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| EMPLOYMENT     | Assistant Professor of Economics, United States Naval Academy   | 2021-Present  |
| EDUCATION      | Ph.D. in Economics, University of Pennsylvania<br>A.M. in Economics, University of Pennsylvania<br>B.A. in Economics and Mathematics, Oberlin College   | 2021<br>2018<br>2014  |
| INTERESTS      | Microeconomic Theory, Contract Theory, Mechanism Design, Matching   |   |
| PUBLICATIONS   | <p>“Robust Performance Evaluation of Independent Agents”<br/><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”<br/><i>Journal of Economic Theory</i>, January 2023, Vol. 207.</p> <p>“The Optimal Assortativity of Teams Inside the Firm” (with C. Segura-Rodriguez)<br/><i>RAND Journal of Economics</i>, Fall 2022, Vol. 53: 484-515.</p> <p>“Why Informationally Diverse Teams Need Not Form, Even When Efficient” (with C. Segura-Rodriguez and P. Shao)<br/><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)<br/><i>Economics Letters</i>, August 2023, Vol. 229.<br/>Ryan’s 2023 honors thesis, co-supervised with S. Kaplan.</p> |   |
| WORKING PAPERS | <p>“Proper Robustness and the Efficiency of Monopoly Screening”<br/>Revise and resubmit at the <i>American Economic Review</i>.</p> <p>“Randomization and the Robustness of Linear Contracts”<br/>(with B. Peng, Z. Tang, J. Toikka, and R. Vohra</p> <p>“Payoff Continuity in Games of Incomplete Information Across Models of Knowledge”<br/>Accepted subject to minor revision at <i>Games and Economic Behavior</i>.</p>  |   |
| IN PROGRESS    | “Service Assignment at the United States Naval Academy” (with C. Redmer and N. Utgoff)  |   |
| TEACHING       | United States Naval Academy<br>SM275, Mathematical Methods for Economics (2 sections)<br>FE461, Industrial Organization (5 sections)<br>SE450, Game Theory (13 sections)<br>SE475, Capstone Undergraduate Research Seminar (4 sections)<br>University of Pennsylvania<br>ECON101, Intermediate Microeconomics (1 Section)   | 2024<br>2022, 2023<br>2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025<br>2022, 2023, 2024, 2025<br>2017  |

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| 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   |                      |
| SERVICE                  | 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            |
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| 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  | 2022-Present         |
|                          | Co-Founder of USNA Economics Speaker Series (with S. Kaplan)   | 2022-2023            |
| INVITED SEMINARS         | 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  |                      |
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| CONFERENCES AND LECTURES | 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, 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  |                      |
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| REFeree                  | <i>Econometrica</i> , <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> , <i>Review of Economic Studies</i> (x2), <i>American Economic Review: Insights</i> , <i>International Economic Review</i> (x3), <i>Theoretical Economics</i> (x2), <i>Journal of Economic Theory</i> , <i>American Economic Journal: Microeconomics</i> , <i>Games and Economic Behavior</i> (x6), <i>Economic Theory</i> (x2), <i>Journal of Economics &amp; Management Strategy</i> |                      |
| AWARDS                   | United States Naval Academy  |                      |
|                          | Volgenau Faculty Fellowship  | 2021-2024, 2024-2027 |
|                          | Junior Naval Academy Research Council Grant  | 2022-2024            |
|                          | University of Pennsylvania   |                      |

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|            | Joel Popkin Graduate Student Teaching Prize in Economics        | 2018      |
|            | CTL Teaching Certificate  | 2017      |
|            | University Fellowship   | 2014-2020 |
|            | Oberlin College   |           |
|            | Phi Beta Kappa  | 2014      |
|            | Omicron Delta Epsilon   | 2014      |
|            | High Honors in Economics  | 2014      |
|            | Comfort Starr Prize in Economics (Excellence in College Work)   | 2014      |
|            | Jesse Phillips Prize in Economics (Most Outstanding Junior)     | 2013      |
| OTHER      | White House Council of Economic Advisers, Intern                | 2013      |
| EXPERIENCE | United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Intern | 2012      |