

# Neel Lal

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## EDUCATION

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### The University of Chicago

*Graduate Student At Large*

Mar. 2024 – Jul. 2024

*Chicago, IL*

- GPA: 4.0/4.0.
- Relevant Coursework: Linear Algebra, Real Analysis.

### Grinnell College

*Bachelor of Arts, Economics (Honors) & Biochemistry (Honors)*

Aug. 2018 – May 2022

*Grinnell, IA*

- GPA: 3.87/4.0.
- Relevant Coursework: Behavioral Economics, Law and Economics, & Econometrics.
- Awards: Founders' Merit Scholarship & Gilbert DeBartolo '69 Memorial Prize in Economics.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Predoctoral Research Specialist

*The University of Chicago, Coase-Sandor Institute for Law and Economics*

Sep. 2023 – Present

*Chicago, IL*

- Advisor: Professor Jacob Goldin.
- Conducted empirical research using administrative IRS tax records.
- Coauthored a [paper](#) that was presented at the NBER Summer Institute.

### Research Associate

*NERA Economic Consulting*

Jun. 2022 – Jul. 2023

*Los Angeles, CA*

- Designed simulations to assess the effectiveness of surveys for determining class injury.
- Developed and programmed models to quantify legal exposure.
- Produced graphics to visualize the effects of discriminatory policies and the diversity of putative classes.

### Research Assistant

*Department of Economics, Grinnell College*

Nov. 2019 – Sep. 2021

*Grinnell, IA*

- Advisor: Dr. Logan Lee, Associate Professor of Economics.
- Cleaned and combined diverse datasets to investigate the effect of the 2021 Texas Power Crisis on crime rates in Austin, Texas.
- Coauthored a [paper](#) that was accepted for publication in the American Law and Economic Review.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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### Artificial Light and Police Misconduct

Sep. 2021 – Feb. 2022

- Estimated the effect of nighttime artificial lighting on the use of force by the Austin Police Department.
- Presented the paper at a Grinnell College Economic Workshop showcasing outstanding student research.

### International Medical Graduates and Health Outcomes

Jan. 2021 – Jul. 2021

- Investigated the relationship between the number of international medical graduates on county mortality rates and healthcare utilization.
- Presented the paper at the Jepson Undergraduate Research Conference on International Economics.
- Selected for [publication](#) in the Proceedings of the Jepson Undergraduate Conference on International Economics.

### Scope of Practice Laws and Health Inequity

Sep. 2019 – Jan. 2020

- Estimated the effect of scope of practice laws for nurse practitioners on health outcomes.
- Accepted for presentation at the Undergraduate Division of the Midwest Economic Association (Canceled due to Covid-19).

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Stata, SQL, R, Python.

**Software:** PowerBI, ArcGIS.

**Communication:** Competed at the California State tournament in extemporaneous speaking (2018); Recognized as an Academic All-American & member of Superior Distinction (2018) of the National Speech and Debate Association.

**Hobbies:** Chess, Golf, Fantasy Football, & Reading.