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Education

Ph.D., Economics

Harvard University (2022-ongoing)

B.S., Computational and Applied Math and B.A., Economics (with honors)

The University of Chicago (2016-2020)

Research Positions

Predoctoral Fellow, David Yang (2020–2022)

Research Assistant, Leonardo Bursztyn (2018–2020)

Research

Publications

“AI-tocracy” with Martin Beraja, David Yang, and Noam Yuchtman (2023)

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Volume 138, Issue 3 (August)

Working Papers

“Exporting the Surveillance State via Trade in AI” with Martin Beraja, David Yang, and Noam Yuchtman (2023)

Working Paper, Brookings Center for Regulation and Markets

Works in Progress

“Seeing is Believing: Identity, Inequality, and the Impact of Television on the Hispanic Achievement Gap”

Affiliations

Center for American Political Studies at Harvard University, Affiliate (2023-present)

Harvard Kennedy School Evidence for Policy Design, Research Fellow (2020-2022)

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

Berkeley Center for Effective Global Action, Digital Credit Observatory Grant (2023)

Oxford Global Priorities Fellowship (2023)

Center for American Political Studies, Research Seed Grant (2023)

Harvard Data Science Initiative, Azure Credits (2023)

AEFP Roe L. Johns Grant (2022)

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (2021 and 2022)

Bachelor's degree summa cum laude (2020)

Trott Business Program (2017-2020)

Venture Capital Investment Competition, National Finalist (2017)

Dean's List (2016-2020)

Seminars, Colloquia, and Conferences

China Global Priorities Group, Oxford GPF Final Conference (2023)

AEFP, ASSA*, NBER Privacy* (2022)

NBER Development/BREAD Program Meeting*, NBER Political Economy Program Meeting* (2021)

* presented by coauthor

Policy Articles

“Autocratic AI dystopias: From science fiction to social science fact” with Martin Beraja, David Yang, and Noam Yuchtman. VoxDev column (May 2023)

“Autocratic AI dystopias: From science fiction to social science fact” with Martin Beraja, David Yang, and Noam Yuchtman. VoxEU column (December 2021)

Other Experience

Harvard Economics Peer Support Network, Co-leader (2023-present)

UChicago Oeconomica (undergraduate research organization), Treasurer (2019-2020) and
Existential Risk Cohort Leader (2018-2019)

UChicago Writer's Workshop, Vice President (2019-2020) and Workshop Leader (2017-2020)

Teach For Hong Kong, Program Development Intern (2018)

Telligent Capital Management, Research Intern (2017)

Rich Sea LLC, Private Equity Intern (2017)

UChicago Effective Altruists, Co-President (2017-2020)