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Education

Ph.D. in Public Policy (Economics Track), Harvard University, May 2024 (expected)
B.A. in Economics and Mathematics, University of Miami, *magna cum laude*, 2016

Research Interests

Health Economics, Innovation, Industrial Organization

Research Experience

05/2019 – 08/2019 Graduate Research Assistant to Amitabh Chandra, Harvard Kennedy School
05/2019 – 08/2019 Graduate Research Assistant to Nicole Maestas, Harvard Medical School
07/2016 – 08/2018 Full-Time Research Assistant to Amitabh Chandra, National Bureau of Economic Research
06/2015 – 08/2015 Research Intern, International Council of Shopping Centers
01/2015 – 06/2015 Undergraduate Research Assistant to Chris Parmeter, University of Miami

Publications

Working Papers

“Regulatory Approval and Expanded Market Size.” NBER Working Paper, 2021. (*with Amitabh Chandra and Craig Garthwaite*).

Book Chapters

“The Link between Health and Working Longer: Differences in Work Capacity.” In *Overtime: America’s Aging Workforce and the Future of “Working Longer”*. The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, 2022. (*with Italo Lopez-Garcia, Nicole Maestas, and Kathleen Mullen*).

“The Orphan Drug Act at 35: An Outlook for the 21st Century.” In *Innovation Policy and the Economy*, Volume 19. University of Chicago Press, 2018. (*with Nicholas Bagley, Amitabh Chandra, Craig Garthwaite, and Ariel Dora Stern*).

Teaching Experience

Fall 2022 Teaching Fellow, Empirical Methods I, Master’s Level, Harvard Kennedy School
Spring 2021 – 2022 Teaching Fellow, Empirical Methods II, Master’s Level, Harvard Kennedy School
Overall Effectiveness: 4.85/5 (average among TFs: 4.42)
Selected feedback: *I can’t believe this is Ben’s first time teaching — he’s incredibly good at it and I hope he continues for a long time!*
Ben is wonderful — he is so helpful and takes a lot of time to make sure that you understand difficult concepts and that he answers questions clearly and comprehensively.

Fellowships and Scholarships

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Awarded (2019).
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention (2018).
Dickinson Merit Scholarship, University of Miami, Awarded (2012).

Personal

United States Citizen