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Citizenship:

Canadian

Research Interests:

Urban & Real Estate economics, Spatial economics

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Economics, Alberta School of Business 2025

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Toronto 2025

Committee: Nathaniel Baum-Snow (supervisor),
William Strange, Kevin Lim, Joseph Steinberg

M.A in Economics, University of Toronto 2019

Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Toronto Scarborough 2018

WORKING PAPERS

Housing Regulation and Neighborhood Sorting across the United States

Gentrification and Redevelopment in General Equilibrium with Guangbin Hong

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Housing Supply and Affordability in Canada (with Nathaniel Baum-Snow and Aled Ab Iowerth)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Bank of Canada Best Student Paper (\$2500), Honorable Mention for Best Student Paper, Urban Economics Association European Meeting, Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$5000 \times 3), AREUEA Travel Grant (\$1300), University of Toronto Travel Grants (\$1500) 2024

University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowship (\$12,000 \times 5) 2019-2024

Yurgen Krumma Award in Economics 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant 2017 - present

- ECO 204: Microeconomics for Commerce
- ECO 231: Economics of Global Trade
- ECO 380: Markets, Competition and Strategy
- ECO 220: Data Analysis and Applied Econometrics

Research Assistant 2018 - present

- Nathaniel Baum-Snow: Advanced data analysis
- Ambarish Chandra: data analysis
- Marco Gonzalez-Navarro & World Bank DiME in Kigali, Rwanda (2017)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

(INCLUDING SCHEDULED OR BY CO-AUTHOR)

University of Saskatchewan, Alberta School of Business, UPenn Wharton Real Estate (canceled), European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (Berlin), Midwest Macroeconomics Meeting (Kansas Fed), AREUEA National Conference (Washington, DC), NBER Summer Institute (Real Estate), North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (Montreal), Institute Research Conference (Minneapolis Fed) 2025

Bank of Canada Student Award Finalist Conference (winner), Urban Economics Association Summer School (Geneva), European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (Copenhagen), University of British Columbia Sauder CUERE Symposium, Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (Toronto), AREUEA Doctoral Poster Session 2024

REFEREEING EXPERIENCE

Journal of Urban Economics (x2)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Co-Organizer of the Graduate Student Workshop 2023 - 2024

LANGUAGES

English (native)

Programming: R, Stata, Python, SQL, MATLAB, GIS (using R, Python and QGIS)

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