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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

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

FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

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

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)

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)

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

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 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>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

SOFTWARE

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