

Leila Bengali

Positions and Experience:

Regional Policy Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, 2022-present
Economist, UCLA Anderson Forecast, 2019-2022
Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, 2012-2014
Analyst, Analysis Group, 2011-2012

Other Research Experience:

Volunteer Research Partner, Philadelphia Behavioral Science Initiative, 2017-2018
Research Affiliate, Applied Cooperation Team, 2016-2018

Degrees:

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, 2019
M.Phil., Economics, Yale University, 2017
M.A., Economics, Yale University, 2016
B.A. (high honors), Economics (major) & Psychology (minor), Swarthmore College, 2011

Fellowships, Honors and Awards:

Whitebox Advisors Doctoral Fellowship, 2016-2017
Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics, 2016
Phi Beta Kappa, Chapter: Epsilon of Pennsylvania, 2011

Teaching Experience:

Yale University

Certificate of College Teaching Preparation
Spring 2018 and spring 2017, Teaching Fellow for Introduction to Microeconomics (U)
Fall 2017, Teaching Fellow Intermediate Microeconomics (U)
Fall 2016, Head Teaching Fellow Economics of Health and Healthcare (U)

Swarthmore College

Spring 2011, Teaching Assistant for Intermediate Macroeconomics (U)
Fall 2010, Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Economics (U)
Fall 2009 and spring 2009, Teaching Assistant for Statistics for Economics (U)

Publications:

“Bringing “Behavioral” Fully into Behavioral Public Administration” (2023) [with Daniel Banko-Ferran and Syon Bhanot], *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*, 6: 1-8.

“Assessing Evidence for Inattention to the Costs of Homeownership” (2022), *Journal of Housing Economics*, 58 (B): 101861.

“The Economic Status of People with Disabilities and their Families since the Great Recession.” (2021) [with Mary C. Daly, Olivia Lofton, and Robert G. Valletta] in *What has happened to the American Working Class since the Great Recession?* eds. Timothy M. Smeeding, Jennifer Romich, and Michael R. Strain. ANNALS of The American Academy of Political and Social Science.

“Cyclical and Market Determinants of Involuntary Part-Time Employment” (2021) [with Robert G. Valletta and Catherine van der List], *Journal of Labor Economics*, 38 (1): 67-93.

Policy Publications:

“Comparing Measures of Housing Inflation” (2022), *FRBSF Economic Letter*, 2012-29.

“The Business Cycle and Debt Financing in California” (2021) [with Jerry Nickelsburg] in *California Policy Options 2021*, ed. Daniel J. B. Mitchell. UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs.

“Could Rent Control Reduce Rental Supply?” (2021), *UCLA Economic Letter*. UCLA Anderson Forecast and the UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate.

“The Wage Growth Gap for Recent College Grads” (2014) [with Bart Hobijn], *FRBSF Economic Letter*, 2014-22.

“Is It Still Worth Going to College?” (2014) [with Mary C. Daly], *FRBSF Economic Letter*, 2014-13.

“What’s Behind the Increase in Part-Time Work?” (2013) [with Robert G. Valletta], *FRBSF Economic Letter*, 2013-24.

“Will Labor Force Participation Bounce Back?” (2013) [with Mary C. Daly and Robert G. Valletta], *FRBSF Economic Letter*, 2013-14.

“U.S. Economic Mobility: The Dream and the Data” (2013) [with Mary C. Daly], *FRBSF Economic Letter*, 2013-06.

Selected Publications for the UCLA Anderson Forecast Quarterly Report:

“How Does Changing the Statutory Incidence of Sales Tax Affect Reporting and Tax Collection? The Wayfair Decision and AB 147” (2021), *UCLA Anderson Forecast*, September 2021.

“Trends in the Health Care Industry, Before and During the 2020 Pandemic Recession” (2021), *UCLA Anderson Forecast*, March 2021.

“Trends in Solar Panel Adoption: the Role of Costs, Benefits, Weather, and Peers” (2020), *UCLA Anderson Forecast*, December 2020.

“Recent Developments in Housing Markets: the Coronavirus and the Tenant Protection Act of 2019” (2020), *UCLA Anderson Forecast*, June 2020.

“The Bay Area Outlook: Signs of Growing Pains?” (2020), *UCLA Anderson Forecast*, March 2020.

“Public Pension Plans, the Economy, and Investment Return Assumptions” (2019), *UCLA Anderson Forecast*, December 2019.

Working Papers:

“Why Are Consumers Inattentive to Hidden Costs?” [with Syon Bhanot]

Seminar and Conference Presentations:

2022: Federal Reserve System Committee on Regional Analysis

2019: Western Economic Association International

2018: Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Selected Invited Presentations:

2022: California Society of Municipal Finance Officers Annual Conference

2022: Association of California Community College Administrators / Association of Chief Business Officials Annual Budget Workshop

2021: University of California, Los Angeles Anderson School of Management Dean’s Panel

2021: Continuing Education and UCLA Extension Planning Meeting

2021: League of California Cities City Managers Conference

2021: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Public Meeting

2020: League of California Cities Municipal Finance Institute

2020: California State Association of Counties Government Finance and Administration Policy Committee Annual Meeting

2020: San Diego Association of Governments Public Meeting

2020: Statewide Association of Community Colleges Annual Conference