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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Employment

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

Education

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| • North Carolina State University | Raleigh, NC |
| – <i>Ph.D. in Economics: Field in Macroeconomics</i> | 2022 |
| – <i>Dissertation: “Essays on Business Cycles in Emerging Market Economies”</i> | |
| – <i>Advisor: Professor James M. Nason</i> | |
| • North Carolina State University | Raleigh, NC |
| – <i>M.A. in Economics</i> | 2017 |
| • Northeastern University | 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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| • Macroeconomics | • International Economics | • Environmental Economics | • Microeconomics |
| • Money and Banking | • Quantitative Economics | • Time Series Econometrics | |

Working Papers

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

“**Are Business Cycles in Emerging Market Economies Alike?**” (Revise & Resubmit, *International Economics and Economic Policy*, February 2023) [Link](#)

Work in Progress

“**Natural Disaster Clause for Sovereign Debt in Emerging Market Economies**” (with Olivier Mahul from the World Bank Group, February 2023)

Teaching Experience

- **Visiting Assistant Professor** James Madison University
 - *Introduction to Quantitative Analysis in Economics* Spring 2023
 - *Environmental Economics* Spring 2023, 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

- **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

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

Skills

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| • Computing | • Languages |
| – <i>Julia, Matlab, R, Stata, and L^AT_EX</i> | – <i>English, Mongolian, and Chinese</i> |

References

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