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## Research Interests

Public Economics, Urban Economics, Industrial Organization  
Tax Incidence, Imperfect Information, Bank Branching, Online Bank Competition

## Employment

Financial Economist, Center for Financial Research, FDIC Aug 2021

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, Michigan State University	2015 - 2021
M.A. Economics, Old Dominion University	2013 - 2015
B.A. Economics, Old Dominion University	2009 - 2013

## Research

"The General Equilibrium Incidence of the Earned Income Tax Credit"	2021
"Is the Rent Too High: Land Ownership and Monopoly Power" (with O.Ziv)	2022
"Estimating Supply & Demand Elasticities Using a Single Tax Rate with GE Spillovers"	2021
"The Local Labor Market Effects of State EITC Supplements"	<i>In Progress</i>
"Who Goes to Work with the EITC?" (with B. VanderBerg)	<i>In Stasis</i>
"The Earned Income Tax Credit with Binding Minimum Wages"	<i>In Stasis</i>
"What Does an EITC DiD Estimate?"	<i>In Stasis</i>
"Where You Start Work Depends on Where You Finish School" (with H.Gabriel)	<i>In Stasis</i>

## Prior Employment

Instructor : Development Economics (Michigan State University)	Fall 2020
Instructor : Principles of Microeconomics (Old Dominion University)	Summer 2015
TA : (MSU) Public Revenues, Ec. of Poverty & Income, Int'l Trade (x4), Urban Econ (x3)	
Interm.Micro, Intro.Micro, Intro.Macro	2015-2020
TA : (AEASP) Foundations Microeconomics and Mathematics	Summer 2017
RA : (MSU) Oren Ziv, Prabhat Barnwal, (ODU) Gary Wagner, Tim Komarek	2013-2020
Barista : Starbucks	2009-2015

## Presentations

2023: Mid-Atlantic Trade Workshop. 2022: AREUEA / ASSA, AREUEA Nat'l, NTA, UEA (USA).  
2021: UEA (Europe). 2020: Ohio University, MVEA, NTA. 2019: NTA.

## Service

FDIC - CFR Seminar Coordinator	2022-2023
FDIC - Reader for FDIC Consumer Research Symposium	2022
Michigan State University - Applied Economics Student Workshop Organizer	2017-2020
Michigan State University - Graduate Student Seminar Organizer	2018-2020
Michigan State University - Graduate Instruction Committee	2017-2018
Old Dominion University - Ad Hoc Committee on Birthday Singing	2013-2015

## Projects

FDIC - Options for Deposit Insurance Reform	2023
FDIC - Literature Review on Digital Currencies and Financial Stability	2022

## Referee

Contemporary Economic Policy, International Tax and Public Finance, Public Finance Review

## Awards and Grants

Dissertation Completion Fellowship (MSU)	2020
Outstanding Graduate Economics Student Award (ODU)	2015
Graduate Student Tuition Fellowship (ODU)	2013-2015
Constant Dominion Business Student Merit Scholarship (ODU)	2013
Town-N-Gown Scholarship (ODU)	2013
Governor's Technology Tuition Scholarship (ODU)	2009-2013
Time Magazine Person of the Year (shared)	2006

## Memberships

American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, National Tax Association

## Skills

Strong: R, Stata, MATLAB, Julia. Passing: Python, Gauss. Weak: ArcGIS, SAS.