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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
Ph.D. in Economics	<i>expected 2021</i>
M.A. in Economics	2017
B.A. in Mathematics, Statistics, and Economics	2014

AFFILIATIONS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Resident Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	2019 – 2022
Research Affiliate, New York University: Coleridge Initiative	2019 – 2020
Special Sworn Status, U.S. Census Bureau	2017 – present
Co-PI, U.S. Census Bureau, External Project #2090 (data access)	2019 – 2024
Co-PI, Equitable Growth, The Causal Effects of Antitrust Enforcement (\$77,000)	2019 – 2021
Grantee, Institute of Education Sciences via UChicago, Data Digitization (\$8,000)	2019 – 2021
Grantee, Allison Davis Research Award (\$10,000)	2020
Grantee, UChicago Data Grant (\$3,000)	2020
Agility Award, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	2020
Doctoral Fellow, Institute of Education Sciences	2015 – 2020
Fellow, Illinois Department of Employment Security	2017 – 2018
Superforecaster, Good Judgment Project	2015
David S. Hu Award for economics coursework and senior thesis excellence	2014

EMPLOYMENT

The University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
Research Assistant to Derek Neal	2013 – 2019
Research Assistant to Devin Pope	2010 – 2014
Cornerstone Research	Boston, MA
Analyst	2014 – 2015

TEACHING

The University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
Teaching Assistant: Job Mobility and Wage Determinants (graduate)	<i>Winter 2019</i>
Lecturer: Introduction to R (undergraduate, two-day course)	<i>Summer 2018</i>
Lecturer: Pathways in Economics (high school, two-day course)	<i>Summer 2018</i>
Teaching Assistant: Economics of Education (undergraduate)	<i>Spring 2017</i>
Preceptor: Honors Thesis Workshop (undergraduate)	2016 – 2018
Grader: Introductory Statistics (undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2012</i>
Grader: Linear Algebra (undergraduate)	<i>Fall 2012</i>
Teaching Assistant: Calculus 1, 2, and 3 (undergraduate)	2011 – 2012

PRESENTATIONS

2020: University of Michigan H2D2 Conference; WEAI Graduate Student Workshop; Virtual Seminar in Economic History; Young Economist Symposium; Economic History Association; LSE Graduate Economic History Seminar; Empirics and Methods in Economics Conference; Southern Economic Association (November); APPAM (November); University of Southern Denmark (December)

2019: Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Chapin Hall; Student Labor Lunch; NYU Coleridge Initiative

2018: Chicago Education Workshop; Student Labor Lunch

SERVICE

The University of Chicago

Mentor: Undergraduate Women in Economics

Co-organizer: Student Applied Microeconomics Dinner Workshop

Co-organizer: Empirics and Methods in Economics Conference

Co-organizer: Education Workshop

Chicago, IL

2019 – 2020

2017 – 2018

Fall 2017

2015 – 2019

Referee: Journal of Public Economics, AER: Insights, Journal of Health Economics

WORKING PAPERS

1. The Long-Run Effect of Public Libraries on Children: Evidence from the Early 1900s
2. The Black-White Lifetime Earnings Gap
3. Heterogeneous Impacts of Sentencing Decisions (with Andrew Jordan, Derek Neal)
4. The Returns to Public Library Investment (with Gregory Gilpin, Peter Nencka)
5. Do Stay-at-Home Orders Cause People to Stay at Home? Effects of Stay-at-Home Orders on Consumer Behavior (with Diane Alexander)
6. Heterogeneity in the Marginal Propensity to Consume: Evidence from Covid-19 Stimulus Payments (with Aastha Rajan)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

7. Did the First Public High Schools Increase Black-White Inequality?
8. Does Antitrust Enforcement Affect Competition? (with Tania Babina, Simcha Barkai, Jessica Jeffers, Ekaterina Volkova)

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

9. State and Local Efforts To Investigate the Validity and Reliability of Scores From Teacher Evaluation Systems (with Corinne Herlihy, Cynthia Pollard, Heather C. Hill, Matthew A. Kraft, Megan Williams, Sarah Howard), *Teachers College Record* 116(1), 2014.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

10. Measuring the Relationship between Business Reopenings, Covid-19, and Consumer Behavior (with Diane Alexander, Amanda McFarland), *Chicago Fed Letter* No. 445, August 2020.

RESTING

11. Patent Citations and Stock Performance: Constructing a Dynamic Industry Classification (with Sebastien Gay), *SSRN Working Paper*, 2015.