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Name:

Kerwin Kofi Charles

Education and Training:

BS, University of Miami, Dec. 1989.

MS, Cornell University, Jan. 1993.

Ph.D., Cornell University, 1996.

Academic Positions:

2019 – Present	Dean of the Yale School of Management Indra K. Nooyi Dean Frederick W. Beinecke Professor of Economics, Policy, Management
2016 – 2017	Interim Dean , Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
2011 – 2016	Deputy Dean , Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
2009 – 2019	Edwin and Betty L. Bergman Distinguished Service Professor , University of Chicago
2007 – 2009	Steans Family Professor , Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
2006 – 2007	Associate Professor of Public Policy , Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
2005 – 2006	Visiting Associate Professor , Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
2003 – 2005	Associate Professor of Economics and Public Policy , University of Michigan
2002 – Present	Faculty Research Fellow , National Bureau of Economic Research
1996 – 2003	Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy , University of Michigan Faculty Associate , Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

Academic Honors and Service:

2023	Elected Fellow , American Academy of Political and Social Science
2023	Elected Fellow , American Academy of Arts and Sciences
2023	Sir Arthur Lewis Fellow , American Association of Political and Social Sciences
2020 – 2021	Elected Vice President , American Economic Association
2018 – 2019	President , Midwest Economic Association
2017 – Present	Elected Fellow of Society of Labor Economists
2016 – Present	International Editorial Board , <i>Industrial and Labor Relations Review</i>
2023 – Present	Executive Committee , Institution for Social and Policy Studies
2022 – 2024	Nominating Committee Chair , American Economic Association
2018 – Present	Advisory Board , <i>Journal of Economic Perspectives</i>
2018 – Present	Editorial Board , <i>Journal of Labor Economics</i>
2016 – 2022	Board of Trustees , <i>Panel Study of Income Dynamics</i>
2007 – 2015	Associate Editor , <i>Journal of Human Resources</i>

Non-Yale Professional Service:

2020 – Present	Member , Committee on Equity, Diversity and Professional Conduct, American Economic Association
2018 – Present	Vice-Chair , <i>NORC</i>
2009 – Present	Board of Trustees , <i>NORC</i>
2009 – 2014	National Advisory Committee , Robert Wood Johnson Scholars' Program
2015 – 2022	Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee (FESAC)

Yale Service:

2025 – Present	Member, Faculty Advisory Council for Yale Center for Civic Thought
2025 – 2026	Council, Yale College Admissions
2025 – 2026	Advisory Committee, Yale Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration
2024 – 2024	Member, Yale Committee on Institutional Voice

Non-Profit Board Service:

2024 – Present	Board of Directors, Institute for Social Research
2022 – Present	Board Member, Wealth and Mobility Study (WAM) Scientific Advisory Board
2022 – Present	Board of Directors, International Rescue Committee
2021 – Present	Board of Directors, New Profit Foundation
2021 – Present	Board of Advisors, The Connecticut Project
2021 – Present	Director, Yale/New Haven Center for Inclusive Growth
2021 – 2024	Board of Trustees, Yale New Haven Hospital
2020 – 2022	Board of Advisors, Aspen Economic Strategy Group

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Research

Working Papers (under review):

“The Long Road to Equality: Racial Capital and Generational Convergence.” With Patrick J. Bayer and JoonYup Park. NBER Working Paper No. 33690. Under review.

Published/Forthcoming Papers:

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“Imposing Policy on Reluctant Actors: The Hospital Desegregation Campaign and Black Postneonatal Mortality in the Deep South.” With D. Mark Anderson and Daniel I. Rees. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, forthcoming.

“Trade Competition and the Decline in Union Organizing: Evidence from Union Certification Elections.” With Matthew Johnson and Nagisa Tadjfar. *Journal of Labor Economics*, forthcoming.

“Civil Rights Protests and Election Outcomes: Exploring the Effects of the Poor People’s Campaign.” With D. Mark Anderson, Krzysztof Karbownik, Daniel I. Rees, and Camila Steffens. *Explorations in Economic History*, July 2025, Vol. 97.

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“Consumer Sentiment Towards Asians in the Early Days of the COVID-19 Pandemic.” With Jonathan Guryan and Kyung H. Park. *Journal of Public Economics*, July 2025, Vol. 247.

“The Effects of Sexism on American Women: The Role of Norms vs. Discrimination.” With Jonathan Guryan and Jessica Pan. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 2025, Vol. 60(3), pp. 693-743.

“Estimating the Effects of Milk Inspections on Infant and Child Mortality, 1880-1910.” With D. Mark Anderson, Michael McKelligott, and Daniel I. Rees. *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, May 2022, Vol. 112, pp. 188-192.

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“Was the First Public Health Campaign Successful? The Tuberculosis Movement and Its Effect on Mortality.” With D. Mark Anderson and Daniel I. Rees. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, April 2019, Vol. 11(2).

“Housing Booms, Manufacturing Decline, and Labor Market Outcomes.” With Erik Hurst and Matthew Notowidigdo. *The Economic Journal*, January 2019, Vol. 129(617), pp. 209-248.

“The Transformation of Manufacturing and the Decline in U.S. Employment.” With Erik Hurst and Mariel Schwartz. *NBER Macroeconomics Annual* 2018.

“Housing Booms and Busts, Labor Market Opportunities, and College Attendance.” With Erik Hurst and Matthew Notowidigdo. *American Economic Review*, October 2018, Vol. 108(10), pp. 2947-2994.

“Divergent Paths: A New Perspective on Earnings Differences Between Black and White Men Since 1940.” With Patrick Bayer. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, August 2018, Vol. 133(3), pp. 1459-1501.

“Disability Benefit Take-Up and Local Labor Market Conditions.” With Yiming Li and Melvin Stephens Jr. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, July 2018, Vol. 100(3), pp. 416-423.

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“Abortion Legalization and Adolescent Substance Use.” With Melvin Stephens Jr. *Journal of Law and Economics*, October 2006, Vol. 49(2), pp. 481-505.

“Relational Costs and the Production of Social Capital: Evidence from Car-Pooling.” With Patrick Kline. *Economic Journal*, April 2006, Vol. 116(511), pp. 581-604.

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