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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, Health Care, Labor 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

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) *Journal of Population Economics*, 34 (2): 691–738, 2021.

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

Working Papers

The Marginal Labor Supply Disincentives of Welfare Reforms (with Robert Moffitt).

[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), November 2021, NBER Working Paper No. 29475.

Work in Progress

Who Gains From Private Insurance?

Who Protests and Why? (with Erica Chenoweth, Barton H. Hamilton, Hedwig Lee, Nicholas W. Papageorge, and Stephen Roll)

Other Works

[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

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

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)

Referee: International Economic Review, Journal of Population Economics

Memberships

American Society of Health Economists

Skills

Stata, R, Matlab, SQL, Office, \LaTeX

Last updated: November 15, 2021

http://matthewvzahn.com/MVZ_CV.pdf