Olivia Lattus

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EDUCATION

Brown University   Providence, Rhode Island
PhD in Economics   *2021 – 2026*
- Concurrent MA in Economics, 2023
- Research Areas: Macroeconomics, Macro Finance, Behavioral Finance
- Research Assistant for Prof. Amy Handlan (June 2023-Present)
- Research Assistant for Porf. Pascal Michaillat (May 2022-Aug 2022)

Arizona State University   Tempe, Arizona
BS in Economics   *2017 – 2021*
- Double Minor in Mathematics and French
- Graduated *summa cum laude*
- Thesis topic: "Unauthorized Immigrant Net Economic Contribution in State-Wide Sanctuary Jurisdictions"
- Thesis Committee: Berthold Herrendorf, Bart Hobijn
- Research Assistant for Bart Hobijn (Mar 2020-May 2021)

The American Business School of Paris   Paris, France
Study Abroad   *Fall 2019*
- Exchange program through International Studies Abroad (ISA)
- Focused on Economics and French language

WORKING PAPERS

"Monetary Policy, Interest Rate Risk Hedging, and Corporate Bond Markets"
- Investigated how corporate use of interest rate hedges mutes the effects of monetary policy
- Analyzed the effects of monetary policy on the short-term corporate bond funding decisions

"Investment, Corporate Ownership, and Agency Problems"
- Analyzed the effects of concentrated corporate ownership, via agency incentives, on corporate investment decisions
- Applied a recently discovered empirical estimation technique to causally identify the agency problem

"Decomposing Crop Loss: The Role of Subsidies and Market Price Uncertainty"
- Built a model of agricultural production with commodity futures, subsidies and farmer choice over harvest
- Analyzed futures market and agricultural data to establish the effects of the futures market on crop loss

"Labor Market Demand and Monetary Information Shocks" | *with Amy Handlan and Ross Batzer*
- Built a dataset of labor markets, Fama-French financial factors, and monetary policy shocks
- Ran local projection regressions at the industry and aggregate levels to establish the time series effects of monetary policy shocks on labor demand and stock market value

REFERENCES

- Prof. Amy Handlan, Yang Family Assistant Professor of Economics, Brown University
  Email: amy_handlan@brown.edu

- Prof. Fernando Duarte, Visiting Assistant Professor, Brown University
  Email: fernando_duarte@brown.edu

CONFERENCES

Nov 2024	Southern Economic Association (SEA) 94th Annual Meeting, *Washingon, DC*
Oct 2024	19th Economics Graduate Student Conference at Washington University in St. Louis, *St. Louis, MO*
Aug 2024	Macro Finance Research Program (MFR) 2024 Summer Session for Young Scholars, *Chicago, IL*

Teaching Assistant Roles

Spring 2024	*Intermediate Macroeconomics*, undergraduate, Prof. Amy Handlan, Brown University
Fall 2023	*International Finance*, undergraduate, Prof. Fernando Duarte, Brown University
Spring 2023	*Principles in Economics*, undergraduate, Profs. Sylvia Kuo and Manuel Lancastre, Brown University
Fall 2022	*Intermediate Microeconomics*, undergraduate, Prof. Jack Fanning, Brown University

Service Positions

Referee | *The Brown Journal of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*   Oct 2023
- Reviewed undergraduate and graduate projects, wrote feedback, and provided publishing recommendations

President | *Graduate Student Association, Economics Department, Brown University*   May 2024 – Present
- Formerly Community Chair (2023-2024)
- Organized social events throughout the year in a collaborative environment with fellow graduate students
- Implemented new processes such as desk assignment and teaching assistant requirements in the department
- Advocated for more transparency and diversity initiatives to benefit graduate students

Honors and Awards

2024	Teaching Award, Department of Economics, Brown University
2023	Vartan Gregorian Fellowship, Brown University
2021	Moeur Award, Arizona State University

Technical Skills

Programming Languages: Python (NumPy, pandas, tensorflow), R, Julia (Dataframes, StateSpaceModels)
Other: Latex, French (fluent)