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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Expected December 2022

Harris School of Public Policy

Candidate, M.A. in Public Policy, Certificate in Research Methods

PhD coursework in econometrics and microeconomics

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

May 2021

B.A. International Relations (with honors)

B.S. Economics and Mathematics

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Software:** R, Stata, Git (advanced); Python (intermediate); QGIS, Qualtrics, Mathematica, Stan (beginner)
- **Technical competencies:** Program evaluation, data visualization, Bayesian inference, memo writing

EXPERIENCE

UChicago Urban Labs, Chicago, IL

Data Intern, Crime Lab & Education Lab

June 2022 – present

- Assisting in the evaluation of Restorative Practices (RP), a program implemented by Chicago Public Schools to reduce the use of punitive disciplinary measures in elementary schools and high schools
- Building machine learning models to predict student high school behavioral outcomes
- Evaluating the causal impact and heterogeneous effects of RP using staggered-design difference-in-differences estimators, bootstrapping, and randomization inference
- Wrote web scrapers in Python to download student, teacher, and parent survey data maintained by Chicago Public Schools

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Research Assistant for Professor Chris Blattman

March 2022 – present

- Working with Dr. Chris Blattman to understand the effects of leadership style on economic growth in democracies & autocracies
- Cleaning, merging, and validating economic and political measures from 10+ separate datasets, including the World Development Indicators

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Research Assistant, Transitional Justice and Democratic Stability Lab

August 2021 – March 2022

- Collected and coded qualitative historical data regarding human rights abuses by previously authoritarian regimes; collaborate with graduate and undergraduate students in the coding process
- Assisted in designing a quantitative study on reparations in the United States; retrieved and clean city-level demographic and economic data

LEADERSHIP & OTHER EXPERIENCE

- **Teaching:** TA for *Introduction to Linear Models* (Winter 2022, PhD and master's students)
- **Volunteering:** Hyde Park Experimental Station, Los Angeles Metropolitan Debate League
- **Leadership:** UChicago Triathlon, Race Coordinator (2022 – present) USC Triathlon, Recruitment Chair (2018 – 2020); Fundraising & Alumni Relations Chair (2020 – 2021)
- **Field research experience:** Guatemala (public health, summer 2019); Fassa Valley, Italy (endangered language documentation, summer 2018)
- **Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (fluent), German and French (advanced), Spanish (intermediate)