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I am a doctoral student in Economics. My main areas of research are behavioral and experimental economics, as well as political economy. My research focuses on issues such as how concerns about norms of fairness impact bargaining situations, and why crime fell during the Great Recession. I have been an instructor for Intermediate Microeconomic Theory and Policy, and served as an undergraduate teaching assistant for four different courses. Since I'm a student of economics, let me start with some numbers. In the 2013-2014 academic year, only 3.1% of American PhD graduates in Economics were African American, 5.2% were Hispanic and 28% were women, though these groups were 13.2%, 17% and 50.8% of the population respectively. How many great insights about the economy have been lost because large groups were never in the game? For my service, I have worked with Professor Jessica Goldberg in launching the Promoting Achievement and Diversity in Economics (PADE). The purpose of PADE is to provide tutoring, professional development and an introduction to economic research to motivated, but struggling undergraduate students who are not well represented in the field of economics. I organize weekly reading groups to provide exposure to academic economic research and work with students having difficulty in their courses. I also organize seminars that address resume writing, managing personal finances and other career and life choice challenges. I feel a strong moral commitment to help students attain goals that without PADE's assistance, they might never achieve.