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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

## 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

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

Bates White Economic Consulting

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*, 2021.

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

### *Working Papers*

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

## Work in Progress

Who Gains From Private Insurance?

## 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)

[Attempted to replicate](#) 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

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

**Luther Rice Fellowship**, George Washington University, 2014–2015

## Memberships

American Society of Health Economists

## Skills

Stata, R, Matlab, SQL, Office,  $\text{\LaTeX}$