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### EDUCATION

2001 Harvard University, Ph.D. in Economics  
2000 Harvard University, A.M. in Economics  
1993 Boston University, B.A. in Mathematics and Economics, *magna cum laude*

### EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

2014– **Northeastern University, Boston, MA**  
Associate Professor (joint appointment), 2014–present (tenured in 2020)  
[School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs](#) (75 percent)  
[Department of Economics](#) (25 percent)  
[Community to Community Impact Accelerator](#)  
Founder and Executive Director, 2022–present  
[Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy](#)  
Director, 2025–present  
Research Director, 2020–2025  
Associate Director, 2015–2020  
[Global Resilience Institute](#)  
Faculty Lead, 2025–present  
Faculty Associate, 2018–2025  
[Center for Health Policy and Healthcare Research](#), Faculty Associate, 2014–

2023– Research Fellow, [IZA Institute of Labor Economics](#), Bonn, Germany.

2021– Affiliated Researcher, [Crime and Justice Policy Lab](#), University of Pennsylvania.

2018– [Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab \(J-PAL\)](#), MIT.  
Affiliated Researcher, 2020–present  
Invited Researcher, 2018–2019

2016– Non-Resident Scholar, [Brookings Institution](#), Washington, D.C.

2005–2016 **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Boston, MA**  
Visiting Scholar, 2015–2016  
Senior Economist, 2007–2014  
Economist, 2005–2007

2004–2005 **Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, 2004–2005

- 2002–2005 **Analysis Group, Boston, MA**  
 Academic Expert, 2005  
 Senior Associate, 2004–2005  
 Associate, 2002–2004
- 2001–2002 **Mathematica Policy Research, Cambridge, MA**  
 Economist, 2001–2002

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2025 [Data Champion](#), National Youth Employment Coalition
- 2024 [Evidence Champion](#), Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), MIT
- 2023 [Global Network Accelerator Award](#), Northeastern University
- 2022 [Excellence in Research and Creative Activity Award](#), Northeastern University
- 2020–2022 [Women and Public Policy Program Research Fellowship](#), Harvard University
- 2020 [Outstanding Faculty Research Team Award](#), College of Engineering, Northeastern University
- 2020 **Interdisciplinary Research Sabbatical** (with College of Engineering), Office of the Provost, Northeastern University
- 2019 [Outstanding Teaching Award](#), College of Social Science and Humanities, Northeastern University
- 2019 **First Place Poster**, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- 2000–2001 **Graduate Studies Fellowship**, Inequality and Social Policy Program, Harvard University
- 1999–2001 **Doctoral Fellowship, Wiener Center for Social Policy**, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- 1998–1999 **Sumner Slichter Fellowship for Study in Labor Economics**, Department of Economics, Harvard University
- 1997–2000 **Graduate Studies Fellowship**, National Science Foundation
- 1996–1997 **Graduate Studies Fellowship**, Department of Economics, Harvard University
- 1993 **Robert F. Bruce Memorial Prize in Mathematics**, Boston University
- 1993 **College Prize for Excellence in Economics**, Boston University
- 1992 **Harold C. Case Scholarship**, Boston University

## REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

If co-authors are listed alphabetically, then credit is equally divided among the group.

†Denotes student co-author.

### Published, Accepted, Forthcoming, or in Press

- 2026 Dupas, P., Handlan, A., **Modestino, A.**, Niederle, M., Sere, M., Sheng, H. & Wolfers, J. 2026. [Gender Differences in Economics Seminars](#). *American Economic Review*, 116 (2): 749–89.

- Modestino, A.,** Burke, M., Sadighi, S.<sup>†</sup> Sederberg, R.,<sup>†</sup> Stern, T.<sup>†</sup> & Taska, B. 2026. [No Longer Qualified? Changes in the Supply and Demand for Skills within Occupations.](#) *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*,
- 2024 Meeker, S.,<sup>†</sup> **Modestino, A.,** Ladge, J., Molnar, B. & Lincoln, A. [Examining the Relationships Between Workplace Policies and Practices, PTSD, and Distress Among Working Parents During the COVID-19 Crisis.](#) *COVID*, 5 (3).
- 2023 **Modestino, A.** & Paulsen, R.<sup>†</sup> 2023. [School's Out: How Summer Youth Employment Programs Impact Academic Outcomes.](#) *Education Finance and Policy*, 18 (1): 97–126.
- Hasan, M.,<sup>†</sup> Faiz, T.,<sup>†</sup> **Modestino, A.,** Young, G. & Alam, M. 2023. [Optimizing Return and Secure Disposal of Prescription Opioids to Reduce the Diversion to Secondary Users and Black Market.](#) *Socio-Economic Planning Sciences*, 86:101457.
- 2022 **Modestino, A.,** Paul, U.<sup>†</sup> & McLaughlin, J. 2022. [What's In a Job? Evaluating the Effect of Private Sector Job Experience on Students' Academic Outcomes.](#) *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 112: 126–30.
- 2021 Hasan, M.,<sup>†</sup> Mohite, P.,<sup>†</sup> Islam, M., Alam, M., **Modestino, A.,** Peckham, A., Young, L. & Young, G. 2021. [Patterns of Patient Discontinuation from Buprenorphine/Naloxone Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder: A Study of a Commercially Insured Population in Massachusetts.](#) *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 131:108416.
- Hasan, M.,<sup>†</sup> Young, G., Patel, M.R.,<sup>†</sup> **Modestino, A.,** Sanchez, L. & Alam, N. 2021. [A machine learning framework to predict the risk of opioid use disorder.](#) *Machine Learning with Applications*, 6(15): 10144.
- Moghaddam, M., Wilson, N., **Modestino, A.,** Jona, K. & Marsella, S. 2021. [Exploring augmented reality for worker assistance versus training.](#) *Advanced Engineering Informatics*, 50: 101410.
- 2020 **Modestino, A.,** Shoag, D. & Ballance, J. 2020. [Upskilling: Do Employers Demand Greater Skill When Workers Are Plentiful?](#) *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 102(4): 793–805.
- Paulsen, R.,<sup>†</sup> **Modestino, A.,**<sup>†</sup> Hasan, M., Alam, M., Young, L. & Young, G. 2020. [Patterns of Buprenorphine/Naloxone Prescribing: An Analysis of Claims Data from Massachusetts.](#) *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 46(2): 216–223.
- 2019 **Modestino, A.,** Sederberg, R.<sup>†</sup> & Tuller, L.<sup>†</sup> 2019. [Assessing the Effectiveness of Financial Coaching: Evidence from the Boston Youth Credit Building Initiative.](#) *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, 53(4): 1825–1873.

- Killelea, B., **Modestino, A.**, Gass, J., Kuerer, H., Margenthaler, J., Boolbol, S., Dietz, J. & Manahan, E. 2019. [The 2018 Compensation Survey of the American Society of Breast Surgeons](#). *Annals of Surgical Oncology*, 26(10): 3052–3062.
- Modestino, A.**, Ladge, J. & Sugiyama, K. 2019. [Careers in Construction: An Examination of the Career Narratives of Young Professionals and Their Emerging Career Self-Concepts](#). *Journal of Vocational Behavior*, 115: 1–21.
- Modestino, A.** 2019. [How Do Summer Youth Employment Programs Improve Criminal Justice Outcomes, and for Whom?](#) *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 38(3): 600–628.
- Modestino, A.** & Paulsen, R.† 2019. [Reducing Inequality Summer by Summer: Lessons from the Boston Summer Youth Employment Program Survey](#). *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 72: 40–53.
- 2018 Sugiyama, K., Ladge, J.J., **Modestino, A.** & Kenny, K. 2018. [Careers in construction: Developing career identity out of redefining moments](#). *Academy of Management Best Paper Proceedings*, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 **Modestino, A.**, Shoag, D. & Ballance, J. 2016. [Downskilling: Changes in Employer Skill Requirements Over the Business Cycle](#). *Labour Economics*, 41: 333–347.  
*Media coverage: Wall Street Journal [2021] and [2018], Boston Globe [2017] and [2015]*
- 2013 **Modestino, A.** & Dennett, J. 2013. [Are Americans Locked into Their Houses? The Impact of Housing Market Conditions on State-to-State Migration](#). *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 43(2): 322–337.
- 2010 **Sasser, A.** 2010. [Voting with Their Feet: Relative Economic Conditions and State Migration Patterns](#). *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 40(2-3): 122–135.
- 2007 Cutler, D., Long, G., Berndt, E., Royer, J., Fournier, A., **Sasser, A.** & Cremieux, P. 2007. [The Value Of Antihypertensive Drugs: A Perspective On Medical Innovation](#). *Health Affairs*, 26(1): 97–110.
- Meadows, E., Rousculp, M., **Sasser, A.**, Birnbaum, H., Moyneur, E., Mallet, D. & Johnston, J. 2007. [Actual Versus Predicted First-Year Utilization Patterns of Teriparatide in Patients with Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance](#). *Current Medical Research and Opinion*, 23(12): 3215–3222.
- 2005 **Sasser, A.** 2005. [Gender Differences in Physician Pay: Tradeoffs Between Career and Family](#). *Journal of Human Resources*, 40(2): 477–504.

Sasser, A., Taylor, M., Birnbaum, H., Schoenfeld, M., Oster, E. & Rousculp, M. 2005. [Assessing the Economic Impact of Chronic Conditions in Post-Menopausal Women.](#) *Expert Opinion on Pharmacotherapy*, 6(11): 1803–1814.

Sasser, A., Rousculp, M., Birnbaum, H., Oster, E., Lufkin, E. & Mallet, D. 2005. [Economic Burden of Osteoporosis, Breast Cancer, and Cardiovascular Disease Among Postmenopausal Women in an Employed Population.](#) *Women's Health Issues*, 15(3): 97–108.

### **Revise and Resubmit**

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Modestino, A., Finn, Z.,<sup>†</sup> Ladge, J. & Lincoln, A. [Childcare as Infrastructure: The Impact of COVID-19 on Childcare and Gender Equity.](#) First revision requested, *Review of Economics of the Household*, November 2025.

Ladge, J., Modestino, A., Sugiyama, K., Masterson, C., Thompson, B. and Lincoln, A. 2025. “Temporary Loosening of Impossible Ideals: De-Constructed Boundaries and Norm Restructuring Amid Work-Family Infrastructure Shock.” First revision requested, *Journal of Management*, November 2025.

Modestino, A., Marks, M., Hoover, H.<sup>†</sup> & Pandit, H.<sup>†</sup> [Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Examining Efficiency and Equity in the Design of Summer Jobs Programs.](#) First revision requested, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, April 2025.

Modestino, A. [The Relationship between Market Forces and Gender Differences in Physician Pay.](#) First revision requested, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, April 2025.

### **Under First Review**

Westby, S.<sup>†</sup> & Modestino, A. “The Impact of Generative AI on Job Opportunities for Junior Software Developers.” Submitted, *Management Information Systems*, February 2026.

Modestino, A., Cheng, P., Young, G., Alam, M., Mam DaCunha, A. & LaFlamme, E. 2024. “Reducing the Supply of Unused Opioids: An Evaluation of a Community Health Center Opioid Return Program.” Submitted, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, December 2025.

Modestino, A., Golestani, A.<sup>†</sup> & Turchan, B.<sup>†</sup>, Ramirez, S.<sup>†</sup>, Struhl, B., and Braga, A. “Nothing Stops a Bullet Like a Job: The Long-Term Impacts of Summer Jobs Programs on Youth Outcomes.” Submitted, *Journal of Human Resources*, August 2025.

**NON-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS****Invited Articles**

- 2023 **Modestino, A.** & Paulsen, R.<sup>†</sup> 2023. [Year-Round Benefits from Summer Jobs.](#) *Education Next*, 23(4).
- 2022 **Modestino, A.** & McLaughlin, J. 2022. [How private sector summer employment programs are expanding benefits for young people.](#) *Brookings Institution*, July 18.
- 2021 Ross, M., **Modestino, A.**, Saroui, S. & Cope, R. 2021. [To “build back better,” we must connect young people to jobs and education.](#) *Brookings Institution*, May 20.
- Modestino, A.**, Ladge, J., Swartz, A. & Lincoln, A. 2021. [Childcare Is a Business Issue.](#) *Harvard Business Review*, April 29, pp. 1–7.
- 2020 **Modestino, A.** 2020. [Saving Summer Jobs: How Summer Youth Employment Programs Improve Youth Outcomes during COVID-19.](#) *MassBenchmarks Journal*, 22(1).
- 2018 **Modestino, A.** 2018. [Why More Cities Should Offer Summer Jobs for Teens.](#) *Harvard Business Review*, August 28, pp. 1–7.
- Modestino, A.** & Shoag, D. 2018. [When the Economy Is Good, Employers Demand Fewer Credentials.](#) *Harvard Business Review*, August 21, pp. 1–8.
- Modestino, A.** 2018. [How Can Summer Jobs Reduce Crime Among Youth?](#) *Brookings Institution*, January 5, pp. 1–21.
- 2016 **Modestino, A.** 2016. [The Importance of Middle-Skill Jobs.](#) *Issues in Science and Technology*. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Fall, pp. 41–46.
- 2011 **Modestino, A.** 2011. [Mismatch in the Labor Market: The Supply and Demand for Middle-Skill Workers in New England.](#) *The New England Journal of Higher Education*, February 8, pp. 1–10.
- 2009 **Sasser, A.** 2009. [The Future of the Skilled Labor Force.](#) *The New England Journal of Higher Education*, 23(3), Winter, pp. 15–18.

**Published Working Papers**

- 2024 **Modestino, A.**, Marks, M., Hoover, H.<sup>†</sup> & Pandit, H.<sup>†</sup> 2024. [Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Examining Efficiency and Equity in Designing Summer Youth Employment Programs.](#) *IZA Institute of Labor Economics*, Discussion Paper No. 17737, pp. 1–59.

- Modestino, A., Young, G., Alam, M., Hasan, M.<sup>†</sup> & Shie, J.<sup>†</sup>** [Why Are Opioid Prescribing Rates Higher in Rural Versus Urban Areas?](#) **IZA Institute of Labor Economics**, Discussion Paper No. 17738, pp. 1–59.
- 2023 **Modestino, A., Burke, M., Taska, B., Sederberg, R.,<sup>†</sup> Sadighi, S.<sup>†</sup> & Stern, T.<sup>†</sup>** 2023. [No Longer Qualified? Changes in the Supply and Demand for Skills within Occupations.](#) **IZA Institute of Labor Economics**, Discussion Paper No. 16542, pp. 1–59, updated 2024.
- Modestino, A., Marks, M. & Hoover, H.<sup>†</sup>** [Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Examining Barriers to Job Placement in Summer Youth Employment Programs.](#) Northeastern University, **Community to Community Impact Accelerator (C2C)**, Working Paper No. 2023-01, pp. 1–54.
- 2021 Dupas, P., **Modestino, A., Niederle, M. & Wolfers, J.** 2021. [Gender and the Dynamics of Economics Seminars.](#) **NBER**, Working Paper No. 28494, pp. 1–61.
- 2020 Burke, M., **Modestino, A., Sadighi, S.,<sup>†</sup> Sederberg, R.<sup>†</sup> & Taska, B.** 2020. [No Longer Qualified? Changes in the Supply and Demand for Skills within Occupations.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, Working Paper No. 20-3, October, pp. 1–68.
- 2016 **Modestino, A., Shoag, D. & Ballance, J.** 2016. [Downskilling: Changes in Employer Skill Requirements over the Business Cycle.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, Working Paper No. 16-7, February, pp. 1–46.
- 2014 **Modestino, A., Shoag, D. & Ballance, J.** 2014. [Upskilling: Do Employers Demand Greater Skill When Workers Are Plentiful?](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, Working Paper No. 14-17, January, pp. 1–39.
- 2013 **Modestino, A.** 2013. [The Impact of Managed Care on the Gender Earnings Gap among Physicians.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, Research Department Working Paper No. 13-1, November, pp. 1–55.
- 2012 **Modestino, A. & Dennett, J.** 2012. [Are American Homeowners Locked into Their Houses? The Impact of Housing Market Conditions on State-to-State Migration.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, Research Department Working Paper No. 12-1, February, pp. 1–64.
- 2009 **Sasser, A.** 2009. [Voting with Their Feet? Local Economic Conditions and Migration Trends in New England.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, New England Public Policy Center, Working Paper No. 09-1, September, pp. 1–53.
- 2006 **Sasser, A., Zhao, B. & Saas, D.** 2006. [The Lack of Affordable Housing in New England: How Big a Problem? Why Is It Growing? What Are We Doing About It?](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, New England Public Policy Center, Working Paper No. 06-1, January, pp. 1–172.

Cutler, D., Long, G., Berndt, E., Royer, J., Fournier, A., Sasser, A. & Cremieux, P. 2006. [The Impact of Antihypertensive Drugs on the Number and Risk of Death, Stroke and Myocardial Infarction in the United States](#). National Bureau of Economic Research, Working Paper No. 12096, March, pp. 1–26.

### **Public Policy Reports and Briefs**

- 2025 Fitzgerald, J., Modestino, A., Andreason, S. & King, G. “[Climate Ready Workforce Action Plan](#).” City of Boston, Research Report, December 2025.
- 2024 Modestino, A. & Foster, J.D. [Improving Job Quality in the Childcare Sector: Assessing the JVS Job Quality Benchmarking Index](#). Northeastern University, Community to Community Impact Accelerator (C2C), Research Report No. 2024-01.
- Modestino, A. & Foster, J.D. [Improving Job Quality in the Childcare Sector](#). Northeastern University, Community to Community Impact Accelerator (C2C), Policy Brief No. 2024-01.
- Modestino, A. “Labor Market Analysis of Madison Park Chapter 74 Programs.” City of Boston, Internal Memo, May 15, 2024.
- 2023 Modestino, A. & Cope, R. [Boston’s Summer Youth Employment Program: Designing for Efficiency and Equity](#). Northeastern University, Community to Community Impact Accelerator (C2C), Policy Brief No. 2023-01.
- Modestino, A., Cope, R. & Blakely, P. [Building a More Holistic Workforce Development System for Boston’s Youth](#). Northeastern University, Community to Community Impact Accelerator (C2C), Research Report No. 2023-01.
- 2022 Li, Yiping Li, Jackson-Spieker, K., Modestino, A., Kessler, J. & Heller, S. 2022. [The Promises of Summer Youth Employment Programs: Lessons from Randomized Evaluations](#). Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Evidence Brief, May 23.
- 2021 Modestino, A. & Forman, B. [Pathways to Economic Mobility: Identifying the Labor Market Value of Community College in Massachusetts](#). The Boston Foundation, Understanding Boston report series, June 10, 2021.
- 2020 Modestino, A. [Housing Equity and Resilience in Greater Boston’s Post-COVID Economy](#). The Boston Foundation, Greater Boston Housing Report Card 2020 Series, September 23, 2020.
- Modestino, A. [The Childcare Industry in New England](#). 2020. Northeastern University, Global Resilience Institute, Whitepaper Series, August 24, 2020, pp. 1–21.

- 2019 **Modestino, A.**, Dopkins, L. & Santelices, C. 2019. [The Economic and Social Return on Investment for ESOL Programs in Greater Boston](#). **The Boston Foundation**, Understanding Boston series, December, pp. 1–90.
- Modestino, A.**, Ziegler, C., Hopper, T., Clark, C., Munson, L., Melnik, M., Bernstein, C. & Raisz, A. 2019. [Greater Boston Housing Report Card 2019: Supply, Demand and the Challenge of Local Control](#). **The Boston Foundation**, Understanding Boston series, June 26, pp. 1–121.
- Modestino, A.**, Sederberg, R.<sup>†</sup> & Tuller, L.<sup>†</sup> 2019. [An Evaluation of the Boston Youth Credit Building Initiative: Final Report](#). **City of Boston**, Office of Financial Empowerment, Report, May 30, pp. 1–71.
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- 2018 Chan, A., **Modestino, A.**, McHugh, W.,<sup>†</sup> Irvine, C., Jones, N., Mihevc, J. & Morris, T. 2018. [Educator Shortage Problem Found in the 2017 CAE Cybersecurity Survey](#). **National Security Agency**, Report, April, pp. 1–62.
- 2017 **Modestino, A.**, Morikawa, M. & Nguyen, T. 2017. [Reducing Inequality Summer by Summer: An Analysis of the Short-Term and Long-Term Effects of Boston’s Summer Youth Employment Program](#). **City of Boston**, Office of Workforce Development, Report, December, p. 1–27.
- Modestino, A.** 2017. [How Do Summer Youth Employment Programs Improve Criminal Justice Outcomes, and for Whom?](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, Community Development Discussion Paper No. 17-01, June, pp. 1–53.
- Modestino, A.**, Sederberg, R.<sup>†</sup> & Tuller, L.<sup>†</sup> 2017. [An Evaluation of the Boston Youth Credit Building Initiative: Baseline Report](#). **City of Boston**, Office of Financial Empowerment, Report, July, pp. 1–57.
- 2016 **Modestino, A.** & Nguyen, T. 2016. [The Potential for Summer Youth Employment Programs to Reduce Inequality: What Do We Know?](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, Regional and Community Outreach Issue Brief No. 16-03, June, pp. 1–18.
- Modestino, A.** (with Task Force members). 2016. [Report and Recommendations to Improve Employment Outcomes Among Populations Facing Chronically High Rates of Unemployment](#). **Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development**, Task Force Report, January, pp. 1–20.
- 2015 **Modestino, A.** 2015. [Middle-Skill Workers and Today’s Labor Market](#). Commissioned paper for the Symposium on the Supply Chain for Middle-Skill Jobs: Education, Training, and Certification. **The National Academies**, Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences, Report, September, pp. 1–59.

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- 2013 **Modestino, A.** 2013. [Uncertain Futures: Are American Youth Increasingly Idle? Think Again.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, New England Public Policy Center, Policy Brief No. 13-4, December, pp. 1–4.
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- Modestino, A.** 2013. [Retaining Recent College Graduates in New England: An Update on Current Trends.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, New England Public Policy Center, Policy Brief No. 13-2, May, pp. 1–4.
- 2011 Dennett, J. & **Modestino, A.** 2011. [The Middle-Skills Gap: Ensuring an Adequate Supply of Skilled Labor in Northern and Southern New England.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, New England Public Policy Center, Policy Brief No. 11-1, April, pp. 1–8.
- 2010 **Modestino, A.** 2010. [Mismatch in the Labor Market: Measuring the Supply of and Demand for Skilled Labor in New England.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, New England Public Policy Center, Research Report No. 10-2, November, pp. 1–51.
- 2009 **Sasser, A.** 2009. [Lasting Connections: Using Internships to Retain Recent College Graduates in New England.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, New England Public Policy Center, Policy Brief No. 09-3, March, pp. 1–4.
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- 2008 **Sasser, A.** 2008. [The Future of the Skilled Labor Force in New England: The Supply of Recent College Graduates.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, New England Public Policy Center, Research Report No. 08-1, September, pp. 1–55.
- 2007 **Sasser, A.** 2007. [Reaching the Goal: Expanding Health Insurance Coverage in New England: Current Strategies and New Initiatives.](#) **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, New England Public Policy Center, Research Report No. 07-1, September, pp. 1–67.

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- 2006 Sasser, A. 2006. [The Potential Economic Impact of Increasing the Minimum Wage in Massachusetts](#). **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, New England Public Policy Center, Research Report No. 06-1, January, pp. 1–15.
- 2002 Lake, T., Sasser, A., Young, C. & Quinn, B. 2002. [A Snapshot of the Implementation of California’s Mental Health Parity Law](#). **Mathematica Policy Research**, Research Report, February, pp. 1–35.
- 1997 Tannenwald, R. & Sasser, A. 1997. [Perspective: On State Tax Policy](#). **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, *Regional Review*, vol. 7, Winter, pp. 1–4.

## GRANTS

### External Funding

**Funded (Total = \$14,490,955; PI/co-PI share = \$6,689,238).**

- 2025 Co-Principal Investigator (lead, with Matt Notowidigdo and Ray Kluender). “Getting Going on Savings: Evaluation of a Pilot Roth IRA Program for Low-Income Young Adults.” **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at Massachusetts Institute of Technology**. **Total = \$50,000**; co-PI share = \$16,667 (33%). June 2025–May 2026.
- Principal Investigator (with Lynn Sanders). “NU Boston Summer Scholars Program.” **City of Boston**. **Total = \$518,015**. June 2025–August 2025.
- Principal Investigator (with Lynn Sanders). “An Evaluation of ABCD’s WorkSmart Program.” **Action for Boston Community Development**. **Total = \$60,000**. May 2025–December 2025.
- Principal Investigator. “Scaling Summer Youth Employment Programs.” **Arnold Ventures**. **Total = \$166,141**. January 2025–August 2025.
- 2024 Principal Investigator. “Evaluating Boston’s Tuition-Free Community College Program.” **Department of Labor**. **Total = \$199,430**. January 2025–December 2026.
- Principal Investigator. “Building a More Holistic and Inclusive Workforce Development System for Boston’s Youth.” **William T. Grant Foundation**. **Total = \$350,000**. July 2024–June 2026.

Principal Investigator (with Lynn Sanders). “NU Boston Summer Scholars Program.” **City of Boston. Total = \$642,624.** June 2024–August 2024.

Principal Investigator. “Summer 2024 Immigrant Youth Advancement Program.” **City of Boston. Total = \$4,620.** June 2024–August 2024.

Principal Investigator. “Labor Market Analysis of Chapter 74 Programs.” **City of Boston. Total = \$51,000.** February 2024–August 2024.

2023 Co-Principal Investigator (with Ozlem Ergun [PI], David Kaeli, Gino Lim, and Joyce Shirazi). “Platforms for Exchange and Allocation of Resources (PEAR).” **National Science Foundation, NRT-FW-HTF-HDR. Total = \$3,000,000;** co-PI share = \$600,000 (20%). July 2023–June 2028.

Co-Principal Investigator (with Joan Fitzgerald). “Green New Deal Workforce Needs Assessment Study.” **City of Boston. Total = \$200,000;** co-PI share = \$100,000 (50%). September 2023–August 2024.

Principal Investigator. “NU Boston Summer Scholars Program.” **City of Boston. Total = \$497,103.** June 2023–August 2023.

Principal Investigator. “Care Can’t Wait.” **National Domestic Workers Alliance. Total = \$132,049.** April 2023–January 2024.

Principal Investigator. “Measuring the Economic Impact of the Job Quality Benchmarking Index.” **The Boston Foundation. Total = \$25,000.** April 2023–October 2023.

2022 Principal Investigator. “The Long-Term Impacts of Summer Youth Employment Programs on Outcomes.” **Arnold Foundation. Total = \$273,667.** January 2022–August 2023.

Co-Principal Investigator (with Jared Auclair). “BioConnects New England.” **Economic Development Agency, Build Back Better Regional Challenge. Total = \$500,000;** co-PI share = \$250,000 (50%). January 2022–December 2023.

2021 Principal Investigator. “Building a More Holistic and Inclusive Workforce Development System for Boston’s Youth.” **William T. Grant Foundation, Institutional Challenge Grant. Total = \$649,557.** July 2021–June 2024.

Co-Principal Investigator (with Mohsen Moghaddam, Kemi Jona, Stacy Marsella, and Nick Wilson). “FW-HTF-P: Training an Agile, Adaptive Workforce for the Future of Manufacturing with Intelligent Augmented Reality (IAR).” **National Science Foundation. Total = \$2,000,000;** co-PI share = \$420,000 (20%). September 2021–August 2024.

- Co-Principal Investigator (with Gary Young and Md Noor E Alam). “Strategies to Improve Adherence for Treatment with Buprenorphine/Naloxone.” **Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Total = \$194,100**; co-PI share = \$64,053 (33%). January 2021–August 2021.
- 2020 Co-Principal Investigator (with Mohsen Moghaddam, Kemi Jona, Stacy Marsella, and Nick Wilson). “FW-HTF-P: Training an Agile, Adaptive Workforce for the Future of Manufacturing with Intelligent Augmented Reality (IAR).” **National Science Foundation. Total = \$150,000**; co-PI share = \$37,500 (25%). September 2020–August 2021.
- Principal Investigator (with Taskin Padir and Kemi Jona). “RAPID: Accelerating the Future of Work? Understanding Future Shifts in Technology Adoption in the Seafood Industry in Response to the COVID19 Pandemic.” **National Science Foundation. Total = \$199,651**; co-PI share = \$67,881 (34%). July 2020–June 2021.
- Principal Investigator. “Evaluation of Alternative Programming for the Boston Summer Youth Employment Program during the COVID19 Pandemic.” **William T. Grant Foundation, Officers’ Grant. Total = \$48,393**. June 2020–December 2021.
- Principal Investigator. “Preserving Summer Employment Opportunities for Inner-City Youth during the COVID19 Pandemic.” **Spencer Foundation. Total = \$19,968**. June 2020–September 2020.
- Principal Investigator. “Preserving Summer Employment Opportunities for Inner-City Youth during the COVID19 Pandemic.” **William T. Grant Foundation, R3 Rapid Grant. Total = \$34, 937**. May 2020–August 2020.
- Co-Principal Investigator (with Gary Young and Md Noor E Alam). “Exploring Patterns of Prescribing, Adherence, and Clinical Outcomes Associated with Suboxone.” **Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Total = \$139,906**; co-PI share = \$47,567 (34%). January 15, 2020–August 30, 2020.
- 2019 Co-Principal Investigator (with Taskin Padir, Kristian Kloeckl, John Basl, and Kemi Jona). “Collaborative Robots to Impact Seafood Processing (CRISP): Designs, Tools and Methods for Enhanced Worker Experience.” **National Science Foundation, Future of Work at the Human Technology Frontier program. Total = \$2,500,000**; co-PI share = \$256,177 (10%). September 2019–August 2023.
- Co-Principal Investigator (lead, with Urbashee Paul). “Mentoring and Career Development: 2019 Modestino and Paul.” **William T. Grant Foundation, Mentoring Grant. Total = \$59,493**; co-PI share = \$300 (1%). August 2019–July 2021.
- Principal Investigator. “The 2020 Greater Boston Housing Report Card.” **The Boston Foundation. Total = \$75,543**. October 2019–August 2020.

- Principal Investigator. “From High School to Jobs: Exploring the Power of Varying Community College Pathways with Linked Wage Record Data.” **MassInc. Total = \$50,000.** October 2019–May 2021.
- Co-Principal Investigator (lead, with Gary Young and Md. Noor-E-Alam). “A Community Health Center Buyback Program to Reduce the Supply of Opioids to Secondary Users.” **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Total = \$48,552;** co-PI share = \$41,065 (85%). February 2019–December 2022.
- Co-Principal Investigator (with Gary Young and Md. Noor-E-Alam). “Analysis of Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Prescribing Patterns.” **Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Total = \$113,638;** co-PI share = \$23,200 (20%). January 2019–June 2019.
- 2018 Principal Investigator. “An Evaluation of Boston’s Tuition-Free Community College Program.” **The Boston Foundation. Total = \$6,350.** January 2019–December 2019.
- Principal Investigator. “The Greater Boston Housing Report Card.” **The Boston Foundation. Total = \$77,284.** September 2018–June 2019.
- Principal Investigator. “The Return on Investment to English Language Learning Programs.” **The Boston Foundation. Total = \$65,213.** September 2018–August 2019.
- Principal Investigator. “Building Boston’s Talent Pool.” **City of Boston, Neighborhood Jobs Trust. Total = \$30,929.** May 2018–September 2018.
- 2017 Principal Investigator. “A Multi-Year Evaluation of Boston Summer Youth Employment Program Features to Reduce Inequality Across Groups.” **William T. Grant Foundation, Research Grant. Total = \$280,714.** July 2017–June 2019.
- Co-Principal Investigator (with Agnes Chan). “Increasing Qualified Cybersecurity Educators: Market Study on Shortages of Educators.” **National Security Administration. Total = \$150,000;** co-PI share = \$48,400 (32%). May 2017–December 2017.
- 2016 Co-Principal Investigator (with Trinh Nguyen). “Technical Assistance for Social Innovation Fund Pay for Success Project for the Boston Summer Youth Employment Program.” **Third Sector Partners. Total = \$250,000;** co-PI share = \$57,000 (23%). December 2016–August 2017.
- Co-Principal Investigator (lead, with Daniel Shoag). “Upskilling: Why Do Employers Demand Greater Skill When Workers Are Plentiful?” **Russell Sage Foundation. Total = \$34,477;** co-PI share = \$11,000 (31%). January 2016–December 2017.
- Co-Principal Investigator (with Trinh Nguyen). “Citi Community Development Concept Proposal: Youth Credit Building Initiative.” **Citi Community Development**

**Foundation. Total = \$260,750;** co-PI share = \$28,800 (11%). January 2016–December 2017.

- 2015 Principal Investigator. “Reducing Economic Inequality by Increasing Equality of Opportunity. Policy Options: College and Career Readiness.” **Partners Healthcare. Total = \$5,000.** January 2015–April 2015.
- 2014 Co-Principal Investigator (with Barry Bluestone). “Greater Boston Housing Report Card.” **The Boston Foundation. Total = \$75,000;** co-PI share = \$18,750 (25%). August 2014–July 2015.
- Co-Principal Investigator (with Daniel Shoag). “Upskilling: Do Employers Demand Greater Skill When Workers Are Plentiful?” **Russell Sage Foundation. Total = \$49,424;** co-PI share = \$25,000 (51%). August 2014–July 2016.
- 2000 Principal Investigator. “Gender Differences in Physician Pay: Tradeoffs Between Career and Family.” **National Science Foundation, Grant for Improving Doctoral Research. Total = \$5,000.** September 2000–August 2001.

### **Internal Funding**

**Funded (Total = \$5,088,368).**

- 2022 Principal Investigator. “Community to Community: Finding Equitable Solutions to Local Policy Problems.” **Northeastern University, Office of the Provost, Impact Engine Grant. Total = \$4,808,072.**
- 2021 Co-Principal Investigator (with Jamie Ladge and Alisa Lincoln). “Understanding Processes and Impacts of Organizational Re-entry in a Post-COVID World.” **Northeastern University, Office of the Provost, Tier 1 Grant. Total = \$50,000.**
- 2020 Principal Investigator (with Jamie Ladge and Alisa Lincoln). “Making Families More Resilient: The Role of Employer Practices and Public Policy on Household Well-Being during the COVID19 Pandemic.” **Northeastern University, Provost’s Office, COVID-19 Research Development Initiative. Total = \$34,890.** May 2020–March 2021.
- Principal Investigator (with Jamie Ladge and Alisa Lincoln). “Making Families More Resilient: The Role of Paid Family, Medical, and Sick Leave on Household Well-Being during the COVID19 Pandemic.” **Northeastern University, College of Social Science and Humanities, COVID-19 Research Development Initiative. Total = \$8,000.** April 2020–August 2020.
- 2018 Principal Investigator (with Erica Smith and Rachel Sederberg). “Increasing Diversity in Economics throughout the Academic Pipeline.” **Northeastern University, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Diverse Opportunities to Inform & Teach (DO IT!) Grant Program. Total = \$1,500.** September 2018–May 2019.

- Co-Principal Investigator (with Gary Young and Md. Noor-E-Alam). “Community Resilience to Combat Opioid Addition Crisis.” **Northeastern University, Global Resilience Institute, Seed Grant. Total = \$74,103.** July 2018–June 2020.
- 2017 Co-Principal Investigator (with Gary Young and Md. Noor-E-Alam). “Using Big Data to Compare Effectiveness of Abuse-Deterrent Opioids.” **Northeastern University, Tier 1 Grant. Total = \$49,700.** July 2017–June 2018.
- Co-Principal Investigator (with Jamie Ladge and Cigdem Talgar). “Towards an Understanding of Flexible Minds: An Exploration of Intellectual Agility and Its Effects on Career Success.” **Northeastern University, Tier 1 Grant. Total = \$41,703.** July 2017–December 2017.
- 2015 Co-Principal Investigator (with Jamie Ladge). “Achieving Gender Equality in the Workplace: A Research Collaboration Focusing on Building and Sustaining Parity for Women in Recruitment, Management, Employment, and Compensation.” **Northeastern University, Humanities Center, Collaborative Research Cluster. Total = \$2,000.** September 2015–August 2016.
- Principal Investigator. “Upskilling: A Qualitative Study of Changing Employer Skill Requirements.” **Northeastern University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Research Development Initiative. Total = \$5,000.** June 2015–September 2015.
- Principal Investigator. “Upskilling and Downskilling: Using Big Data to Study Changes in Employer Requirements During the Great Recession.” **Northeastern University, NULab, Seedling Grant. Total = \$4,400.** June 2015–September 2015.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Academic Conferences and Invited Seminars (Since 2020)

- 2026 Modestino, A. “Boston Youth Credit Building Initiative: Research Evidence and Practical Insights.” **OECD, International Network on Financial Education Workshop on What Works for Adults, February 13, 2026.**
- 2025 Modestino, A. “Gender Differences in Economics Seminars.” **Bank of France, Conference on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Economics, Finance, and Central Banking, November 17, 2025.**
- Modestino, A. “The Use of Research Evidence to Scale Public Solutions.” **Harvard University, Public Solutions R&D Convening, June 11-13, 2025.**
- Modestino, A. “Conditional Cash Transfer Programs: What Can We Learn from Summer Learn and Earn Programs?” **Boston University, Wheelock College of Education and Human Development, April 29, 2025.**

- Modestino, A. “Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Examining Inequities in Summer Youth Employment Programs.” **University of Toronto**, Data Sciences Institute, April 9, 2025.
- Modestino, A. “Northeastern’s Global Campus Network for Community-Engaged Research.” **American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)**, Annual Meeting, February 13–14, 2025.
- Modestino, A. “Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Examining Inequities in Summer Youth Employment Programs.” **American Economic Association**, Poster Session, Annual Meeting, January 3–5, 2025.
- 2024 Modestino, A. “Conditional Cash Transfer Programs: What Can We Learn from Summer Learn and Earn Programs?” **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**, Annual Meeting, November 22, 2024.
- Modestino, A. “Using Inclusive and Asset-Based Communication to Disseminate Research.” Inclusive Language Workshop hosted by J-PAL, **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**, Annual Meeting, November 21, 2024.
- Modestino, A. “Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Examining Inequities in Summer Youth Employment Programs.” **NBER Summer Institute**, Program on Children and Families, July 26, 2024.
- Modestino, A. & Cope, R. “Building a More Holistic and Inclusive Workforce Development System for Boston’s Youth.” **National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine**, Building Institutional Capacity for Engaged Research, June 13, 2024.
- Modestino, A. “Future of Work and Workers: Technology Adoption, Changing Skill Requirements and the Potential for Training in Manufacturing.” **MassBay Community College**, Future of Work Symposium on Advanced Manufacturing in Massachusetts, May 15, 2024.
- Modestino, A. “Understanding the Impacts of Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) on Youth Self-efficacy, Skill Building, and Long-term Outcomes.” **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at MIT**, Design Within Reach Webinar, February 6, 2024.
- Modestino, A. “Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Examining Inequities in Summer Youth Employment Programs.” **American Economic Association**, Annual Meetings, LERA Sessions, January 7, 2024.
- 2023 Modestino, A. “Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Examining Barriers to Job Placement in Summer Youth Employment Programs.” **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**, Annual Meeting, November 9–11, 2023.

- Modestino, A. “Where the Rubber Meets the Road: Examining Barriers to Job Placement in Summer Youth Employment Programs.” **Society of Labor Economists**, Annual Meeting, May 12–13, 2023.
- Modestino, A. “Building a More Holistic and Inclusive Workforce Development System for Boston’s Youth.” **Boston Area Research Initiative**, Annual Conference, April 28, 2023.
- Modestino, A. “Building a More Holistic and Inclusive Workforce Development System for Boston’s Youth.” **School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs Seminar Series**, Northeastern University, April 25, 2023.
- Modestino, A. “Gender and the Dynamics of Economics Seminars.” **American Economic Association**, Annual Meeting, January 6–8, 2023.
- 2022 Modestino, A. “Opioid Prescribing Rates in Rural Versus Urban Areas.” **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**, Annual Meeting, November 17–19, 2022.
- Modestino, A. “Gender and the Dynamics of Economics Seminars.” **NBER Summer Institute**, Gender in the Economy: Change and Persistence of Norms, July 28–29, 2022.
- Modestino, A. “Accelerating the Future of Work? Understanding Future Shifts in Technology Adoption in the Seafood Industry in Response to the COVID19 Pandemic.” **IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation**, May 27, 2022.
- Modestino, A. “School’s Out: How Do Summer Youth Employment Programs Impact Academic Outcomes?” **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**, Annual Meeting, March 27–29, 2022.
- 2021 Modestino, A. “Researcher-Policymaker Collaborations during COVID-19: Saving Boston’s Summer Jobs.” **Impacting Science Speaker Series, Network Science Institute**, Northeastern University, December 7, 2021.
- Modestino, A. “Discussion: The Effects of Letters of Recommendation in the Youth Labor Market.” **NBER Labor Studies Program Meeting**, November 19, 2021.
- Modestino, A. “The Impacts of COVID-19 on Working Parents, Childcare, and Gender Equity.” **Harvard Kennedy School, Women and Public Policy Program**, November 4, 2021.
- Modestino, A. “Race and Returning to Work in a Pandemic Economy.” **Institute on Race and Justice**, Northeastern University, October 26, 2021.
- Modestino, A. “Gender and the Dynamics of Economics Seminars.” **Banco de España**, June 30, 2021.

- Modestino, A. “Gender and the Dynamics of Economics Seminars.” **Amherst College**, April 16, 2021.
- Modestino, A. “Disparities in Economics Seminars: Research and Responses.” **Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession**, March 30, 2021.
- Modestino, A. “The Impacts of COVID-19 on Working Parents, Childcare, and Gender Equity.” **Harvard University**, School of Public Health, January 14, 2021.
- Modestino, A. “No Longer Qualified? Changes in the Supply and Demand for Skills within Occupations.” **American Economic Association**, Annual Meeting, January 5, 2021.
- 2020 Modestino, A. “Gender and the Dynamics of Economics Seminars.” **Harvard Kennedy School**, Women and Public Policy Program, December 10, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Using Research to Confront Inequality in a Time of Crisis.” **William T. Grant Foundation**, Annual Convening of Researchers, Opening Plenary, December 1, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Effects on Families - Making Families More Resilient: The Role of Employer Practices and Public Policy on Household Well-Being during the COVID19 Pandemic.” **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**, Annual Meeting. Research Panel, November 13, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Adapting Research Design to Program Context: Implementing Policy-Relevant Randomized Evaluations.” **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**, Annual Meeting. Roundtable, organized by Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab at MIT (J-PAL), November 12, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Translating and Communicating the Policy Relevance of Research (Politics, Media, and the Policy Process).” **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management**, Annual Meeting. Roundtable, organized by Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab at MIT (J-PAL), November 11, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “The Impacts of COVID-19 on Working Parents, Childcare, and Gender Equity.” **Northeastern University**, Open Classroom, September 30, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “The Impacts of COVID-19 on Working Parents, Childcare, and Gender Equity.” **Boston College**, Center for Work and Family, Distinguished Speaker Series, September 29, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Opening Keynote: The Other Impacts of Corona.” **Boston Area Research Initiative**, Annual Conference, April 24, 2020.

Modestino, A. “The Structural Decline in Job Turnover since 2000: Disequilibrium or New Normal?” **Boston University**, Department of Economics, Empirical Microeconomics Lunch Workshop, March 30, 2020.

Modestino, A. “School’s Out: How Do Summer Youth Employment Programs Impact Academic Outcomes?” **National Bureau of Economic Research**, Children’s Program Annual Meeting, Cambridge, MA, March 6, 2020.

Modestino, A. “No Longer Qualified? Changes in the Supply and Demand for Skills within Occupations.” **American Economic Association**, Annual Meeting, Labor and Employment Relations Association session, San Diego, CA, January 3–5, 2020.

Modestino, A. “Gender and the Dynamics of Economics Seminars.” **American Economic Association**, Annual Meeting, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession session, San Diego, CA, January 3–5, 2020.

Modestino, A. “School’s Out: How Do Summer Youth Employment Programs Impact Academic Outcomes?” **American Economic Association**, Annual Meeting, Poster session, San Diego, CA, January 3–5, 2020.

### **Policy Presentations (Since 2020)**

2025 Modestino, A. “Preventing Violence in Communities.” Convening on Effective US Crime Policy, **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)**, June 5-6, 2025.

Modestino, A. “Reimagining Summer Jobs as Career Pathways.” **City of Boston, Worker Empowerment Cabinet Learning Lab**, Boston, MA, April 28, 2025.

Modestino, A. “Scaling Summer Jobs Programs?” Summer Youth Employment Conference, **Arnold Ventures**, March 26, 2025.

Modestino, A. “Can Targeted Summer Jobs Reduce Youth Violence?” Virtual Learning Café, **U.K. Youth Endowment Fund**, February 26, 2025.

2024 Modestino, A. “Building a More Holistic and Inclusive Workforce Development System for Boston’s Youth.” **City of Boston, Worker Empowerment Cabinet Meeting**, October 24, 2024.

Modestino, A. “Research Practices and Tools for Making the Case for Summer Youth Jobs.” **City of Boston, Conference of Mayors Convening**, August 8, 2024.

Modestino, A. “Building a More Holistic and Inclusive Workforce Development System for Boston’s Youth.” **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Working Places Learning Network**, June 18, 2024.

- Modestino, A. “Quality Jobs in a Tight Labor Market: Assessing the JVS Job Quality Benchmarking Index.” **JVS Economic Forum**, June 13, 2024
- Modestino, A. “Community to Community Impact Accelerator (C2C).” **The Brookings Institution**, June 12, 2024.
- Modestino, A. “Automating Allocations for City Departments.” **City of Boston, DEI Academy**, April 2, 2024
- Modestino, A. “Designing Youth Education & Workforce Programs with Rigorous Evaluation.” **City of Boston, Summer Jobs Ecosystem J-PAL Training**, March 26, 2024
- Modestino, A. (with Rashad Cope). “How the City of Boston & Northeastern University’s Partnership Leveraged a \$35.4M Investment to Increase Opportunities and Equity in Youth Summer Jobs.” **National Youth Employment Coalition**, Annual Meeting, March 3–5, 2024.
- Modestino, A. “Building a More Holistic Career Development System for Boston’s Youth.” **Community to Community Boston Policy Convening**, February 29, 2024
- Modestino, A. “William T. Grant Foundation Institutional Challenge Grant Summer Jobs Research Agenda.” **City of Boston, Mayor’s Strategy Team, Research Agenda Setting Retreat**, February 9, 2024
- 2023 Modestino, A. “Building a More Holistic and Inclusive Workforce Development System for Boston’s Youth.” **William T. Grant Foundation Institutional Challenge Grant Convening**, September 25, 2023.
- Modestino, A. “Unlocking Talent in the Life Sciences.” **MassBioEd Life Sciences Workforce Conference**, May 31, 2023.
- Modestino, A. “Building a More Holistic and Inclusive Workforce Development System for Boston’s Youth.” **City of Boston Worker Empowerment Cabinet Meeting**, April 13, 2023.
- Modestino, A. “Building Research Practice Partnerships.” **Highly Integrative Basic And Responsive (HIBAR) Research Alliance**, January 13, 2023.
- 2022 Modestino, A. “Summer Youth Employment Programs: An Avenue for Scaling Work-Based Learning?” **Pathways to Prosperity Fall Conference**, October 26, 2022.
- Modestino, A. “Innovation, Equity & the Future of Prosperity.” **Canadian Institute for Advanced Research**, October 21, 2022.

- Modestino, A. “Building a More Holistic Youth Workforce Development System?” **San Francisco Human Rights Commission**, October 7, 2022.
- Modestino, A. & Cope, R. “Managing Institutional Change through Coalition-Building.” **William T. Grant Institutional Challenge Grant Convening**, September 29, 2022.
- Modestino, A. “The Impact of COVID-19 on Childcare and Gender Equity.” Early Childhood Policy Academy, Zaentz Early Education Initiative, **Harvard Graduate School of Education**, June 25, 2022.
- Modestino, A. “Greater Boston Life Sciences Industry: Expanding Workforce Access to Build Back Better.” **MassBioEd Life Sciences Workforce Conference**, June 8, 2022.
- Modestino, A. “Finding Complementarity and Partnership among Multiple Strategies of Community-Engaged Scholarship.” **Metro Lab Network Summit**, June 2, 2022.
- Modestino, A. “The Impact of COVID-19 on Childcare and Gender Equity.” **Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard University**, April 14, 2022.
- Modestino, A. “The Impact of Summer Youth Employment Programs: What Works and What Could Be Done Differently?” **Urban Institute**, Workforce Futures Initiative: Hidden Workers: Opportunity Youth, Veterans, & the Justice-Involved, March 15, 2022.
- Modestino, A. “The Impacts of COVID-19 on Working Parents, Childcare, and Gender Equity.” **American Association for the Advancement of Science**, March 22, 2022.
- Modestino, A. “Boston Summer Youth Employment Program: Reflections and Key Findings.” **City of Boston, Department of Youth Engagement and Employment**, Mayor’s Summer Youth Employment Program Stakeholders Meeting, March 9, 2022.
- 2021 Modestino, A. “Managing Research Teams Inside and Out.” **William T. Grant Foundation**, Annual Convening of Grantees, December 3, 2021.
- Modestino, A. “How Do Summer Youth Employment Programs Improve Criminal Justice Outcomes, and for Whom?” **Niskanen Center**, Summer Panel Series: Reducing Violence Across the U.S., July 26, 2021.
- Modestino, A. “Pathways to Economics Mobility: Identifying the Labor Market Value of Community College in Massachusetts.” Understanding Boston Forum, **The Boston Foundation**, June 10, 2021.
- Modestino, A. “Saving Summer Jobs: How Can Summer Youth Employment Programs Improve Youth Outcomes during COVID-19?” **American Youth Policy Forum**, April 22, 2021.

- Modestino, A. “Childcare and Workforce Inclusion.” **Boston Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development**, February 9, 2021.
- Modestino, A. “Advancing the Youth Workforce Beyond the Pandemic.” **Commonwealth Corporation**, January 21, 2021.
- 2020 Modestino, A. “Researcher-Policymaker Collaboration in COVID-19: Lessons Learned from Boston’s Summer Jobs Program.” **American Youth Policy Forum**, November 18, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Housing Equity and Resilience in Greater Boston’s Post-COVID Economy.” **The Boston Foundation**, Greater Boston Housing Report Card 2020 Series, September 23, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Boston Employer Forum: Retail.” **Boston Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development**, September 22, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Education & Society Childcare Congressional Call.” **Aspen Institute**, September 1, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Boston Employer Forum: Construction.” **Boston Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development**, September 1, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “A Community Health Center Pharmacy Opioid Bring-Back Program.” **Massachusetts Board of Pharmacy**, monthly meeting, August 24, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “A Community Health Center Pharmacy Opioid Bring-Back Program.” **Greater Lawrence Family Health Center**, monthly clinicians meeting, August 7, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Boston Employer Forum: Hospitality.” **Boston Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development**, August 5, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Boston Employer Forum: Healthcare.” **Boston Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development**, July 30, 2020.
- Modestino, Alicia. “Navigating Boston’s Changing Housing Market.” **Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce**, City Awake, June 3, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Immigrants, English and Innovation in the Economic Recovery.” **English for New Bostonians**, Inaugural Convening of the English Business Works Council, May 15, 2020.
- Modestino, A. “Economic/Social Return on Investment of ESOL Programs.” **Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education**, Annual Conference, April 27, 2020.

Modestino, A. “The Economic and Social Return on Investment for ESOL Programs in Massachusetts.” **The Boston Foundation**, Boston, MA, February 6, 2020.

Modestino, Alicia. “Power Breakfast: 2020 Economic Outlook.” **Boston Business Journal**, January 16, 2020.

Modestino, Alicia. “2020 Economic Outlook Breakfast.” **Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce**, January 14, 2020.

## LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

- 2024 Modestino, A. “Testimony in Favor of Expanding SuccessLink Summer Jobs Program.” **City of Boston Ways and Means Committee Hearing**, Worker Empowerment Cabinet, May 16, 2024.
- 2023 Modestino, A. “Testimony in Favor of Expanding SuccessLink Summer Jobs Program.” **City of Boston Ways and Means Committee Hearing: Youth Employment, Youth Engagement**, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, Boston Public Schools, May 31, 2023.
- 2020 Modestino, A. “Economic Outlook for Boston and the Nation.” **City of Boston, Mayor’s Cabinet**, April 22, 2020.
- 2018 Modestino, A. “Employment Policies and Programs to Improve Youth Outcomes During the Summer Months.” **National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine**, Committee on Summertime Experiences and Child and Adolescent Education, Health, and Safety, December 11, 2018.
- 2014 Modestino, A. “Reducing Economic Inequality by Increasing Equality of Opportunity. Policy Options: K-12 and College and Career Readiness.” **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**, Committee on Economic Opportunity, November 12, 2014.
- 2013 Modestino, A. “The Middle Skills Solution Act.” **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**, Workforce Development Committee, October 27, 2013.
- Modestino, A. “The Potential Economic Impact of Increasing the Minimum Wage in Massachusetts.” **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**, Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, June 11, 2013.
- 2007 Sasser, A. “The Potential Economic Impact of Increasing the Minimum Wage.” State of **New Hampshire**, House of Representatives, Continuing Education Session “The Livable Wage,” January 11, 2007.

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

### Invited Lectures at Other Institutions

Modestino, A. “Pilots in Practice.” **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Evaluating Social Programs Course for Policymakers, Economics, and Design of Policy, August 8, 2025.

Modestino, A. “Evaluating Boston’s Summer Youth Employment Program.” **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Master’s Program in Data, Economics, and Design of Policy, April 9, 2024.

Modestino, A. “RCT from Start to Finish: Evaluating Boston’s Summer Youth Employment Program.” **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Evaluating Social Programs Course for Policymakers, June 18, 2023.

Modestino, A. “Investing in Human Capital: What Have We Learned About What Works?” **Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, 3rd Annual J-PAL North America State and Local Innovation Initiative Convening, Cambridge, MA, March 25, 2019.

### Courses Taught at Northeastern University

Note: Courses listed by semester, with enrollment in parentheses. On sabbatical AY 2020–2021.

\*Indicates developed a new course.

\*ECON 3410 Labor Economics (B.A./B.S.)

Spring 2017 (38), Fall 2017 (19), Fall 2018 (19), Fall 2019 (19)

\*ECON 7764 Topics in Labor Economics (Ph.D.)

Fall 2014 (1), Fall 2015 (1), Spring 2017 (4)

LPSC 6313 Economic Analysis for Law, Public Policy, and Planning (required MPA/MPP)

Fall 2015 (21), Fall 2016 (16), Fall 2017 (16)

\*PPUA 6502 Economic Institutions and Analysis (required MPA/MPP/MUPP/MUI)

Fall 2018 (16), Fall 2019 (30), Fall 2021 (28), Fall 2022 (22), Fall 2023 (24), Fall 2024 (15)

PPUA 7673 Capstone in Urban and Regional Policy (required MPA/MPP/MUPP/MUI)

Spring 2015 (18), Spring 2016 (18), Spring 2017 (13), Spring 2022 (23)

### Supervision of Post-Doctoral Students

Hanna Hoover (2022–2023), Aria Golestani (2022–2024), Susan Parker (2023–2024), Josh Lown (2023–present), Hitanshu Pandit (2023–present)

## **Supervision of Ph.D. Students**

### **Dissertation Committees** (Program, degree year, title, placement, role)

- Shahriar Sadighi (Economics, 2017, *Essays in Empirical Labor Economics*, Amazon, Chair)
- Michael Gleba (Public Policy, 2019, *Making Zoning Alienable*, City of Newton, Member)
- Mark Gooley (Economics, 2019, *Understanding Mortgage Choice*, Northeastern University, Chair)
- Richard Paulsen (Economics, 2019, *Three Essays in Productivity and Earnings*, University of Vermont, Member)
- Rachel Sederberg (Economics, 2019, *Three Essays in Labor Economics*, Bowdoin College, Member)
- Urbashee Paul (Economics, 2022, *Essays on Skilled-Labor Immigration and Economic Mobility*, Analysis Group, Chair)
- Shiqin Liu (Public Policy, 2022, *Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Regional Economic Development: Spatial Variations and Empirical Analyses of Firm Formation, Small Business Innovation and Income Inequality*, Center for Transportation Research, University of Minnesota, Chair)
- Forrest Hangen (Public Policy, 2024, *The Financial Motives and Legal Responsibilities of Landlords: Using Urban Informatics to Model Landlords' Management Strategies*, Phreesia Life Sciences, Member)
- Tomer Stern (Economics, 2024, *Applied Microeconomic Insights: Occupational Licensing, Employer Concentration, and Social Movements*, Burning Glass Institute, Member)
- Zach Finn (Economics, 2025, *Three Essays on the Empirical Microeconomics of Household Finance: Examining Medical Debt, Birth Cohort Size, and Childcare*, Massachusetts Health Policy Commission, Member)
- Samuel Westby (Network Science, 2025, *Focused and Panoramic Perspectives on the Future of Work*, Chair)
- Elijah Miller (Public Policy, defended proposal, expected 2025, Chair)
- Peiran Cheng (Economics, defended proposal, expected 2026, Member)
- Christopher Curtis (Network Science, in progress as part of PEAR NRT program, Member)

### **Experiential Ph.D. engagements** (Program, degree date, title of engagement)

- Rachel Sederberg (Economics, 2019, *An Evaluation of the Boston Youth Credit Building Program*)

### **Funded Research Assistantships** (Program, date of assistantship)

Shahriar Sadighi (Economics, 2015–2017), Richard Paulsen (Economics, 2017–2019), Rachel Sederberg (Economics, 2016–2019), Urbashee Paul (Economics, 2019–2022), John Fallon (Economics, 2020), Ioana Hulbert (Political Science, 2020), Kendall Bailey (Political Science, 2020), Philip Rubin-Streit (Economics, 2020), Shiqin Liu (Public Policy, 2020–2022), Tianyi Tao (Economics, 2021), Abigail Ballou (2022), Nathaniel Lawshe (Criminal Justice, 2021–2022), Roy Gernhardt (2022–2023), Tomere Stern

(Economics, 2021–2024), Samuel Westby (2022-2025), JD Foster (Sociology, 2023–2024), Zach Finn (Economics, 2023–2025), Peiran Cheng (Economics, 2023–2025), Sebastian Ramirez (Public Policy, 2025–present)

### **Supervision of Master’s Students**

#### **Master’s theses, directed, and independent studies** (Program, degree date, title)

- Skadi Renooy, (Public Policy Exchange Student, 2014, *Bottling Community Identity and a Sense of Place*)
- Walter McHugh (Economics and Computer Science, 2018, *Unstructured Data Toolkit for Social Science*)
- Tom Hopper (Public Policy, 2019, *Evaluating Residential Density Around Fixed Route Transit Stations in Greater Boston*)
- Matt Blackburn (Public Policy, 2024, *Massachusetts Workforce Development at a High-Level: Context on Governance and Public Programs for Meeting Green Economy Workforce Needs*)

#### **Paid Research Assistantships** (Program, date of assistantship)

Linda Li (MPA, 2015) Walter McHugh (Economics and Computer Science, 2015–2018), Amy Campbell (MPA, 2018–2019), Joelle Juarez (MPA, 2019–2021), Skye Olander (JD/LPP, 2020–2012), Julia Vasta (MPS, 2020–2021), Christine Yu (MPP, 2021–2022), Kat Stecher (MPP, 2023–2024), Eleanor White (MUPP, 2023–2024), Nathaniel Parker (2024), Joseph Koroma (2024–present).

### **Supervision of Undergraduate Students**

#### **Independent Studies** (Program, semester/year of independent study, title)

- Yingjun Lin (Economics, Spring 2018, *How Summer Jobs Programs Affect Behavior*)
- Erica Smith (Economics, Spring 2018, *Financial Capability in Summer Jobs Programs*)
- Jennifer Goldberg (Economics, Fall 2018, *Gender Disparities in Economics Seminars*)
- Ryan Megahey (Economics, Spring 2019, *ESL Programs in Massachusetts*)

#### **Research Awards**

- Eric Bell, (Economics, Fall 2024, **College of Social Sciences and Humanities PEAK Award**, *Analyzing Boston’s Summer Youth Employment Survey*)
- Sophie Sawyers (Economics and Data Science, Fall 2024, **College of Social Sciences and Humanities PEAK Award**, *Designing a Data Dashboard for Boston’s Summer Youth Employment Survey*)
- Samara Shankar (Economics and Data Science, Fall 2024, **College of Social Sciences and Humanities PEAK Award**, *Analyzing Boston’s Summer Youth Employment Survey*)
- Sophie Sawyers, (Economics and Data Science, Spring 2025, **Department of Economics Radivonyk Fund**, *Analyzing Boston’s Summer Youth Employment Survey*).

#### **Paid Research Assistantships** (Program, date of assistantship)

Tess Pritchard (Economics, 2015–2018), Yingjun Lin (Economics, 2017–2018), Malia Bow (Economics, 2017–2018), Idelsa Sanchez (Economics, 2017–2018), Erica Smith (Economics,

2017–2018), Kimani Taylor (Economics, 2018), Jaqueline Chang (Economics, 2018), Eeling Chong (Economics, 2018), Eli Fenichel (Economics, 2018), Peyton Luxford (Economics, 2018), Jennifer Goldberg (Economics, 2018–2019), Anabella DeLoach (DMSB, 2019), Alyssa Pascoe (Economics, 2019), Caroline Hegg (Economics, 2019–2021), Katharine Stecher (Economics, 2019–2022), Julia Naldone (Economics, 2022), Sawyer Dixon (Economics, 2022), Isabel Ratto (Economics, 2022–2023), Mikhail Ankudovych (Economics, 2024), Maria Jerghiuta (Economics, 2024), Sophie Sawyers (Economics and Data Science, 2024–2025), Eric Bell (Economics, 2024–2025), Samara Shankar (Economics and Data Science, 2024–2025), Emma Young (Economics, 2024–2025).

## **SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

††Denotes contribution to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

### **Service to the Institution**

#### **Economics Department**

2025 Economics Practicum  
 2019–present Faculty Advisor, [Women in Economics](#)††  
 2015–present Liaison, [Committee on the Status of Women in the Economic Profession](#)††  
 2018–2020 Founder and Faculty Advisor, [DIVERSEcon](#)††  
 2014–2016 Organizer, Writing Group for Junior Economics Faculty  
 2014–2015 Member, Recruitment Committee, Department of Economics

#### **School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs (SPPUA)**

2025–2026 Chair, Merit Committee  
 2023–present Member, Master’s in Public Administration Re-Accreditation Committee  
 2022–present Member, Ph.D. Program Admissions Committee  
 2018–present Member, Master’s in Urban Planning and Policy Program Committee  
 2021–2022 Chair, Applied Economics and Public Policy Search Committee  
 2020–2021 Chair, Professor of the Practice Search Committee  
 2016–2017 Member, Master’s in Public Administration Re-Accreditation Committee  
 2016–2017 Member, SPPUA Graduate Executive Committee  
 2016–2017 Member, Ph.D. in Public Policy-Health Policy Concentration Committee  
 2015–2016 Member, SPPUA Strategic Planning Center Committee  
 2015–2016 Member, Master’s in Urban Planning and Policy Admissions Committee  
 2014–present Member, Master’s in Public Administration Faculty Nucleus  
 2014–2018 Organizer, SPPUA Monthly Seminar Series

#### **College of Social Science and Humanities (CSSH)**

2025–present Director, [Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy](#)  
 2020–2025 Research Director, [Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy](#)  
 2015–2020 Associate Director, [Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy](#)  
 2025–present Faculty Lead, Global Resilience Institute  
 2019–present Member, [Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies](#) Executive Committee††  
 2020–present Member, CSSH Research Directors Working Group  
 2020, 2023 Presenter, Dean’s Strategy Council Meeting

- 2020 Member, CSSH Teaching Award Selection Committee  
 2018–2020 Member, College Council  
 2016–2017 Member, Graduate Studies Strategic Curricular Innovation Advisory Group

### **Northeastern University**

- 2022–present Founder and Executive Director, [Community to Community Impact Accelerator](#)  
 2020–present Participant, Showcase of Opportunities for Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavor (SOURCE)  
 2025 Member, University Excellence in Research and Creative Activity Award Selection Committee  
 2022 Member, Mills Institute Executive Search Committee  
 2022 Presenter, Northeastern University Board of Trustees, December 9, 2022  
 2022 Moderator, [The Civic Experience with Governor Baker: Moving Past Politics to Deliver Results](#), September 21, 2022  
 2022 Presenter, Mills College at Northeastern Town Hall, April 21, 2022  
 2021 Presenter, Northeastern University Board of Trustees, September 23, 2021  
 2020 Member, Experiential AI Executive Search Committee  
 2020 Moderator, COVID-19 Idea Exchange: Economic Impact, Labor Resilience, and Social Protection in Crisis, Provost Office, April 15, 2020.  
 2020 Presenter, Confronting Global Challenges During COVID-19, Office of Alumni Relations  
 2015 Keynote Speaker, Northeastern University Employer Partner Conference

### **Conferences Organized**

- 2025 Co-Organizer (with Alli Chagi-Starr). [“Advancing the Creative Economy: Bridging Art, Culture, Inclusive Technology & Opportunity.”](#) Northeastern University, Oakland, CA, March 21, 2025.  
 Co-Organizer (with Lynn Sanders). [“Research + Action: Scaling Models to Center Community in the Justice System.”](#) Northeastern University, Boston, MA, February 27, 2025.  
 2024 Co-Organizer (with Alli Chagi-Starr). [“Expanding Economic and Workforce Development Opportunities.”](#) Northeastern University, Oakland, CA, March 29–30, 2024.  
 Co-Organizer (with Lynn Sanders). [“Building a More Holistic Youth Career Development System for Boston’s Youth.”](#) Northeastern University, Boston, MA, February 29, 2024.  
 2019 Co-Organizer (with Adrienne Denenberg, Kim Eddleston, Lori Jacques, Jamie Ladge, and Betsy Ludwig). “Advancing Women in Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and Policy.” Northeastern University, Boston, MA, March 1, 2019.<sup>††</sup>

2017 Co-Organizer (with Jamie Ladge). “The State of Women’s Advancement in Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and Policy Research: Current Trends and Future Directions in Greater Boston and Beyond.” Northeastern University, Boston, MA, March 3, 2017.<sup>††</sup>

### **Service to the Discipline/Profession**

#### **Editorial Positions**

2021–present [Signs: Journal of Women and Culture in Society](#), Editorial Board, Assoc. Editor<sup>††</sup>  
2015–present [MassBenchmarks](#), Editorial Board, Member

#### **Review Board Positions**

2020–2024 Reviewer, [Social Policy Research Initiative](#), Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
2020–2022 Reviewer, [COVID Recovery and Resilience Initiative](#), Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Massachusetts Institute of Technology

#### **Academic Reviewer for Funding Agencies and Other Organizations**

Brookings Institution, Doris Duke Charitable Trust, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at MIT, National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, Spencer Foundation, Urban Institute, William T. Grant Foundation.

#### **Referee for Academic Journals**

General economics: *American Economic Review*, *AEJ: Insights*, *AEJ: Policy*, *AEJ: Applied*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Economic Literature*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *PLOS One*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Southern Economic Journal*

Labor economics: *Industrial & Labor Relations Review*, *Industrial Relations*, *Journal of Human Capital*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal for Labour Market Research*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Labour Economics*, *Research in Labor Economics*. *Review of Economics of the Household*

Health economics: *American Journal of Health Economics*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *Children and Youth Services Review*, *Health Affairs*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *New England Journal of Medicine*

Regional economics: *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Journal of Housing Economics*, *Papers in Regional Science*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*

#### **Book Reviewer**

Cahn, Naomi, Carbone, June, and Levit, Nancy. 2024. [Fair Shake: It’s Time for Women to Rewrite the Rules of Our Economy](#). 2024. Simon and Schuster.

Newman, Katharine and Jacobs, Elizabeth. 2023. [Moving the Needle: What Tight Labor Markets Do for the Poor](#). University of California Press.

### Conference Session Organizer

- 2022 “Assessing Youth Labor Market Interventions: Past, Present, and Future.” **American Economic Association**, Annual Meeting, January 9, 2022.
- 2020 “Using Online Job Vacancy Data to Study Labor Market Dynamics.” **American Economic Association**, Annual Meeting, Labor and Employment Relations Association session, San Diego, CA, January 3–5, 2020.
- 2019 “Using Online Job Vacancy Data to Study Labor Market Dynamics.” **Western Economic Association**, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, June 28–July 2, 2019.

### Conference Panelist

- 2022 “Disparities in Economics Seminars: Research and Responses.” **Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession**, Webinar, March 30, 2021.<sup>††</sup>
- 2020 “Mentoring Panel.” **Women in Economics**, Boston University, October 3.<sup>††</sup>
- 2017 “Women Economists: Our Diverse Career Paths.” **Eastern Economic Association**, Annual Meeting, CSWEP Panel, Boston, MA, March 1–4.<sup>††</sup>

### Professional Development

- 2022 Participant, Mixed Methods Workshop, William T. Grant Foundation, March 31–April 1.
- 2020 Participant, Plenary on Advancing Methods and Measures of the Use of Research Evidence, William T. Grant Foundation, November 20.
- Participant, Critical Race Perspectives on the Use of Research Evidence, William T. Grant Foundation, October 1.<sup>††</sup>

### Service to the Community/Public

\*\*Appointed by Governor

- 2015–present [Massachusetts Housing Partnership](#), Executive Board\*\*
  - Chair, 2024–present
  - Vice Chair, 2018–2024
  - Member, 2015–2018
- 2023–present [BioConnects New England](#), Advisory Board
  - Chair, 2023–2024
  - Member, 2024–present
- 2018–2021 [Jewish Vocational Services](#), Advisory Board, Member

- 2015–2016 †† [Massachusetts Governor’s Task Force on Economic Opportunity for Populations Facing Chronically High Levels of Unemployment](#), Member\*\*
- 2014–2015 [Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#), Advisory Board, Member
- 2013–2015 †† [City of Boston, Women’s Workforce Council](#), Advisory Board, Member
- 2013–2014 [Metropolitan Area Planning Council](#), Advisory Board, Member
- 2011–2012 [SkillWorks](#), Steering Committee, Member
- 2008–2014 [Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce](#), Internship Initiative, Advisory Board

## IMPACT AND OUTREACH

### Op-Eds, Articles, and Blog Post Contributions (Since 2020)

- 2024 Modestino, A. 2024. [Analyzing the Employment Situation Report](#). **Workers by the Numbers Blogcast**, Burnes Center for Social Change, Northeastern University, host monthly with a rotating panel of guests.
- Modestino, A. & Klein, M. 2024. [Turning a Corner on the Opioid Crisis?](#) **EconoFact Chats**, podcast, October 20, 2024.
- Modestino, A. 2024. [Summer jobs are back this year, but for how long?](#) **Boston Business Journal**, op-ed, August 26, 2024.
- 2023 Modestino, A. 2023. [Analyzing the Employment Situation Report](#). **Workers by the Numbers Blogcast**, Burnes Center for Social Change, Northeastern University, host monthly with a rotating panel of guests.
- Modestino, A. 2023. [Why Students Should Work](#). **The Education Exchange**, podcast, August 21, 2023.
- Modestino, A. & Cronbaugh, M. 2023. [Fostering Inclusion in Economics](#). **J-PAL North America**, blog post, August 10, 2023.
- Modestino, A. 2023. [A Time for Work: The Difference Summer Youth Employment Programs Make](#). **Vital City**, June 27, 2023.
- Modestino, A. & Maulsby-Lute, C. 2023. [Opportunity Youth: Examining New Models to Advance Racial and Economic Justice](#). Learning, Civics and Workforce Development in the 21st Century, **The New School**, podcast, April 5, 2023.
- 2022 Modestino, A. 2022. [Tips for Researchers: Navigating the Gaps Between Research and Policy](#). **William T. Grant Foundation**, blog post, December 6, 2022.
- Modestino, A. & Auclair, J. 2022. [Viewpoint: Expanding workforce access in the biotech industry](#). **Boston Business Journal**, op-ed, May 17, 2022.

- Modestino, A. 2022. [How Can We Change the Seminar Culture in Economics?](#) **Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession**, Newsletter, Issue IV.
- 2021 Modestino, A. 2021. [How Opioid Overdoses Reached Crisis Levels.](#) *EconoFact*, blog post, November 19, 2021.
- Modestino, A. & Klein, M. [The Evolving Opioid Crisis.](#) *EconoFact Chats*, podcast, October 31, 2021.
- Modestino, A. 2021. [Diversifying the Dismal Science.](#) *Project Syndicate*, op-ed, July 26, 2021.
- Modestino, A. 2021. [For equitable pandemic recovery, invest in summer jobs programs.](#) *The Hill*, op-ed, July 7, 2021.
- Modestino, A. [Employers need to support summer jobs.](#) *Boston Business Journal*, op-ed, June 9, 2021.
- [Reflections from the Reducing Inequality Convening: Research During the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#) **William T. Grant Foundation**, blog post, February 2021.
- 2020 [Research-Policymaker COVID-19 Collaboration: Lessons from Boston’s Summer Jobs Program.](#) **American Youth Policy Forum**, blog post, December 2020.
- [Digital Summer Youth Employment Toolkit 2.0.](#) **The Aspen Institute**, December 2020.
- Modestino, A. [The Impact and Promise of Summer Jobs in the United States.](#) **J-PAL Voices**, podcast, October 2020.
- Goodwin, L. Modestino, A. & Morikawa, M. [When the Pandemic Put Summer Jobs at Risk in Boston, Northeastern Stepped in to Help.](#) **Northeastern University Community Engagement**, video, September 2020.
- Modestino, A. & Klein, M. [Childcare and Reopening.](#) *EconoFact Chats*, podcast, August 17, 2020.
- Modestino, A. [Coronavirus Child-Care Crisis Will Set Women Back a Generation.](#) *Washington Post*, op-ed, July 29, 2020.
- Modestino, A. [The Importance of Childcare in Reopening the Economy.](#) *EconoFact*, blog post, July 29, 2020.
- Modestino, A., Goodman, M. & Clayton-Matthews, A. [States Face Daunting Budget Gaps. What Can Be Done?](#) *EconoFact*, blog post, June 25, 2020.

O'Brien, D., Modestino, A., Gewirtz, R., Hill, N. & Cain, T. [Innovation Will Help Us Rebuild](#). *Boston Globe, Ideas*, May 17, 2020.

Clayton-Matthews, A., Goodman, A. & Modestino, A. [With Plummeting Revenues, State Should Impose a Temporary Tax Increase](#). *Boston Globe*, op-ed, May 15, 2020.

Modestino, A. [The Opioid Tragedy, Part 2: It's Not a Death Sentence](#). **Freakonomics Podcast**, Episode 403, January 22, 2020.

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*Wall Street Journal*. Zweig, Jason. [The WSJ's Jonathan Clements Wants to Leave a Living Legacy](#). May 12, 2025.

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*Voice of America*. France-Press, Agence. [US Fed expected to announce its first interest rate cut since 2020](#). September 15, 2024.

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*The Atlantic*. Kelley, Lora. [The Teen Summer Job Is Back](#). June 25, 2024.

- PBS NewsHour.** Nawaz, Amna. [After a decades-long decline in teen employment, Gen Z is reversing the trend.](#) June 7, 2024.
- NPR.** Wong, Wailin. [Investigating the real reasons why youth employment is on the rise.](#) March 27, 2024.
- Axios.** Pandey, Erica. [More employers offer child care benefits.](#) March 10, 2024.
- 2023 **Moneywise.** Serah Lewis. [‘There’s a rising tide’: Prime-age workers are participating in the labor market at levels ‘not seen since the early 2000s’ — will the jobs still be there in 2024?](#) December 15, 2023.
- S&P Global Market Intelligence.** Brian Scheid. [Teen unemployment spikes, signals potential weakness in US labor force.](#) December 6, 2023.
- Swedish House of Finance.** [The science behind the roadblocks to women’s academic career in financial economics.](#) October 11, 2023.
- Axios.** Emily Peck. [Why Claudia Goldin’s Nobel is a win for the study of women in economics.](#) October 10, 2023.
- HRD America.** Stacy Thomas. [It could potentially have a very big impact on the labor market.](#) October 5, 2023.
- Boston Globe.** Larry Edelman. [Employers are reclaiming the balance of power.](#) September 5, 2023.
- Seattle Times.** Ann Carrns. [Teenagers can expect a strong summer job market.](#) June 11, 2023.
- New York Times.** Ann Carrns. [Teenagers Can Expect a Strong Summer Job Market, Experts Say.](#) June 12, 2023.
- Bay State Banner.** Avery Bleichfeld. [ABCD to offer teenagers more summer jobs.](#) May 24, 2023.
- Dorchester Reporter.** Seth Daniel. [City touts available summer jobs for youth.](#) April 12, 2023.
- Business Insider.** Ayelet Sheffey, Madison Hoff, and Ethan Dodd. [3 reasons why Americans aren’t going to college anymore.](#) March 26, 2023.
- Harvard Business Review Magazine.** Colleen Ammerman, Boris Groysberg, and Ginni Rometty. [The New Collar Workforce.](#) March–April 2023.

- Financial Times*. Federica Cocco, Ella Hollowood, and Taylor Nicole Rogers. [US child labour violations rise as businesses defy laws to fill roles](#). February 28, 2023.
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- 2022 *Yahoo Finance*. Serah Lewis. [‘It’s a bit like musical chairs right now’: Big employers like Google, IBM no longer require college degrees in a tight job market, but experts warn that may not last](#). December 25, 2022.
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- Boston Globe*. Annie Probert. [This summer, teens have the upper hand in the job market](#). May 22, 2022.
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- PBS Newshour*. [Moms have made it work during the pandemic — but at what cost?](#) December 20, 2021.
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*Financial Times*. Taylor Nicole Rogers. [Teens gain the upper hand in hot US summer jobs market.](#) July 4, 2021.

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- NPR.** Marketplace. [Teenagers in search of summer jobs are in luck](#). June 1, 2021.
- New York Times.** Jeanna Smialek and David McCabe. [The Luckiest Workers in America? Teenagers](#). May 30, 2021.
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- WBUR.** Chris Lisinski. [Data Shows Many In Mass. Have Left The Workforce](#). October 9, 2020.
- New York Times.** Jeanna Smialek, Ben Casselman and Gillian Friedman. [Workers Face Permanent Job Losses as the Virus Persists](#). October 3, 2020.
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**Axios.** Erica Pandey. [The cost of closed schools.](#) August 26, 2020.

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