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Academic Positions

2025– Assistant Professor of Economics, Princeton University
2025– Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
2024–2025 Postdoctoral Fellow, Microsoft Research New York City

Education

2018–2024 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Ph.D., Economics
2016–2018 University of Oxford, MPhil, Economics
2012–2016 Princeton University, A.B., Economics, *summa cum laude*

Working Papers

“Tax Incentives and the Supply of Low-Income Housing.”
“Social Preferences and Bargaining Failure in Eviction” (with Charlie Rafkin).

Publications

“Self-Targeting in U.S. Transfer Programs” (with Charlie Rafkin and Adam Solomon). Accepted, *Journal of Political Economy*.
“Enduring Outcomes of COVID-19 Work Absences on the U.S. Labor Market” (with Julia M. Dennett, Gopi Shah Goda, Gregg S. Gonsalves, Thomas Thornhill, and Kevin Werner). *JAMA Network Open*, Vol. 8 (October 2025): e2536635.
“The Price of Inclusion: Evidence from Housing Developer Behavior,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. 106 (November 2024).
“A Welfare Analysis of Occupational Licensing in U.S. States” (with Morris M. Kleiner), *Review of Economic Studies*, Vol. 90 (October 2023), 2481–2516.
“The Impacts of Covid-19 Absences on Workers” (with Gopi Shah Goda), *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 222 (June 2023): 104889.
“A Natural Experiment on Discrimination in Elections” (with David E. Broockman), *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 188 (August 2020): 104201.

Teaching

2026 Princeton ECO 538: Urban Economic Policy (MPA)
 Princeton ECO 524: Public Finance (PhD)
2020 MIT 14.14: Public Finance & Public Policy (UG, TA for Prof. Jon Gruber)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2025	Nicholas J. Nicholas Jr. Fellow, Griswold Center for Economic Policy Studies
2024	National Tax Association Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award
2024	<i>AER: Insights</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award
2023	Jerry A. Hausman Graduate Dissertation Fellowship
2023	Honorable Mention for Best Student Paper, International Institute of Public Finance
2022	NBER Center for Aging and Health Research Pilot Grant (with Gopi Shah Goda)
2021	George and Obie Shultz Fund Grant (MIT, three grants over 2018–2021)
2020	C. Lowell Harriss Dissertation Fellowship, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
2020	Best Student Paper, Urban Economics Association
2018	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2016	Rhodes Scholarship
2016	Burton G. Malkiel '64 Senior Thesis Prize in Finance, Princeton University

External Presentations

Invited	Columbia-NYU-Yale Housing Conference, University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins, Tax Economists Forum, Freddie Mac, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
2025	ASSA, University of Toronto (Urban Economics and Real Estate), University of Michigan Economics, NYU Economics, Brown Economics, Princeton University, Oxford University, Texas A&M, Columbia-NYU-Yale Housing Conference
2024	Microsoft Research, UChicago Economics, Yale Economics, Yale SOM, Columbia Economics, Columbia GSB (Finance), UPenn Wharton (Real Estate), Princeton Economics, Stanford GSB (Economics), Stanford Economics, Berkeley Haas (Real Estate), Berkeley Economics, NYU Furman Center, UNC Tax Symposium, UCLA, EIEF (Rome Junior Conference on Applied Microeconomics), NBER SI (Real Estate & Urban), UW-Madison Emerging Scholars Conference, Urban Economics Association, Chicago Fed, UPenn Economics, Conference on Urban and Regional Economics, Brookings–Tax Policy Center Conference, National Tax Association, UChicago Booth (Applied Microeconomics), McGill Economics
2023	IIPF
2022	NBER Summer Institute (Aging), Lindau Nobel Meeting, Congressional Budget Office, U.S. Department of Labor, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
2020	NYU Furman Center, Economics Graduate Student Conference, Urban Economics Association (Best Student Paper Session, PhD Student Workshop), Young Economists Symposium, St. Anselm College (Land Use Regulation and Housing Affordability conference), Stockholm Workshop on Diversity and Workplace Inclusion
2019	Stanford Institute on Theoretical Economics, Wallis Institute of Political Economy
2018	Young Economists Symposium, British Journal of Industrial Relations Symposium

Other Relevant Positions

2012–22	U.S. Council of Economic Advisers, Staff Economist to Chair Cecilia Rouse
2017–18	Research Assistant for Prof. David Autor

Professional Service

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Health Economics, Economic Journal, ILR Review, Industrial Relations, International Economic Review, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Oxford University Press, Real Estate Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics*

2025 Program Committee Member, European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association
2024–25 Co-Organizer, Online Spatial and Urban Seminar (OSUS)