June 2022); Holton Wellness Clinic Student Opportunity, Duke School of Medicine (Mentor/Leadership Team, Sept 2019-Dec 2021);

**Community Service.** Volunteer Tutor, Families Moving Forward, Homeless Shelter (Sep 2022-present); Fresh Produce Program, Root Causes, Duke School of Medicine (Apr 2020-present); Durham County Board of Elections Election Official (Fall 2022); Criminal Justice Resource Center, Mental Health Court (Feb 2019—Jun 2019)

**Other Service.** Psychiatry Interest Group, Duke School of Medicine (Co-President, 2019-2020; MS1 Liaison 2017-2018); DukeMed for Social Justice (DMSJ), Duke School of Medicine (Action Coordinator/Cofounder, 2017-2018)