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EDUCATION	Ph.D in Economics, Northwestern University Committee: Matthias Doepke, George Marios Angeletos, Matthew Rognlie B.S. summa cum laude in Economics, New York University Stern School of Business		2025 2017
SHORT-TERM VISITS	Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago		2024
Working Papers	Explaining the Macroeconomic Inertia Puzzle		
	Optimal Long-Run Fiscal Policy with Heterogeneous Agents (with Adrien Auclert, Matthew Rognlie, and Ludwig Straub)		
Publications	Online Estimation of DSGE Models (with Marco Del Negro, Edward Herbst, Ethan Matlin, Reca Sarfati, and Frank Schorfheide) The Econometrics Journal, January 2021		
	DSGE Forecasts of the Lost Recovery (with Marco Del Negro, Marc P. Giannoni, Abhi Gupta, Pearl Li, and Erica Moszkowski) International Journal of Forecasting, October–December 2019		
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Econ 321, Intermediate Macroeconomic Analys Econ 311, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Prof. Econ 311, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Prof.	Mark Witte, Northwestern University	2025 2023 rsity 2021
PAST EMPLOYMENT	Research Officer, International Monetary Fund Senior Research Analyst, Federal Reserve Bank	of New York	2022 2017–2019
Honors and Awards	Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellow Graduate Fellowship (Northwestern University) Award for Excellence in Economics (Single awa	•	2023–2025 2019–2023 2017
PRESENTATIONS	University of California Davis, Rice University, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Federal R University of Texas at Austin, University of Ho Rutgers University, Society for Economic Dyna National University of Singapore	eserve Bank of Dallas, uston, University of Notre Dame,	2025

DISCUSSIONS

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Workshop on Expectations and Behavioral Macroeconomics (Scheduled) 2025

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