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EMPLOYMENT	Assistant Professor of Economics, United States Naval Academy	2021-Present
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Economics, University of Pennsylvania A.M. in Economics, University of Pennsylvania B.A. in Economics and Mathematics, Oberlin College	2021 2018 2014
INTERESTS	Microeconomic Theory, Game Theory, Mechanism Design, Contract Theory, Matching	
PUBLICATIONS	<p>“Robust Performance Evaluation of Independent Agents” <i>Theoretical Economics</i>, July 2024, Vol. 19. Abstract published in <i>EC’22</i>.</p> <p>“Randomization is Optimal in the Robust Principal-Agent Problem” <i>Journal of Economic Theory</i>, January 2023, Vol. 207.</p> <p>“The Optimal Assortativity of Teams Inside the Firm” (with C. Segura-Rodriguez) <i>RAND Journal of Economics</i>, Fall 2022, Vol. 53: 484-515.</p> <p>“Payoff Continuity in Games of Incomplete Information Across Models of Knowledge” <i>Games and Economic Behavior</i>, February 2026, Vol. 156.</p> <p>“Why Informationally Diverse Teams Need Not Form, Even When Efficient” (with C. Segura-Rodriguez and P. Shao) <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i>, October 2024, Vol. 226.</p> <p>“Pay Equality Among Heterogeneous Agents” (with R. Hoffman and S. Kaplan) <i>Economics Letters</i>, August 2023, Vol. 229. Ryan’s 2023 honors thesis, co-supervised with S. Kaplan.</p>	
WORKING PAPERS	<p>“Proper Robustness and the Efficiency of Monopoly Screening” Revise and resubmit at the <i>American Economic Review</i>.</p> <p>“Randomization and the Robustness of Linear Contracts” (with B. Peng, Z. Tang, J. Toikka, and R. Vohra)</p>	
IN PROGRESS	“Service Assignment at the United States Naval Academy” (with C. Redmer and N. Utgoff)	
INVITED SEMINARS	2026: University of Chicago (scheduled) 2025: Yale University, New York University, Cornell University, Northwestern University 2024: University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, Rutgers University 2023: Arizona State University, Johns Hopkins University	

2021: Johns Hopkins University (Carey School of Business), Not the 2021 Theory Job Market Seminar (Warwick), United States Department of Justice, United States Naval Academy

**CONFERENCES AND LECTURES** 2026: ASSA Annual Meeting, NBER Decentralization Conference (scheduled), Kansas Workshop in Economic Theory (scheduled)

2025: Canadian Economic Theory Conference, SAET Conference

2024: Lisbon Meetings in Game Theory, Southern Economic Association

2023: Canadian Economic Theory Conference, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Southern Economic Association, Midwest Economic Theory Conference

2022: Johns Hopkins University (guest lecturer in J. Quah's second-year Ph.D. course), Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, Southern Economic Association

2021: European Economic Association Meeting/ Econometric Society European Meeting, 6th World Congress of the Game Theory Society, 22nd ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC'21), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society

Prior to 2021: 12th World Congress of the Econometric Society, 29th Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory

**PROGRAM COMMITTEES** 27th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC'26)

**REFEREEING** *Econometrica, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies (x2), American Economic Review: Insights, International Economic Review (x3), Theoretical Economics (x2), Journal of Economic Theory, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Games and Economic Behavior (x6), Economic Theory (x2), Journal of Economics & Management Strategy*

**TEACHING** United States Naval Academy  
SM275, Mathematical Methods for Economics (2 sections) 2024  
FE461, Industrial Organization (8 sections) 2022, 2023, 2026  
SE450, Game Theory (16 sections) 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025  
SE475, Capstone Undergraduate Research Seminar (4 sections) 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025  
University of Pennsylvania  
ECON101, Intermediate Microeconomics (1 section) 2017

**ADVISING** Letter Writer for USMA Cadet Shepherd Dzina 2024  
Rhodes Scholarship Winner 2025  
Honors Advisor to USNA Midshipman R. Hoffman (with S. Kaplan) 2022-2023  
Naval Intelligence Foundation Award for Best Yardwide Honors Thesis  
Clair Morris Prize for Best Economics Honors Thesis  
Independent Study Advisor to USNA Midshipman A. Larson 2022  
Roger Little Omicron Delta Epsilon Award for Most Outstanding Graduate  
Honors Advisor to USNA Midshipman P. Yamasaki (with N. Utgoff) 2021-2022  
Clair Morris Prize for Best Economics Honors Thesis  
FQE Academic Advisor to 18 Midshipmen in Class of 2025 2022-2025

**SERVICE** Swarthmore Honors Examiner for ECON 162: Antitrust & Market Regulation 2025  
Internal Consultant for USNA Division of Professional Development 2022-Present

	Economics Department Awards Committee Co-Founder of USNA Economics Speaker Series (with S. Kaplan)	2022-2025 2022-2023
AWARDS	United States Naval Academy Econ Nominee for Apgar Award for Excellence in Teaching (campus-wide award) Volgenau Faculty Fellowship Junior Naval Academy Research Council Grant	2025 2021-2024, 2024-2027 2022-2024
	University of Pennsylvania Joel Popkin Graduate Student Teaching Prize in Economics CTL Teaching Certificate University Fellowship	2018 2017 2014-2020
	Oberlin College Phi Beta Kappa Omicron Delta Epsilon High Honors in Economics Comfort Starr Prize in Economics (Excellence in College Work) Jesse Phillips Prize in Economics (Most Outstanding Junior)	2014 2014 2014 2014 2013
OTHER EXPERIENCE	White House Council of Economic Advisers, Intern United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Intern	2013 2012