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EMPLOYMENT

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, DC
Division of Local Area Unemployment Statistics
    Economist and Lead Demographer   Oct. 2023 - Present
    Economist   Oct. 2021 - Oct. 2023

Independent Consultant, Washington, DC
Economist and Statistician   Jan. 2018 - Present
    Applied Statistics, Mathematical Economics, Actuarial Modeling

American Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC
    Senior Research Analyst   Dec. 2020 - Jul. 2021

Cato Institute, Washington, DC
Center for Global Liberty & Prosperity
    Research Associate   Jan. 2018 - Dec. 2020

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Cato Institute, Washington, DC
Adjunct Scholar, Economic and Social Policy   Feb. 2023 - Present

EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park, MD   Fall 2023 -
    Ph.D. in Survey Methodology (Statistical Science)
    Joint Program in Survey Methodology and Data Science

Miami University, **Farmer School of Business**, Oxford, OH   Dec. 2017
    M.A. in Economics, finance and econometrics concentration
    Thesis: Equity Returns and Economic Shocks

Miami University, Oxford, OH   Dec. 2017
    B.Sc. in Quantitative Economics, *cum laude*
    B.A. in German Language, *cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

Forrester, A.C. 2024. Estimating the Civilian Noninstitutional Population for Small Areas: A Modified Cohort Component Approach Using Public Data. **Journal of Population Research**. 41(5).

Nowrasteh, A., Howard, M. and **Forrester, A.C.** 2023. Do Immigrants Affect Economic Institutions? Evidence from the American States. **Political Affairs Quarterly**. 37 (3). 269-283.

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Zuluaga, D. and **Forrester, A.C.** 2020. The Impact of the Community Reinvestment Act on Neighborhood Gentrification. **Quarterly Journal of Finance and Accounting**. 58(3). 7-32.

Forrester, A.C., Powell, B, Nowrasteh, N., and Landgrave, M. 2019. Do Immigrants Import Terrorism?, **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**. 166. 529-543.

CONTRIBUTED CHAPTERS

Nowrasteh, A., **Forrester, A.C.**, and Landgrave, M. 2022. Truth and Freedom: The Debate over Unauthorized Immigrants and Crime in Eppard, L. and Giroux, H. (Eds.). **On Inequality and Freedom**, Oxford University Press.

Nowrasteh, A. and **Forrester, A.C.** 2022. Immigrants Do Not Negatively Affect the Economic Institutions of American States in Sauer, R. M. (Ed.). **Handbook of Global Migration**, World Scientific.

WORKING PAPERS

Nowrasteh, A., Brown Calder, V., and **Forrester, A.C.** 2023. The Minimum Wage Undermined the Au Pair Program in Massachusetts. **Cato Working Paper No. 73**. (submitted)

Nowrasteh, A. and **Forrester, A.C.** 2020. How U.S. Travel Restrictions on China Affected the Spread of COVID-19 in the United States. **Cato Institute Working Paper No. 58**.

Forrester, A.C. and Nowrasteh, A. 2020. Do Immigration Enforcement Programs Reduce Crime? Evidence from the 287(g) Program in North Carolina. **Center for Growth and Opportunity Working Paper 2020.004**. (previously circulated as Cato Institute Working Paper No. 52).

POLICY PAPERS

Forrester, A.C. 2023. Middle Eastern or North Africans in U.S. Government Surveys: A Preview of MENA Demographics. **Cato Institute Briefing Paper**. No 166. Washington, DC: Cato Institute.

Nowrasteh, A. and **Forrester, A.C.** 2020. Financing Immigration: The Financial-Market Value of a Market-Based Immigration System. **Cato Immigration Research and Policy Brief**. No. 16. Washington, DC: Cato Institute.

Nowrasteh, A. and **Forrester, A.C.** 2019. Immigrants Recognize American Greatness: Immigrants and Their Descendants Are Patriotic and Trust America's Governing Institutions. **Cato Immigration Research and Policy Brief**. No. 10. Washington, DC: Cato Institute.

Forrester, A.C. and Nowrasteh, A. 2018. Immigrant Wages Converge with Those of Native-Born Americans. **Cato Immigration Research and Policy Brief.** No. 9. Washington, DC: Cato Institute.

DATASETS CREATED & MAINTAINED

Historical HMDA: Historical mortgage lending data from the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act. (200+ downloads on openICPSR as of July 19, 2023)

Historical Data from IRCA: Public legalization tapes from the Illegal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1982.

DOL Labor Certification: Data on labor certifications (H-1B, H-2A, etc.) from the Office of Foreign Labor Certification at the Department of Labor.

`CRA Data`: Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) small business and farm lending.

`FreedomData`: Domestic and international indexes of economic and human freedom from the Economic Freedom of the World and Human Freedom Index reports.

HONORS AND AWARDS	**Service Act Award**, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics **Young Scholar Grant**, Association of Private Enterprise Education **Ralph and Joan Hovel Scholarship**, Miami University **Economics Scholar**, Farmer School of Business, Miami University

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS	2024: *Applied Demography Conference, Virtual* 2023: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, DC; LAUS National Conference 2023, Oklahoma City, OK; Cato Institute, Washington, DC 2019: Creighton University (Heider), Omaha, NE; Association for Private Enterprise Education, Nassau, Bahamas 2018: Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC ** Planned presentations in italics.*

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION	Member: American Economic Association, American Statistical Association, Washington Statistical Society, Population Association of America Honors: Beta Gamma Sigma, Delta Phi Alpha Reviewer: *Public Choice*, *The Independent Review*, *BLS Data Science Program*

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES & SKILLS	*Programming:* R, *Python, MATLAB, Dynare, SQL* *Statistical Packages:* Stata, SAS (basic), Mathematica (basic) *Applications:* X-13ARIMA-SEATS, LaTeX, QGIS, common Windows programs *Versioning:* Git, GitHub/GitLab