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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE — <i>Macroeconomic Analysis Division</i>	Washington, DC
Principal Analyst	July 2023-Present
Associate Analyst	July 2021-June 2023
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE — <i>Financial Analysis Division</i>	Washington, DC
Summer Associate	May 2020-August 2020

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE OR	
<i>Ph.D.</i> , Economics	Sept. 2016-June 2021
<i>M.S.</i> , Economics	Sept. 2016-Dec. 2017
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, TALLAHASSEE FL	
<i>B.S.</i> , Economics and Statistics	Aug. 2012-Apr. 2016
<i>B.S.</i> , Applied & Computational Mathematics	Aug. 2012-Apr. 2016

FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

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

CBO WORKING PAPERS

“How CBO Projects Inflation” (2024)

DISSERTATION CHAPTERS (ABSTRACTS BELOW)

“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)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member of the Data Science Steering Committee, Congressional Budget Office	2021-2023
Webmaster, University of Oregon Macro Group	2017-2019
Economics Ph.D. Program Representative	2017-2018
Panelist, CBO Informational Session at PPIA	Summer 2021
Panelist, First-Generation Student Panel	Spring 2020
Volunteer, Undergraduate Research Symposium	Spring 2019
Mentor, Promising Scholars Mentorship Program	Spring 2019

GRANTS, HONORS & AWARDS

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 (Diversity & Recruitment) Award	Fall 2016-Spring 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UNIVERSITY OF OREGON)

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

PRESENTATIONS

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

SOFTWARE

Expert: Julia, R, EViews, MATLAB, Stata, Git(hub), L^AT_EX
Proficient: Fortran, C++, Bash, SAS (certified)