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ACADEMIC	Northwestern University	
APPOINTMENTS	Postdoctoral Fellow, <i>Kellogg School of Management - Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences Department</i>	2025–
	Advisor: Georgy Egorov	
EDUCATION	University of Chicago Ph.D., Political Economy, <i>Harris School of Public Policy & Department of Political Science</i> Qualifying Exams: Microeconomics, Econometrics, Political Economy Advisor: Wioletta Dziuda	2025
	M.A., International Relations, <i>Committee on International Relations</i> , with Honors Advisor: Konstantin Sonin	2019
	American University B.A., International Studies and Statistics (Minor), with <i>University Honors</i> and <i>cum laude</i>	2018
PUBLICATIONS	“Signaling Ability Through Policy Change.” <i>Conditionally accepted, Journal of Politics.</i> Honorable Mention Best APSA 2024 Formal Theory Paper	
	“A Model of Selection and Policy Concerns,” with Álvaro Delgado Vega. <i>Forthcoming, Economic Journal.</i>	2025
	“Randomized evaluation of a school-based, trauma-informed group intervention for young women in Chicago,” with Monica P. Bhatt, Jonathan Guryan, Harold A. Pollack, Cris Pinto, Lucia Delgado-Sánchez, Phoebe Lin, Molly Clark, Max Lubell, Makenzi Sumners, and Juan Castrejon. <i>Science Advances.</i>	2023
WORKING PAPERS	“Cheap Talk with Costly Verification.” <i>Under review.</i> “Media Freedom, Nationalist Protests, and Audience Costs,” with David Krosin. <i>R&R, Journal of Theoretical Politics.</i>	
	“The Minimal Effects of Public Health Campaigns on Travel During the COVID Pandemic,” with Adam Zelizer, Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, and Mehdi Shadmehr. <i>R&R, Statistics and Public Policy.</i>	
	“Dynamic Policy Development and Implementation,” with Daniel Gibbs.	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	“Taking Credit, Avoiding Blame, and Delegation.”	
	“Pledges and Payoffs: Evidence from NRA Resource Allocation in Congressional Campaigns, 2009–2017,” with Gabriel Foy-Sutherland	
	“How Representative Are School Board Members of Local and National Public Opinion? Evidence from Paired Public and Elite Surveys and an Experiment,” with Adam Zelizer.	
PRESENTATIONS	MPSA, Washington University in St. Louis Political Science Department, Washington University Conference for Early Career Scholars in Theoretical Political Economy	2025
	University of Chicago Political Science Department, University of Chicago Harris School, MPSA, University of Chicago Center for Effective Government, SIOE, APSA	2024
	University of Chicago Center for Effective Government, MPSA, University of Chicago	2023

	Harris School	
	University of Chicago Center for Effective Government	2022
	MPSA (Canceled), Formal Theory Society Junior Scholar Symposium	2020
TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE		
	Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago	
	• Advanced Microeconomics for Public Policy Analysis II, Ph.D. Level	2022
	• Analytical Politics I, Master's Level	2021–2023
	• Analytical Politics II, Master's Level	2023
	• Current Topics: Energy and the Environment in the Developing World, Master's Level	2021–2025
	• Current Topics: Transportation Infrastructure and Policy in the 21st century, Master's Level	2024
	• Program Evaluation, Master's Level	2022
	Department of Political Science, University of Chicago	
	• Intro to American Politics, Undergrad Level	2024
RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE		
	Research Assistant for Postdoctoral Researcher Arduino Tomasi, University of Chicago	2023
	Research Assistant for Professor Adam Zelizer, University of Chicago	2021–2022
	Applied Data Fellow and Research Analyst, University of Chicago Urban Labs	2019–2020
	Research Assistant for Professor Robert Gulotty, University of Chicago	2019
	Research Assistant for Professor Guy Ziv, American University	2017–2018
SELECTED AWARDS & GRANTS		
	Travel Grant, APSA Formal Theory Section	2024
	Harris School of Public Policy Ph.D. Fellowship, University of Chicago	2020–2025
	Applied Data Fellowship, University of Chicago	2019–2020
	Graduate Council Travel Fund, University of Chicago	2019
	Social Sciences Scholarship, University of Chicago	2019
	Presidential Scholarship, American University	2014–2018
SERVICE		
	Harris School of Public Policy Formal Theory Group Coordinator	2022–2025
	Harris School of Public Policy Ph.D. Social Coordinator	2021–2022
	Peer-Reviewer for: <i>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review</i>	
	Conference Panels Chaired or Organized: MPSA 2025, APSA 2024	