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Curriculum Vitae

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## Current Employment

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| • <b>James Madison University</b>                                    | Harrisonburg, VA |
| – <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics</i>                   | 2022 Aug-Present |
| • <b>World Bank Group</b>  | Washington, D.C. |
| – <i>Consultant at Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance Program</i> | 2022 Sep-Present |

## Education

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| • <b>North Carolina State University</b>  | Raleigh, NC |
| – <i>Ph.D. in Economics</i>   | 2022        |
| – <i>Dissertation: “Essays on Business Cycles in Emerging Market Economies”</i> |             |
| – <i>Advisor: Professor James M. Nason</i>                                      |             |
| • <b>North Carolina State University</b>  | Raleigh, NC |
| – <i>M.A. in Economics</i>  | 2017        |
| • <b>Northeastern University</b>  | Boston, MA  |
| – <i>B.S. in Economics</i>  | 2013        |

## Research Interests

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| • Macroeconomics      | • Open-economy Macroeconomics | • International Economics    |
| • Applied Time Series | • Environmental Economics     | • Dynamic Equilibrium Models |

## Teaching Interests

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| • Principles of Macroeconomics | • Principles of Microeconomics | • Intermediate Macroeconomics |
| • International Economics      | • Environmental Economics      | • Money and Banking           |
| • Time Series Econometrics     |                                |                               |

## Working Papers

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“Productivity Shocks, Financial Frictions, and Business Cycles in Emerging Market Economies”  
(Job Market Paper) [Link](#)

“Are Business Cycles in Emerging Market Economies Alike?” (Under Review, July 2022) [Link](#)

## Work in Progress

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“Natural Disaster Clause for Sovereign Debt in Emerging Market Economies” (with Olivier Mahul from the World Bank Group, October 2022)

## Teaching Experience

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- **Visiting Assistant Professor** James Madison University
  - *Environmental Economics* Fall 2022
  - *Introduction to Macroeconomics* Fall 2022
- **Instructor** North Carolina State University
  - *Resource & Environmental Economics* Spring 2022
  - *Principles of Macroeconomics* Fall 2016 and 2017, Spring 2019
  - *Fundamentals of Economics* Summer 2017
- **Lab Instructor** North Carolina State University
  - *Principles of Macroeconomics* Spring 2016 and 2017, Fall 2018
- **Teaching Assistant** North Carolina State University
  - *Macroeconomics I (Ph.D.)* Fall 2017
  - *Macroeconomics II (Ph.D.)* Spring 2018 and 2019
  - *Fundamentals of Macroeconomics (Masters)* Spring 2022
- **Tutor** Northeastern University
  - *Applied Econometrics* 2011-2013
  - *Intermediate Microeconomics* 2011-2013
  - *Principles of Microeconomics* 2011-2013
  - *Introduction to Computer Science* 2011-2013

## Professional Experience

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- **Truelight Energy** Boston, MA
  - *Data Analyst* Winter 2013-Spring 2014
- **American Institute for Economics Research** Great Barrington, MA
  - *Research Assistant* Summer 2013
- **Property and Portfolio Research** Boston, MA
  - *Research Assistant* Summer and Fall 2011

## Conferences and Presentations

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- **Conference**
  - *Second International Conference on Digital Economy* Beijing, November 2022
  - *Southern Economics Association 91st Annual Meeting* Houston, November 2021
- **Presentations**
  - *James Madison University Department of Economics Seminar Series* Fall 2022
  - *North Carolina State University Macroeconomics Seminar* Fall 2021
  - *North Carolina State University Brown-Bag Lunch Seminar* Fall 2016

## Awards and Honors

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| • <b>GSSP Economics Graduate Fellowship</b>                                    | 2015-2019 |
| – <i>North Carolina State University</i>                                       |           |
| • <b>Advanced Certified Tutor, Level II</b>                                    | 2013      |
| – <i>College Reading &amp; Learning Association at Northeastern University</i> |           |
| • <b>Student Affairs Scholarship</b>   | 2010      |
| – <i>Northeastern University</i>   |           |

## Skills

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| • <b>Computing</b>  | • <b>Languages</b>                       |
| – <i>Julia, Matlab, R, Stata, and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</i> | – <i>English, Mongolian, and Chinese</i> |

## References

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