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Education

Ph.D. Economics, Johns Hopkins University, 2024 (expected)

M.A. Economics, Johns Hopkins University, 2020

B.S. Economics and Political Science *magna cum laude*, George Washington University, 2015

Interests

Industrial Organization, Healthcare, Public Economics

Affiliations

The Hopkins Business of Health Initiative, Johns Hopkins University, 2021–Present

Employment

Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University, 2019–Present

Professor Ludmila Poliakova; Monetary Analysis; Fall 2019

Professor Elena Krasnokutskaya; Industrial Organization; Spring 2020

Professor Robert J. Barbera; Elements of Macroeconomics; Fall 2020

Professor Yujung Hwang; Economics of Race, Gender, and Culture; Fall 2021

Professor Sohani Fatehin; Urban Economics; Spring 2022

Research Assistant to Professor Nicholas W. Papageorge, Johns Hopkins University, 2018

Bates White Economic Consulting, 2015–2018

Senior Consultant, 2018

Consultant II, 2016–2017

Consultant, 2015–2016

Research

Publications

[Socio-Demographic Factors Associated with Self-Protecting Behavior during the Covid-19 Pandemic](#) (with Nicholas W. Papageorge, Michéle Belot, Eline van den Broek-Altenberg, Syngjoo Choi, Julian C. Jamison and Egon Tripodi), 2021, *Journal of Population Economics*, 34 (2): 691–738.

NBER Working Paper No. 27378

Press: [MarketWatch](#), [VoxEU](#)

Working Papers

[Who Protests, What Do They Protest, and Why?](#) (with Erica Chenoweth, Barton H. Hamilton, Hedwig Lee, Nicholas W. Papageorge, and Stephen Roll), April 2022, NBER Working Paper No. 29987.

Submitted.

[The Marginal Labor Supply Disincentives of Welfare: Evidence from Administrative Barriers to Participation](#) (with Robert A. Moffitt), January 2022, NBER Working Paper No. 26028.

Resubmitted to *Journal of Political Economy*

Work in Progress

The Costs of Choice in Health Insurance Markets.

Do Hospital Mergers Make Patients Less Safe? (with Michael Darden and Zenon Zabinski)

Grants

\$20,000 grant from the Hopkins Business of Health Initiative for “Do Hospital Mergers Make Patients Less Safe?” (with Michael Darden and Zenon Zabinski).

\$3,000 grant from the Johns Hopkins SNF Agora Institute for “Who Protests, What Do They Protest, and Why?” (with Nicholas W. Papageorge).

Other Works

[Modeling to Inform Economy-Wide Pandemic Policy: Bringing Epidemiologists and Economists Together](#) (with Michael Darden, David Dowdy, Lauren Gardner, Barton H. Hamilton, Karen Kopecky, Melissa Marx, Nicholas W. Papageorge, Daniel Polsky, Kimberly Powers, and Elizabeth Stuart), 2022, *Health Economics*, 31 (7): 1291–1295.

NBER Working Paper No. 29475

Press: [The New York Times](#)

[Behavior During a Pandemic](#) (with Emma Kalish and Nicholas W. Papageorge) *IZA World of Labor*, opinion piece, July 13, 2020.

Replications

Asymmetry in the Business Cycle: Friedman's Plucking Model with Correlation Innovations, Tara M. Sinclair, *Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics*, Vol 14: Iss. 1, Article 3 (2010).

Converted primary GAUSS programs into [R functions](#).

Consumption and Portfolio Choice Over the Life Cycle, João F. Cocco, Francisco J. Gomes, and Pascal J. Maenhout, *The Review of Financial Studies*, Vol 18: Iss. 2 (2005).

[Project](#) using [Econ-Ark](#) toolkit. Collaboration with Mateo Velásquez-Giraldo.

Why are the Beveridge-Nelson and Unobserved-Components Decomposition of GDP so Different?, James C. Morley, Charles R. Nelson, and Eric Zivot, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol 85: No 2 (2003).

Converted GAUSS [uc_ur.opt](#) and [arima212.opt](#) programs into R functions.

Fellowships and Awards

Pre-Doctoral Fellow in Aging and Health Economics, NBER, 2022–Present

Departmental Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Economics, 2018–2023

Bruce Hamilton Award for Seminar Performance, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Economics, 2022

Distinguished Scholar Award, George Washington University, 2015

Special Honors in Economics, George Washington University, 2015

Special Honors in Political Science, George Washington University, 2015

Research Days—First Prize in Economics, George Washington University, 2015

Luther Rice Fellowship, George Washington University, 2014–2015

Service

Johns Hopkins: Graduate Advisory Council (2021–2022)

Referee: American Economic Review: Insights, Health Affairs, International Economic Review, International Social Science Journal, Journal of Population Economics, Oxford Economic Papers

Stern Center for Language and Learning: Board of Directors (2022–Present)

Committees: Advancement; Programs, Access, & Planning

Memberships

Econometric Society, American Society of Health Economists

Skills

Stata, R, Rcpp, Matlab, SQL, Office, L^AT_EX

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