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### **EDUCATION:**

- 2017**            **Simmons University**  
Masters of Public Policy
- 2015**            **Simmons University**  
B.A. with major in Economics and Political Science

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- 2017-present**   **Center for Retirement Research at Boston College**  
2019-present   Senior Research Associate  
2017-2019       Research Associate
- 2015-2017**      **Sociology Department at Simmons University**  
Graduate Research Assistant
- 2014-2015**      **Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health**  
Research Assistant

### **HONORS:**

- 2015      Carroll French Miles Award  
2015      The Donald L. Basch Award in Public Policy  
2014      Summer Undergraduate Research Program at Simmons Scholar

### **PUBLICATIONS:**

#### **Journal Articles**

- “Dementia, Help with Financial Management, and Financial Well-Being,” with Anek Belbase and Geoffrey T. Sanzenbacher. 2019. *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*. Revise and resubmit.
- “The Risks of Medical Device Ancestry: A Case Study of the Food and Drug Administration’s 510(k) Policy,” with Shelley K. White. 2018. *Health, Risk & Society* 20(7-8): 358-378.

“Adverse Event Reports Associated with Vaginal Mesh: An Interrupted Time Series Analysis,” with Valerie Leiter and Shelley K. White. 2017. *Women’s Health Issues* 27(3): 279-295.

### **Working Papers**

“How Do Older Workers use Nontraditional Jobs?” with Alicia H. Munnell and Geoffrey T. Sanzenbacher. 2019 (forthcoming). Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

### **Other Publications**

“Proposals to Keep Older People in the Labor Force,” with Alicia H. Munnell. 2019. Report. Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution.

“Do People with Dementia Get Help Managing Their Money?” with Anek Belbase and Geoffrey T. Sanzenbacher. 2018. *Issue in Brief* 18-6. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

“Property Tax Deferral: A Proposal to Help Massachusetts’ Seniors,” with Alicia H. Munnell, Anek Belbase, and Wenliang Hou. 2017. *Issue in Brief* 17-19. Chestnut Hill, MA: Center for Retirement Research at Boston College.

### **POLICY WORK:**

Governor’s Council to Address Aging in Massachusetts

- Attend Council meetings, listening sessions, and work-group meetings.
- Assist Council member Alicia H. Munnell in developing Council’s priority areas.
- Work with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to create expert panels on retirement security, working longer, and property tax deferrals.

*Work and Savings Group of Governor’s Council, Staff*

- Assist development of policy recommendations to Council.
- Draft all policy recommendations, reports, background material, agendas and minutes.
- Develop and manage Group’s timeline for delivering recommendations to Council.

*Housing Work Group of Governor’s Council, Member*

- Advise Housing Work Group on property tax deferral recommendations.
- Conduct research on current property tax deferral usage.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

#### **Conference Presentations**

“Explaining Improvements in State Fragility.” 2014. Paper presented at Annual Meeting of Northeastern Political Science Association. Boston, MA (November).

### **Invited Presentations**

“Proposals to Keep Older People in the Labor Force,” with Alicia H. Munnell. 2019. Presented at “Improving Opportunities for Those Who Want to Work Longer.” Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution.

“Property Tax Deferral: A Proposal to Help Massachusetts’ Seniors,” with Alicia H. Munnell. 2018. *Issue in Brief* presented at “Economic Perspectives on State and Local Taxes.” Cambridge, MA.

### **Consulting Activity**

Market Research  
2018 Seattle Savings Retirement Board