

# Akhil Rao

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*Citizenship:* USA

## Research and Teaching Interests:

Environmental and Resource Economics, Computational Economics, Econometrics

## Education:

PhD Economics, University of Colorado Boulder, expected 2019

MA Economics, University of Colorado Boulder, 2016

BS Business Administration, University of California Riverside, 2012

## Dissertation:

*Title:* The Economics of Orbit Use: Theory, Policy, and Measurement

*Adviser:* Dr. Daniel Kaffine

*Additional committee members:* Dr. Jonathan Hughes, Dr. Martin Boileau, Dr. Miles Kimball,  
Dr. Matthew Burgess

## Working Papers and Research in Progress:

Economic Principles of Space Traffic Control, [latest draft](#) (job market paper)

Cost in Space: Debris and Collision Risk in the Orbital Commons, with Giacomo Rondina, [latest draft](#)

Elicitation and Corrective Taxation, with Brennan McConnell, mimeo

Good Guesses, with Alessandro Peri

## Conference publications:

The CENKI Space Economic Simulator: Analytical Verification of an Agent-Based Modeling Engine, with Trevor Bennett, Charles Cain, Nicholas Campbell, Andrew Gemer, John Marino, and Tobias Niederwieser, in *2018 IEEE Aerospace Conference Proceedings*

The CENKI Space Economic Simulator: Demonstrating Agent-Based Modeling on Satellite Market Data, with Trevor Bennett, Charles Cain, Nicholas Campbell, Andrew Gemer, John Marino, and Tobias Niederwieser, in *2018 IEEE Aerospace Conference Proceedings*

## Grants, Awards, and Fellowships:

2018 Sieglinde Talbott Haller Fellowship in Economics (\$5000)

2018 Graduate School Domestic Travel Grant (\$300)

Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences (CARTSS) Spring 2018 Graduate Student Award (\$850)

2018 Summer Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship (\$6000)

2017 Reuben A. Zubrow Fellowship in Economics (\$5000)

2013 Coro Southern California Fellows Program in Public Affairs (\$11250)

## **Teaching Experience:**

Instructor, Math Tools for Economists 1, Fall 2018 (in progress)

Instructor, Math Tools for Economists 1, Spring 2018

Instructor, Math Tools for Economists 1, Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics, with Dr. Li Yao, Summer 2017 (5.7/6)

Instructor, Math Tools for Economists 1, Spring 2017 (5.4/6)

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Microeconomics, with Dr. Jeronimo Carballo, Fall 2016 (5.48/6)

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Macroeconomics, with Dr. Jay Kaplan, Spring 2016 (4.98/6)

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Microeconomics, with Dr. Jeronimo Carballo, Fall 2015 (5.6/6)

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Macroeconomics, with Dr. Murat Iyigun, Spring 2015 (5.4/6)

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Microeconomics, with Dr. Edward Morey, Fall 2014 (5.45/6)

## **Conference and seminar presentations:**

2018: Western Economic Association International; IEEE Aerospace Conference;  
CU Algorithmic Economics Group; CU Macroeconomics Seminar;  
CU Environmental Economics Seminar; PolicyWest (invited moderator)

2017: Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop at Illinois;  
CU Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop;  
CU Environmental and Economics Seminar; CU Macroeconomics Seminar

2016: CU Environmental Economics Seminar x2

2015: CU Environmental Economics Seminar

## **Selected Coursework** (in addition to PhD Core Coursework):

- Environmental Economics I, II
- Econometrics I, II
- Economics of Risk and Time
- Computational Methods
- Algorithmic Economics and Machine Learning Theory
- Industrial Organization and Public Policy

## **Other Work Experience:**

Data Analyst, Red9 Corporation, May 2013 - December 2015