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EDUCATION

PhD Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder

Expected 2024

MA Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder

2021

Relevant Coursework: Macro/Microeconomic Theory, Probability and Statistics, Theoretical and Applied Econometrics, Economic Development, International Trade and Finance, Asset Pricing

BA Economics, Political Science Minor, Colorado State University

2019

SKILLS

- Applied Econometrics, Causal Inference, Research Design, Data Analysis and Visualization
- Software: Python (Preferred), R (Preferred), SQL, Git, Stata, Quarto, LaTeX, Microsoft Office
- Excellent verbal and written communicator, with experience presenting academic research, delivering technical analysis to business stakeholders, and teaching large classes.

WORKING PAPERS

"Enlightenment Ideals and Belief in Science in the Run-up to the Industrial Revolution: A Textual Analysis" with Ali Almelhem, Murat Iyigun, and Jared Rubin

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Fiscal Spillovers through Informal Financial Flows"

"Does Business Culture Travel? The Case of Worker Safety"

"Pricing Behavior amidst Supply Chain and Reputational Constraints" with Vincent Mastantuno and Adam Pfander

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Economist Intern, Core AI – Amazon, Seattle WA

June 2023-August 2023

- Estimated downstreams impacts in a murky empirical environment using causal inference tools.
- Communicated analysis and findings in an understandable way to relevant stakeholders, who used findings to inform high-stakes business decisions.
- Successfully wrangled immense datasets and performed large-scale analysis via cloud computing.

Research Assistant - University of Colorado, Boulder

May 2020 - August 2022

- Reporting to Dr. Murat Iyigun
- Developed and implemented algorithms to analyze and visualize a large, unique dataset. Participated in pioneering research quantifying culture and attitudes in Britain prior to the Industrial Revolution.

Instructor of Record - University of Colorado, Boulder

January 2022 - December 2022

- Environmental Economics Spring 2022, Summer 2022, Fall 2022
- Created and organized course content and taught 80 undergraduate students. Average student rating: 5.76/6

Teaching Assistant - University of Colorado, Boulder

August 2019-Present

• Principles of Micro/Macro Economics

• Intermediate Microeconomics

AWARDS

Stanford Calderwood Teaching Award - University of Colorado, Boulder	2022
Reuben A Zubrow Graduate Fellowship for the Teaching of Economics - University of Colorado, Boulder	2021
Myron Brown Ludlow Scholarship - Colorado State University	2018

REFERENCES

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