MAX SCHNIDMAN

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EDUCATION

PhD University of Virginia (UVA), Economics   May 2025 (expected)
Dissertation: "Music Ex Machina: Do Recommender Systems Homogenize Music?"
Committee: Federico Ciliberto (chair), Simon Anderson, Julie Holland Mortimer

MA University of Virginia, Economics   May 2020

BA Hamilton College, Economics and Philosophy   May 2014
Graduated Summa Cum Laude
Phi Beta Kappa

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Industrial Organization, Applied Econometrics

AFFILIATIONS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Graduate Affiliate, UVA Quantitative Collective   2023

Research Grant, UVA Graduate Student Council   2023

University-Wide Teaching Award, UVA   2022
Nominated

Department Teaching Award, UVA   2022

Department Teaching Award, UVA   2021

Emerson Research Grant, Hamilton College   2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Anton Korinek, Charlottesville   2022 to 2023
Research Assistant
- Develop teaching material for an MBA class on the economics of the metaverse
- Co-author articles on the economics of the metaverse and papers on the economics of AI
- Research and summarize literature on the economics of platforms and recommendation algorithms

ESMT, Berlin (Remote)   2021 to Present
Research Assistant, Digital Platform (DIPVAR)
- Simulate models in Python and MATLAB, finding primitives that match equilibrium platform outcomes, and develop intuition for simulated results
- Research and provide updates on developments in digital platform regulation, legislation, litigation, and scholarly papers

Amalia Miller, Charlottesville   2020 to 2021
Research Assistant
- Combined separate datasets on grad student admissions, grades, and milestones to create a unified tracking spreadsheet for the department
- Conducted statistical analysis of the relationships between grades and core exam performance, and core exam grades and success on later milestones, to inform the department's decision to adjust its core exam standards

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA   July 2023 to August 2023
Lecturer, Economics
- ECON 3010: Intermediate Microeconomics

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA   August 2020 to Present
Teaching Assistant, Economics
- ECON 3720: Intro to Econometrics (one semester)
- ECON 4720: Econometric Methods (three semesters)
- ECON 3110: Mathematical Microeconomics (one semester)

Hamilton College, Clinton, NY   August 2011 to May 2014
Peer Tutor
- Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning Center (Math and Economics)
- Oral Communication Center

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postal Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C.   June 2015 to August 2019
Econometrician/Economist
- Design density-based adjustment factor for CPI-based price cap on letter mail, forecasting economic impacts and providing economic justification
- Create minimum markup formula for USPS package products, forecasting economic impacts and providing economic rationale
- Implement cost attribution system based on incremental costs, including method of calculating incremental costs and updates to regulations

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D.C.   August 2014 to June 2015
Research Assistant

WORKING PAPERS

"Music Ex Machina: How Recommendation Algorithms Affect Music" (Dissertation)
"How Do Artists Balance New and Old Music at Concerts?"
"The Role of Business Models on Media Bias" with Jenna Blochowicz
"Distributing the Windfall from Transformative Technologies" with Anton Korinek
"Product Line Homogenization and Consumer Welfare: The Case of Shipping Services"

SERVICE

UVA Graduate Student Council
President, Charlottesville, May 2023-May 2024

UVA Department of Economics
Economics Research Colloquium Organizer, Spring 2022

UVA Graduate Student Council
Finance Committee Chair, Charlottesville, Aug 2020-May 2023

UVA Graduate Student Council
Economics Representative, Charlottesville, Aug 2019-May 2023

Community Tax Aid
Advanced Tax Preparer, Washington, D.C., Jan 2015-April 2019

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

German: Intermediate Listener, Speaker, Reading and Writing

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Python, MATLAB, SQL, Stata, R

CONFERENCES

NBER Economics of Digitization Tutorial, Spring 2023, San Francisco, CA