

# Katherine Cohen

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## Education

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| Doctor of Philosophy, Economics, The University of Texas at Austin<br><i>Fields: Labor Economics, Political Economy, Economics of Education</i><br><i>Advisors: Sandra Black, Peter Bergman, and Eric Chyn</i> | 2023 – 2029 (expected) |
| Bachelor of Arts in Applied Mathematics, Cum Laude in Field, Harvard College<br>Focus in Biology; Language Citation in Chinese; GPA: 3.80/4.00                                                                 | 2014 – 2018            |

## Honors and Awards

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| National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship          | 2025 – 2029         |
| College Recruitment Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin | Fall 2023 – Present |
| The Hutchison Prize, Winthrop House, Harvard College              | 2018                |
| Recommended for High Honors, Harvard College                      | 2018                |
| Cum Laude in Field, Harvard College                               | 2018                |
| National Merit Scholar                                            | 2014                |

## Research Experience and Other Employment

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| Research Assistant to Profs. Peter Bergman and Eric Chyn<br>The University of Texas at Austin and Learning Collider | January 2024 – Present  |
| Consultant<br>The Boston Consulting Group, New York, New York                                                       | 2020 – 2023             |
| Data Analyst<br>Warren for President, Manchester, New Hampshire                                                     | 2019 – 2020             |
| Fellowship Grantee, English Teaching Assistant<br>Fulbright Korea, Gyeongsan, South Korea                           | 2018 – 2019             |
| Undergraduate Thesis Researcher, Lab of Dr. Alison Hill<br>Harvard College                                          | Fall 2017 – Spring 2018 |
| Summer Associate<br>The Boston Consulting Group, New York, New York                                                 | Summer 2017             |

## Teaching Experience

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| Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Econometrics (ECO 449K)<br>Department of Economics, The University of Texas at Austin                           | Fall 2023, 2024, 2026   |
| Teaching Assistant for Causal Inference (ECO 343K)<br>Department of Economics, The University of Texas at Austin                                       | Spring 2025             |
| Volunteer Instructor, Introductory Microeconomics and Introductory Mathematics<br>Texas Prison Education Initiative, The University of Texas at Austin | 2024 – Present          |
| Teaching Fellow for Introduction to Statistics for the Life Sciences (STAT 102)<br>Department of Statistics, Harvard College                           | Spring 2018             |
| Course Assistant for Multivariable Calculus and Differential Equations (MATH 21a)<br>Department of Mathematics, Harvard College                        | Fall 2017               |
| Course Assistant for Introduction to Functions and Calculus I and II (MATH Ma/Mb)<br>Department of Mathematics, Harvard College                        | Fall 2016 – Spring 2017 |

## Working Papers

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### **“The Persistence of Power: How Family Origins Shape Political Representation and Policy”**

*with Eric Chyn, Kareem Haggag, and Bryan A. Stuart*

NBER Working Paper No. 35180, May 2026 (revised June 2026).

## Work in Progress

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### **“Marriage Markets and Elite Networks: Evidence from the Great Depression”**

### **“Test-Optional Admissions and the Composition of College Enrollment”**

### **“School Quality and Neighborhood Change: Evidence from Los Angeles’s Zones of Choice”**

## Conference Presentations and Seminars

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| Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (scheduled)          | 2026        |
| Texas Applied Micro Seminar (TEAMS)                               | 2026        |
| Applied Microeconomics Seminar, The University of Texas at Austin | 2024 – 2026 |

## Other Writing

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“Quantifying a Cure: Mathematical Modeling Insights into HIV Dynamics Before and After Antiretroviral Therapy and Immunotherapy,” Undergraduate Thesis, Harvard College, 2018.  
Recommended for High Honors; advised by Dr. Alison Hill.

## Service

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| Chair, Society of Women in Economics (SoWE), The University of Texas at Austin   | 2025 – Present |
| Organizer, Graduate Student Workers Union, The University of Texas at Austin     | 2023 – Present |
| Discussant, 2026 Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (Economic History) | 2026           |
| Program Co-Director, South Boston After School Program                           | 2016 – 2017    |
| Phillips Brooks House Association, Harvard College                               |                |

## Skills

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| <b>Computer Languages and Software</b> | Stata, R, Python, SQL, Stan, Matlab, Mathematica, LaTeX, Tableau, Alteryx                                                         |
| <b>Languages</b>                       | English (native speaker)<br>Mandarin Chinese (Advanced Mid, ACTFL; Language Citation, Harvard College)<br>Korean (Level 4, TOPIK) |

## References

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| Sandra E. Black<br>Professor of Economics<br>The University of Texas at Austin<br>sblack@austin.utexas.edu | Eric Chyn<br>Associate Professor of Economics<br>The University of Texas at Austin<br>eric.chyn@austin.utexas.edu | Peter Bergman<br>Associate Professor of Economics<br>The University of Texas at Austin<br>peterbergman@utexas.edu |
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