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POSITIONS

2026-2029

General Pediatrics Resident at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

EDUCATION

2025 MD, PhD

Duke University School of Medicine and Sanford School of Public Policy

2014 BS

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Child health & development in low-resource settings, housing and child health, prevention and evaluation of child maltreatment, child poverty, infant feeding

RESEARCH

Peer-reviewed manuscripts:

1. Easterly, C., **Stilwell, L.**, Trogdon, J., Ming, D., & deJong N. (2026). "Days at Home Among Children by Medical Complexity, Public/Private Insurance, and Urban/Rural Residence." *Academic Pediatrics*, 26(6), 103347
2. Mazhar, S., **Stilwell, L.**, Waqar Farooqi, Z., & Singletary, N. (2025). "Breastfeeding measurement-choosing a scale to measure breastfeeding attitudes and beliefs." *Journal of Human Lactation*, 41(3), 318-331.
3. **Stilwell, L.**, Morales-Gracia, M., Magnuson, K., Gennetian, L., Sauval, M., Fox, N., Halpern-Meekin, S., Yoshikawa, H., Noble, K. (2024). "Unconditional Cash and Breastfeeding, Child Care and Maternal Employment Among Families with Young Children Residing in Poverty." *Social Service Review* 98(2): 000-000.
4. Halpern-Meekin, 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*, 43(3): 871-898. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pam.22571>
5. **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>
6. 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>
7. 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>

Working Papers:

1. 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>
2. Shah, H., Gennetian, L. A., Magnuson, K., Yoshikawa, H., **Stilwell, L. R.**, Noble, K., & Duncan, G. (2025). Money or Time? Heterogeneous Effects of Unconditional Cash on Parental Investments (No. w33737). National Bureau of Economic Research. <https://www.nber.org/papers/w33737>

Policy Briefs & Commentaries:

1. Gennetian, L., Shah, H., Basurto, L., **Stilwell, L.**, Yoshikawa, H., Freire, S., Magnuson, K., Noble, K., Duncan, G., Fox, N., Halpern-Meekin, S. (2025) "[The Effects of Monthly Unconditional Cash Support Among Latina Families](#)" National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families.
2. **Stilwell, L.**, Franklin, M., Buck, A., Green, S., Hurewitz, S., Johnson, S., Vasudeva, K., Gifford, B., Schmidler, G., Cholera, R. (2023) "[Landscape of Early Childhood Housing Instability & Homelessness in](#)

[North Carolina and Recommendations to Address Unmet Needs.](#)” Margolis Center for Health Policy, Duke University.

3. **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.
4. **Stilwell, L.** & Merritt, D.H. (2023) "Methodology and interpretation of recent Rebbe et al paper." *The Journal of Pediatrics*. 261.
5. 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.
6. **Stilwell, L.** & Gennetian, L. [Economics of Infant Feeding in the U.S.](#) *Econofact*. Posted October 7, 2022.

SELECTED CONFERENCES & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

*indicates presenter

1. **Stilwell, L.*** Gennetian, L., Magnuson, K., Fox, N., Halpern-Meekin, S., Noble, K., Yoshikawa, H. “Cash as Housing Support: The Causal Impact of Unconditional Cash Transfer on Housing and Neighborhood Conditions of Low-Income, U.S. Children.” 2026 Housing Policy Debate Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.
2. Basloe, M.,* Haskett, M.,* **Stilwell, L.*** “Early Childhood Homelessness: What We’ve Learned and Plans for Action.” Smart Start Conference. Presentation. May 2024. Greensboro, NC.
3. Easterly, C.,* **Stilwell, L.**, Trogon, J., Ming, D., deJong, N. “Days at Home among Children with Medical Complexity: Differences by Payer and Place of Residence in North Carolina.” Pediatric Academic Societies. Platform Presentation. May 2024. Toronto, Canada.
4. **Stilwell, L.*** Buck, A., Green, S., Hurewitz, S., Johnson, S., Vasudeva, K., Cholera, R., Franklin, M., Gifford, B., Schmidler, G. “Early Childhood Housing Instability & Homelessness in North Carolina: Landscape and Recommendations to Address Unmet Needs” Duke Department of Pediatrics Research Retreat. Poster. April 2024.
5. **Stilwell, L.*** Gennetian, L., Magnuson, K., Duncan, G., Fox, N., Halpern-Meekin, S., Noble, K., Yoshikawa, H. “The Causal Impact of Poverty Reduction on Housing Conditions of Low-Income, U.S. Children: Evidence from Baby’s First Years.”
 - The 10th Biennial Conference for the Society for Humanities, Social Science, and Medicine. Panel Presentation. *Structural Vulnerability Across the Lifecourse*. April 2024. Chapel Hill, NC
 - Duke Department of Pediatrics Research Retreat. Poster. April 2024. Durham, NC.
 - Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy & Child Well-Being. Presentation. March 2024.
 - Southern Economics Association (SEA) 93rd Annual Meeting. Panel Presentation. *Income Support and the Well-Being of Families with Young Children in the U.S.* November 2023. New Orleans, LA.
 - Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) 2023 Fall Meeting. Panel Presentation. *Income Support and the Well-Being of Families with Young Children in the United States: Evidence from the Baby’s First Years Study*. November 2023. Atlanta, GA.
 - Population Association of America (PAA) Conference. Panel Presentation. *Poverty, Hardship, and Social Policy*. April 2023. New Orleans, LA.
6. **Stilwell, L.*** “Randomized Control Trials in Practice: Example of Baby’s First Years.” PubPol813 Quantitative Evaluation Methods, Duke University, Sanford. February 19, 2024. Invited Guest Lecturer.
7. **Stilwell, L.*** “Tips on Getting Grants.” PubPol 908 Dissertation Proposal Seminar, Duke University, Sanford. September 18, 2023. Invited Guest Lecturer.
8. **Stilwell, L.*** Gennetian, L., Magnuson, K., Morales-Gracia, M., Sauval, M., Duncan, G., Fox, N., Halpern-Meekin, S., Noble, K., Yoshikawa, H. “Unconditional cash and breastfeeding among low-income mothers: Evidence from Baby’s First Years.” Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Conference. Panel Presentation. *Baby’s First Years: Early Findings from a Poverty Reduction Intervention in Early Childhood*. March 2023.

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)

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 from the Duke Department of Pediatrics (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)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

Past Research Experience

Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Research Assistant to Esther Duflo (Aug 2014-June 2017); Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Undergraduate Research Assistant (Sept 2012-2014); Inter-American Development Bank, Knowledge Intern for Gender and Diversity Division (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); Microeconomic 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)

Service

Discussant. APPAM Conference (2022, 2023); 10th Biennial Conference for the Society for Humanities, Social Science, and Medicine (2024)

Mentoring. [Graduate Applications International Network \(GAIN\)](#) Mentorship Program (Mentor, June 2023-June 2025); 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-Apr 2024); Fresh Produce Program, Root Causes, Duke School of Medicine (Apr 2020-Apr 2024); 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)