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FIELDS	Applied Macroeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Forecasting, and Growth	
EDUCATION	University of Washington, Seattle Ph.D. in Economics M.A. in Economics	Seattle, WA 2023 2019
	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities B.S. in Economics and Mathematics (double major), Minor in Statistics	Minneapolis, MN 2017
RESEARCH	Journal Publications	
	<i>Effects of IMF-Supported Programs on Gender Inequality</i> (with Theo S. Eicher and Monique Newiak) <i>Forthcoming, European Journal of Political Economy</i>	
	<i>IMF Trade Forecasts for Crisis Countries: Bias, Inefficiency and Their Origins</i> (with Theo S. Eicher) <i>Published, International Journal of Forecasting</i>	
	<i>Systemic Bias of IMF Reserve and Debt Forecasts for Program Countries</i> (with Theo S. Eicher) <i>Available Online Published, International Journal of Forecasting</i>	
	As Research Assistant: <i>The Accuracy of IMF Crises Nowcasts</i> (by Theo Eicher and Monica Gao Rollinson) <i>Published, International Journal of Forecasting</i>	
	Working Papers <i>The Dynamic Effects of Trade and Financial Reforms on Growth</i> <i>R&R at Economic Analysis and Policy</i> <i>Public Debt and Real GDP: Revisiting the Impact</i> (with Constance de Soyres and Mengxue Wang) <i>IMF WP Number: 2022/076</i> <i>Differential Growth Effects of Different Types of Government Expenditures</i> (with Stephen Turnovsky) <i>Presented at IMF Finance Departmental Seminar on 11/9/2022</i>	
	Work in Progress	
	<i>International Reserve and Cryptocurrencies: Is There Hedging Effect?</i>	
WORK EXPERIENCE	World Bank (WB) Prospects Group Economist (DECPG) <i>Research focus: Macroeconomic Forecasting, Economic Modelling</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducts in-depth analysis of key global macroeconomic developments, forecasts and their impact. Produce the semi-annual World Bank Global Economic Prospects flagship report.• <i>Global Economic Prospects</i>	Washington, DC 9/2023–present

International Monetary Fund (IMF) Washington, DC
Summer Intern (Finance Dept, General Resources and SDR Policy Division) 6/2021–9/2021
Research focus: Sovereign Debt, Growth, IMF Predictions

- Co-authoring “Public Debt and Real GDP: Revisiting the Impact,” based on a panel dataset (IMF WEO/IFS, WB WDI, and ICRG) to examine the causal impact of debt on real GDP based on local projection and Panel Structural VAR primarily using Stata and R.

University of Washington Seattle, WA
Research Assistant (Professor Theo Eicher & Monica Gao Rollinson(IMF)) 6/2020–9/2020
Research focus: Empirical Assessment of Nowcasts Accuracy

- Conducted data cleaning, capturing outliers, auditing data based on the archived EBS Loan Programs for correction, and mapped MONA and IMF databases for constructing data.

University of Hawaii (Manoa) Manoa, HI
Research Assistant (Professor Inessa Love) 7/2017–6/2018
Research focus: Policy Evaluation, Economic Development

- Analyzed “GMO Policy and Economic Development” based on the Barro Growth Model to assess growth of Africa using panel data (IMF WEO/IFS, WB WDI, UNStats, EM-DAT).

University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) Minneapolis, MN
Research Assistant (Driven to Discover Research Facility) Summer 2015
Research focus: Risk Aversion, Behavioral Economics

- Project titled “Rational Inattention in Valuations.” Conducted quantitative analysis on behavioral change under multitasking environment to understand further productivity implications.

Conference/Seminar Presentations

2025: Politics of Sovereign Finance conference (Princeton Sovereign Finance Lab)

2024: Orlando Annual Business Research Conference (remote)

2023: UCLA Anderson (Seminar)

2022: International Monetary Fund (*Finance Departmental Seminar*), Public Debt Management Conference (*Joint PDM Network, Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance, OECD and World Bank*), Portland State University (*Departmental Seminar*)

2021: International Monetary Fund (*Finance Departmental Seminar*)

GRANTS AND AWARDS	Ensley Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington	2022-2023
	Conference Travel Grant, International Monetary Fund	2022
	Japan-IMF Scholarship Program, International Monetary Fund	2019 – 2021
	Graduate Teaching/Research Assistantship, University of Washington	2019, 2021 – 2023
	James O. York Fellowship, University of Washington	2018
	Lokahi Grant, Hawaii Pacific University	2013 – 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Foster School of Business, University of Washington	Overall Average Evaluation: 4.22/5
	MBA Program (Grad Level)	
	• EMBA 510A & EMBA 510B (Statistics for Management)	Spr2023
	Department of Economics	
	• ECON 201 (Principles of Macroeconomics)	Win2019, Spr2019, Aut2021, Spr2022

REFeree	The Economic Journal, Economic Modelling	2021 – present
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SKILLS	Programming: Stata, R, Matlab, Python, Mathematica, Eviews, \LaTeX Language: Japanese (native), English (full professional), Turkish (Basic), Spanish (Basic)	
REFERENCES	Professor Theo Eicher (Chair) Castor Professor of Economics University of Washington Seattle, WA, USA +1 (206) 685-8082 te@uw.edu	Professor Stephen Turnovsky (committee) Ford and Louisa Van Voorhis Professor of Economics University of Washington Seattle, WA, USA +1 (206) 685-8028 sturn@uw.edu
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