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Education

Harvard University

PH.D. CANDIDATE IN BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Cambridge, MA

Fall 2021 -

University of Michigan

B.S. IN STATISTICS AND DATA SCIENCE (DOUBLE MAJOR), POLITICAL SCIENCE (MINOR)

Ann Arbor, MI

Fall 2013 - Spring 2017

- Highest Distinction; Phi Beta Kappa Junior Year (1 of 26 selected in class of over 6,000)

Working Papers

The Supply Side of Consumer Debt Repayment

(With Justin Katz and Claire Shi)

Behavioral Cross-Selling: Evidence from Retail Credit Cards

(With Sarah E. Robinson and Claire Shi)

FinTech & Financial Frictions: The Rise of Revenue-Based Financing

Reject & Resubmit at *Review of Financial Studies*

(With Claire Shi and Rowan Clarke)

Publications

The Social Integration of International Migrants: Evidence from the Networks of Syrians in Germany

Forthcoming at *Journal of Political Economy*

(With Michael Bailey, Martin Koenen, Theresa Kuchler, Drew Johnston, and Johannes Stroebel)

Social Networks Shape Beliefs and Behavior: Evidence From Social Distancing During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, 2(4), August 2024

(With Michael Bailey, Martin Koenen, Theresa Kuchler, Drew Johnston, and Johannes Stroebel)

JUE Insight: The geographic spread of COVID-19 correlates with the structure of social networks as measured by Facebook

Journal of Urban Economics, 127(103314), January 2022

(With Theresa Kuchler and Johannes Stroebel)

The Determinants of Social Connectedness in Europe

Social Informatics 2020

(With Michael Bailey, Theresa Kuchler, Drew Johnston, Bogdan State, and Johannes Stroebel)

Research Experience

2022-24 **Harvard University**, Research Assistant (Professor John Campbell)

Cambridge, MA

2022 **Harvard University**, Research Assistant (Professors Raj Chetty & Ed Glaeser)

Cambridge, MA

2019-21 **NYU Stern School of Business**, Junior Research Scientist (Professors Theresa Kuchler & Johannes Stroebel)

New York, NY

2019-21 **Facebook - Core Data Science Team**, Contractor

New York, NY

2013-14 **University of Michigan Political Science**, Research Assistant (PhD candidate Timothy J. Ryan)

Ann Arbor, MI

Teaching Experience

Fall **ECON 2725: Corporate Finance and Banking (PhD elective),**

Cambridge, MA

2023 Teaching assistant for Professors Sam Hanson and Adi Sunderam

Spring **TO 412: Big Data Tools for Data Management and Acquisition (undergrad BBA elective),**

Ann Arbor, MI

2017 Teaching assistant for Professor Hila Etzion (Ross School of Business)

Additional Employment

2017-19 **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**, Director's Financial Analyst
2016 **Applied Predictive Technologies (acquired by Mastercard)**, Associate Product Manager Intern

Washington, DC
Arlington, VA

Presentations

2025 Opportunity Insights
2024 Midwestern Finance Association
2023 Urban Economics Association European Meetings; LACEA HUMANS Seminar
2022 Venice Summer Institute
2020 International Conference of Social Informatics 2020 (SocInfo2020); Data Science Conference on COVID-19

Honors

2025-26 **NBER Graduate Student Fellowship on Consumer Financial Management**,
2023 **Chae Family Economics Research Fund**, w/ Claire Shi
2021- **Graduate Student Affiliate at Opportunity Insights**,
2019 **NYU/Schmidt Futures Computational Economics Fellowship**,
2019 **CFPB Team Achievement Award**, for developing R Shiny app for federal rulemaking w/ one other RA
2017 **Outstanding Undergraduate in Statistics**, selected by department as a top 4 graduate in class of 2017
2016 **Harry S. Truman Scholarship Finalist**, 1 of 3 finalists from state of Michigan

Programming

Languages R (tidyverse, data.table, shiny), Python (polars, pandas, scikit-learn), Stata, Postgres/MySQL/Presto, Fortran, \LaTeX
Package Contributions [nngeo](#) (an R package for nearest neighbor spatial joins), contributor

Refereeing

American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Economic Inquiry

Other Activities

2023-24 **Co-Organizer**, Harvard Doctoral Finance Workshop Cambridge, MA
2022-23 **Co-Organizer**, Harvard Doctoral Finance Reading Group Cambridge, MA
2022-23 **Co-Head**, Harvard Economics Department Peer Support Network Cambridge, MA
2021 **Co-Organizer**, [Pre-Doctoral Research in Economics Workshop](#) Remote
2017-19 **Tutor**, weekly sessions for low-income youth with Project Northstar Washington, DC
2018 **Tax Preparer**, IRS certified for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program Washington, DC