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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Student in Economics
George Mason University

Begun 2023, on pause

B.S. in Economics
George Mason University

May 2023

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Blogger

June 2024 - present

- I have built up an audience of almost 5,000 subscribers by writing nearly 300 articles on economics. These have been viewed over a million times.

Graduate Student

August 2023 - Present

Undergraduate Research Assistant

January 2023 - August 2023

Stephen Heblich, University of Toronto

- I did archival research in the National Archives to investigate the dispersal of firearms after the American Civil War

Mark Koyama, George Mason

- I coded the biographies of historical figures during the reign of Queen Mary.

WORKING PAPERS

- "Primogeniture and Emigration from Germany"
 - Did the manner of inheritance affect who emigrated? I find no evidence to support the idea that primogeniture forced second sons out of the countryside, using self-reported places of birth in the 1880 Census.

SKILLS

- R, Python, Econometrics

AWARDS & HONORS

- Emergent Ventures Grant, Mercatus Center (2024)
- CSPP scholarship recipient (2025)

OTHER

- Have written numerous Wikipedia articles on economists, including Pete Klenow, Chang-Tai Hsieh, Chad Jones, Marc Melitz, Dave Donaldson, Arnaud Costinot, Matthew Gentzkow, Nicholas Bloom, David Weil, Peter Hull, and Rick Hornbeck.
- I have written more than 200 twitter threads on papers in economics, which have been seen cumulatively by tens of millions of people.