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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, Contract Theory, Mechanism Design, 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>“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> <p>“Payoff Continuity in Games of Incomplete Information Across Models of Knowledge” 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 SM275, Mathematical Methods for Economics (2 sections) FE461, Industrial Organization (5 sections) SE450, Game Theory (13 sections) SE475, Capstone Undergraduate Research Seminar (4 sections) University of Pennsylvania ECON101, Intermediate Microeconomics (1 Section)	2024 2022, 2023 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 2017

ADVISING	Letter Writer for USMA Cadet Shepherd Dzina Rhodes Scholarship Winner 2025 Honors Advisor to USNA Midshipman R. Hoffman (with S. Kaplan) 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 Roger Little Omicron Delta Epsilon Award for Most Outstanding Graduate Honors Advisor to USNA Midshipman P. Yamasaki (with N. Utgoff) Clair Morris Prize for Best Economics Honors Thesis FQE Academic Advisor to 18 Midshipmen in Class of 2025	2024 2022-2023 2022 2021-2022 2022-2025
SERVICE	Swarthmore Honors Examiner for ECON 162: Antitrust & Market Regulation Internal Consultant for USNA Division of Professional Development Economics Department Awards Committee Co-Founder of USNA Economics Speaker Series (with S. Kaplan)	2025 2022-Present 2022-Present 2022-2023
INVITED SEMINARS	2025: Yale University, New York University, Northwestern University (scheduled) 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	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	
REFEREE	<i>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</i>	
AWARDS	United States Naval Academy Volgenau Faculty Fellowship Junior Naval Academy Research Council Grant University of Pennsylvania	2021-2024, 2024-2027 2022-2024

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