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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 Bursztn (2018–2020)

Research

Working Papers

“AI-tocracy” with Martin Beraja, David Yang, and Noam Yuchtman (2022)

Conditionally accepted, Quarterly Journal of Economics

Works in Progress

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

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

“The Unintended Consequences of Changing Social Norms” with George Beknazar-Yuzbashev

Affiliations

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

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

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

AEFP (2022), ASSA* (2022), 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. VoxEU column (December 2021)

Other Experience

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)