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EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Ph.D., Economics, co-advised by Prof. Leah BOUSTAN & Prof. Ilyana KUZIEMKO (expected) Fall 2023
M.A., Economics 2020

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, Philadelphia, PA

Visiting Ph.D. Student, IvyPlus Exchange Scholar Program 2022-2023

Sciences Po, Paris, France

M.A., Economics, *Summa Cum Laude* (ranked 1st) 2015

- *Recipient of the Best Master Thesis in Economics award, thesis advised by Prof. Quoc-Anh Do.*

B.A., Economics, *Cum Laude* (top 10% in academic year 2011-2012)

2013

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Undergraduate Exchange Student, major in Economics 2012-2013

- *Dean's Honor List, Cum Laude Ampla et Magna* (Spring 2013) & *University Honors* (Fall 2012 & Spring 2013)

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Prosperity Now, Applied Research team, remote (based in Philadelphia, PA)

Research Scientist, supervised by Annette JACOBY July 2023-present

Amazon.com, Alexa Economics & Measurement, remote (based in Philadelphia, PA)

Economist Intern, supervised by Mingyu CHEN (3 months) Summer 2022

- *Extracted data using SQL; adjusted a Double Machine Learning model in Python; implemented various matching methods combined with event studies and difference-in-differences in Stata to validate and expand the Alexa High-Value-Action model.*

Princeton University, Department of Economics, Princeton, NJ

Teaching Assistant in Economics (4 semesters) 2020-2022

- *Recipient of the Graduate Student Teaching Award for teaching Econometric Applications. Spring 2021*
- *Taught online and in-person Econometric Applications and Introduction to Microeconomics; co-advised a total of 18 undergraduate students majoring in economics on their Junior Independent Work.*

Research Assistant for Prof. Leah BOUSTAN (3 months) Summer 2019

- *Geocoded the historical location of churches using ArcGIS; translated Python cleaning and analysis code into Stata code.*

University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, Chicago, IL

Research Professional, supervised by Prof. Rebecca DIZON-ROSS (25 months) 2016-2018

- *Wrote Stata code for the behind-the-scenes running of a randomized field experiment; cleaned and analyzed experimental data; performed literature reviews; helped with the preparation of presentation slides and paper (re)submissions.*

Sciences Po, Department of Economics, Paris, France

Research Assistant for Prof. Ruben DURANTE (12 months) Summer 2012 & 2015-2016

- *Collected, cleaned, and analyzed data in Stata; performed literature reviews; helped with referee reports and paper revisions.*

Research Assistant for Prof. Quoc-Anh Do and Prof. Élise HUILLERY (2 months) Summer 2015

- *Hand-collected historical data on French West Africa's colonial administrators from official journals at the French Archives.*

OECD, Directorate for Education and Skills, Paris, France

Intern, supervised by Yuri BELFALI and Marco KOOLS (3 months)

Summer 2014

- *Drafted several background papers and summary notes, which either serve as inputs or are included in the OECD education policy reviews; provided inputs for the analysis of education policies by collecting and analyzing information and data.*

RESEARCH PROJECTS

White Flight from Asian Immigration: Evidence from California Schools (with Leah BOUSTAN & Tammy TSENG)

JUE: Insights

- *Implemented a shift-share IV approach to study the “white flight” from Asian students in Californian public school districts.*

Tightening Immigration Policy: Unintended Consequences on Hispanic U.S. Citizens' Health Behavior and Status
working paper

- *Used a triple-difference framework to evaluate the indirect effects of an immigration enforcement policy on Hispanics in the U.S..*

Vertical Connections Matter: School Alumni Networks and Labor-Market Outcomes
progress

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LANGUAGES & PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Languages: French (native), Chinese dialect of Wenzhou (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced), Mandarin Chinese (intermediate)

Programming/software: Stata, Python, R, SQL, ETL, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office