

# Pranjal Drall

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## Education

### Yale University

Auditor, Department of Economics and Law School

New Haven, CT

August 2020-May 2021

**Fall 2020:** Econometrics I (Andrews), Industrial Organization I (Igami and Haile)

**Spring 2021:** Constitution: Philosophy, History & Law (Ackerman), Industrial Organization II (Hodgson and Seim)

### Grinnell College

B.A. in Mathematics and Economics, with honors

Grinnell, IA

August 2016 - May 2020

**Select Coursework:** Advanced Econometrics, Real Analysis, Microeconometrics, Probability and Statistics I & II

**Gilbert F. DeBartolo '69 Prize:** awarded annually for outstanding theoretical and empirical analysis in economics

**Class of 1942 Scholarship, Dean's List (2019), Academic All Conference 2018-2020**

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## Research

*Market Power in Airlines: Evidence from the Boeing 737 MAX Grounding (Preliminary Draft)*

Best Undergraduate Paper Award - Midwest Economics Association, Evanston (2020) (**Cancelled due to COVID**)

*Trade Liberalization and Pollution: Evidence from the China Shock (Preliminary Draft, Slides)*

*The Impact of Replacement Stadiums on Property Values: A CPUMA Geographic Level Approach (Draft) with Nola Agha*

Western Economics Association International's Conference (NAASE Session), Tokyo, Japan (Slides) (2019)

Midwest Economics Association's Annual Meetings (Undergrad Session), St Louis (2019)

*Guns and Property Preference: Testing the Impact of Gilles and Cynicism Conjectures Using Survey Data*, 3 Quinipiac Law Review 387 (2021), (with Ian Ayres, Spurthi Jonnalagadda and, Frederick Vars).

**Other Presentations:** Harvard NCRC (2019 & 2020; unable to attend), Georgetown Law ITLP's Workshop on Improving Tech Resources for Congress (2018), World Bank Youth Summit (2019),

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## Economics and Public Policy Experience

### Energy Policy Institute, University of Chicago (EPIC)

Research Professional for Thom Covert and Ryan Kellogg

Chicago, IL

October 2021

### Yale Law School

Economics Pre-doctoral Fellow for Ian Ayres

New Haven, CT

June 2020-August 2021

- Brainstormed research topics and causal identification strategies, collected and structured datasets, and carried out econometric analysis
- Drafted manuscripts and literature reviews, performed administrative work like drafting IRB protocols, and communicated with data vendors and research partners for eight projects

### The Brattle Group

Summer Research Analyst

Washington, DC

June 2019-August 2019

- Implemented a nested discrete choice model to understand consumer behavior in the hazard insurance market
- Developed and implemented a nested discrete choice model to predict consumer behavior in the hazard insurance market, performed robustness checks, and drafted the empirical section of the report
- Computed inputs including demand elasticities and MCs for a PCAIDS merger simulation model in MATLAB
- Wrote a program in Python (numpy) that efficiently iterates over a large dataset ( $\approx 48$  million observations)

### Grinnell College Economics Department

Research Assistant (Håle Utar, Eric Ohrn and Logan Lee)

Grinnell, IA

October 2016 - May 2020

- Collected data on state level corporate tax rates and incentives including Investment and R&D credits
- Prepared an industry-country-year panel using raw IFR data and performed exploratory analysis
- Cleaned raw county level corrections data and categorized crimes to analyze inmate responses to incentives

## **The Brookings Institution**

Research Assistant (Governance Studies)

Washington, D.C.

August 2018 – May 2019

- Performed quantitative research for [Dr. Nicol Turner-Lee's](#) forthcoming book—*Digitally invisible: How the internet is creating the new underclass* (Brookings Press 2021)
- Analyzed data to breakdown the "digital divide" along socio-economic and geographic factors

## **American Action Forum**

Technology and Innovation Policy Intern

Washington, D.C.

May 2018 - August 2018

- Developed an econometric model to capture the causal impact of staggered Uber roll-out on local labor markets
- Created an index variable using PCA to measure state broadband performance across multiple dimensions

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## **Leadership Experience**

### **Data Analysis and Social Inquiry Lab (DASIL)**

Peer Mentor

Grinnell, IA

March 2018 – May 2020

- Tutor students in Stata, R, and Python in a one-on-one and classroom settings
- Assist students and faculty with cleaning datasets, performing analysis, and producing visualizations

### **Economics Student Educational Policy Committee (SEPC)**

Elected Member

Grinnell, IA

August 2018 – May 2020

- Interview job market candidates for open positions and conduct faculty reviews
- Represent fellow Economics majors at faculty meetings and provide student input on a variety of issues

### **Young Voices**

Contributor (Complete Profile linked [here](#))

Washington, DC

July 2017 – May 2019

- Write op-eds on the law and economics of platforms, antitrust, telecommunications policy, and privacy
- Receive mentoring and formal training on professional development, and advocacy

### **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)**

Men's Tennis Representative

Grinnell, IA

August 2017 – May 2018

- Work to facilitate open conversation and collaboration between student-athletes
- Organize and lead campus-wide activities, community service projects and cause-driven events

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## **Select Public Policy Publications**

### **White papers (with William Rinehart)**

[Platform Competition and the implications of \*Ohio v. Amex\*](#) (Prepared for the FTC's Platform Competition Hearings)  
[Should Congress Revive The Office of Technology Assessment](#)

### **Select Popular Press**

[The Unpersuasive Empiricism Regarding Universal Mail-in Voting Fraud](#) (with Ian Ayres)  
[How Congress Should Approach Privacy in 2019](#)  
[California's New Net-Neutrality Law Hurts Consumers](#)

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## **Additional Involvement**

- Grinnell College (Division III) Tennis Team (2016-20), Captain (senior year), ~25 hour commitment per week
- Teaching Assistant: Econometrics (Fall 2019)
- Tutor: Statistics & Probability I (Fall 2019), Econometrics, and Microeconomics (Spring 2018-Spring 2020)
- Grader: Calculus I & II, Physics I & II, Banking and Finance, Labor Economics
- [Vivero Fellow \(2018 Cohort\)](#)
- Tutor, Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center

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## **Technical Skills**

**Software:** Stata (including Mata), Python, R,  $\LaTeX$ , Matlab, Github