

# Lea Rendell

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Kenyon College 2025 – present  
*Assistant Professor, Department of Economics*

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Economics 2025  
*University of Maryland*  
Dissertation: "Essays on Firms and Labor Markets"  
Co-Chairs: Katharine Abraham and John Haltiwanger

M.A., Economics 2020  
*University of Maryland*

B.A., Economics with Minor in Mathematics 2015  
*Vassar College*

## FIELDS

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Primary: Labor, Macroeconomics      Secondary: Entrepreneurship, Economics of Education

## PUBLICATIONS

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"Where Are the Missing Workers? Anticipated and Unanticipated Labor Supply Changes in the Pandemic's Aftermath," with Katharine Abraham. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity, Spring 2023, pp. 1–75.*

"How Tight Is the US Labor Market?" with Katharine Abraham and John Haltiwanger. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity, Spring 2020, pp. 97–165.*

## WORKING PAPERS

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"After the Storm: How Emergency Liquidity Helps Small Businesses Following Natural Disasters," with Benjamin Collier and Sabrina Howell (*NBER Working Paper No. 32326*)  
*Outstanding Paper Award from Wharton Research Data Services for the Best Financial Institutions Paper at the MFA 2024*  
Revise and Resubmit at **Review of Economic Studies**

"Decomposing Shifts in the Beveridge Curve: Implications for Labor Market Dynamics and Inflation," with Katharine Abraham and John Haltiwanger (*NBER Working Paper No. 35316*)  
Revision under review, **Journal of Monetary Economics** special issue, "Inflation: Frontiers of Research and Policy"

"Inflation and Deflationary Biases in the Distribution of Inflation Expectations: Theory and Empirical Evidence from 9 Countries," with Michael J. Lamla and Damjan Pfajfar (*Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Working Paper No. 24-26*)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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"The Effect of Rising Higher Education Costs on Business Formation"

"Labor Supply, Work Flexibility, and the Recent Decline in Work Hours," with Katharine Abraham and Jason Faberman

"Restrictions to Abortion Access and Election Results: Evidence from TRAP Laws in the United States," with Jorge Perilla-Garcia

## TEACHING

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### Kenyon College

Economics of Education Policy (Undergraduate) Fall 2025  
Principles of Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) Fall 2025, Spring 2026

### University of Maryland

Economics of Education Policy (Undergraduate) Summer 2021, Winter 2022, Summer 2022

## Vassar College

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (Undergraduate) Fall 2014  
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate) Spring 2015

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Economist, Center for Economic Studies February 2022 – August 2023; August 2024 – August 2025  
*U.S. Census Bureau*

Staff Economist August 2023 – July 2024  
*White House Council of Economic Advisers*

Research Assistant, Prof. John Haltiwanger Fall 2018 – February 2022  
*University of Maryland*

Research Assistant, Macroeconomic and Quantitative Studies Section July 2015 – July 2017  
*Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Entrepreneurship Bootcamp Summer 2023  
*National Bureau of Economic Research*

First Year Fellowship 2017  
*Department of Economics, University of Maryland*

Phi Beta Kappa 2015  
*Vassar College*

Catherine Lucretia Blakeley Prize for Best International Economics Thesis 2015  
*Department of Economics, Vassar College*

## PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

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\*co-author presented; †virtual

**2026:** NBER Inflation: Frontiers of Research and Policy\*, SOLE (Denver)\*

**2025:** Kenyon College, Penn Wharton Budget Model, United States Air Force Academy, Vassar College

**2024:** ASSA (San Antonio), White House Council of Economic Advisers, U.S. Census Bureau CES Seminar†, U.S. Department of the Treasury†

**2023:** The Brookings Papers on Economic Activity Spring Conference\*, Brookings Podcast on Economic Activity†

**2022:** Innovations in Teaching and Learning Conference (University of Maryland)

**2020:** The Brookings Papers on Economic Activity Spring Conference\*†

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Mentor 2022 – 2023  
*Promoting Achievement and Diversity in Economics (PADE)*

Navigating Careers in Economics Panelist 2019 – 2024  
*Promoting Achievement and Diversity in Economics (PADE)*

Interview Workshop Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022  
*Promoting Achievement and Diversity in Economics (PADE)*

## SKILLS & LANGUAGES

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Languages: English (Native), French (C1)  
Programming: Stata, SAS, SQL, MATLAB, Dynare, EViews, Microsoft Excel, LaTeX, basic Python, Mata