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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE, WASHINGTON DC**  
*Principal Analyst—Macroeconomic Analysis Division*  
*Associate Analyst—Macroeconomic Analysis Division*

July 2023-Present  
July 2021-June 2023

**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE, WASHINGTON DC**  
*Summer Associate—Financial Analysis Division*

May 2020-August 2020

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## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE OR**  
*Ph.D., Economics*  
*M.S., Economics*

Sept. 2016-June 2021  
Sept. 2016-Dec. 2017

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, TALLAHASSEE FL**  
*B.S., Economics and Statistics*  
*B.S., Applied & Computational Mathematics*

Aug. 2012-Apr. 2016  
Aug. 2012-Apr. 2016

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## FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

Macroeconomics, Inflation, Applied Macroeconometrics, Adaptive Learning, Continuous-Time Modeling

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## CBO WORKING PAPERS AND OTHER PROJECTS

*“A Visual Guide to Inflation From 2020 Through 2023” (Slide Deck, 2024)*

*“How CBO Projects Inflation” (Working Paper, 2024)*

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## DISSERTATION CHAPTERS

*“Bounded Rationality in Macroeconomic Models: A Continuous-Time Approach” (2021)*

*“Boundedly Rational Decision Making in Continuous-Time” (2021)*

*“Adaptive Learning in a Continuous-Time Setting: Representative Agent Exercises” (2019)*

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member of the Data Science Steering Committee, Congressional Budget Office  
Webmaster, University of Oregon Macro Group  
Economics Ph.D. Program Representative

2021-2023  
2017-2019  
2017-2018

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**GRANTS, HONORS & AWARDS**

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University of Oregon Dissertation Research Fellowship	Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Kleinsorge Summer Research Award	Summer 2019
Graduate Teaching Fellowship	Fall 2016-Spring 2020
Promising Scholar Award	Fall 2016-Spring 2018

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UNIVERSITY OF OREGON)**

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**INDEPENDENT INSTRUCTOR**

EC 313: Intermediate Macroeconomics	Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2020
EC 202: Principles of Macroeconomics	Fall 2019

**TEACHING ASSISTANT**

EC 201: Principles of Microeconomics	Spring 2018, Fall 2016
EC 202: Principles of Macroeconomics	Winter 2017
EC 423/523: Econometrics (First Year Ph.D. course)	Fall 2017

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**PRESENTATIONS**

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Congressional Budget Office— <i>Panel of Economic Advisors</i>	June 2024
Congressional Budget Office— <i>Health Analysis Division's Brown Bag Series</i>	May 2024
Congressional Budget Office— <i>Agency Wide Presentation</i>	April 2022
University of Bamberg, Germany, Third Behavioral Macroeconomics Workshop	July 2021
Congressional Budget Office— <i>Financial Analysis Division</i>	Summer 2020
Congressional Budget Office— <i>Data Science Workshop</i>	Summer 2020
University of Oregon Macro Group	Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Winter 2019

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**SOFTWARE**

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Expert: Julia, R, EViews, MATLAB, Stata, Git(hub), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
Proficient: Fortran, C++, Bash, SAS (certified)