

ELENA VARGA

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor economics, household finance, and the effects of minimum wage policy on small firms. Methods: panel data, natural experiments, and administrative records.

APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Economics Lakeshore University	2022 - present
Postdoctoral Fellow Center for Labor Studies, Northfield University	2020 - 2022

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics Northfield University	2020
M.A. in Economics Northfield University	2016
B.A. in Economics and Mathematics Riverside College	2014

PUBLICATIONS

- Varga, E. (2025). Minimum wages and the survival of small firms: evidence from county borders. *Journal of Labor Research*.
- Varga, E. and Okafor, D. (2024). Paycheck timing and household borrowing. *Review of Household Finance*.
- Okafor, D., Varga, E. and Lin, S. (2023). Who pays for scheduling rules? Hours, wages and turnover in retail. *Industrial Relations Quarterly*.
- Varga, E. (2021). Local labor markets after plant closures. *Regional Economics Letters*.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Early Career Research Grant, Foundation for Labor Research (\$120,000)	2024
Outstanding Teaching Award, Lakeshore University	2023
Dissertation Fellowship, Northfield University	2019

TEACHING

Labor Economics (undergraduate)

Lakeshore University

Fall 2022 - present

Applied Econometrics (graduate)

Lakeshore University

Spring 2023 - present