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EDUCATION

Harvard University <i>PhD, Economics (in progress)</i> <i>AM, Economics</i> Fields: Labor and Political Economy	Cambridge, MA 2019- 2019-2022
Columbia University <i>BA, Computer Science and Economics</i>	New York, NY 2013-2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Meta, Core Data Science Team <i>Contractor</i>	Cambridge, MA 2017-2019, 2020-
Harvard University, Department of Economics <i>Graduate Research Assistant, Prof. Raj Chetty</i>	Cambridge, MA 2021-
Harvard University, Department of Economics <i>Graduate Research Assistant, Prof. Gabriel Kreindler</i>	Cambridge, MA 2020
New York University, Stern School of Business <i>Junior Research Scientist, Profs. Theresa Kuchler & Johannes Stroebel</i>	New York, NY 2017-2019
Yale University, Department of Economics <i>Research Assistant, Prof. Costas Arkolakis</i>	New Haven, CT 2016-2017
Columbia University, Department of Economics <i>Research Assistant, Prof. Donald Davis & Sun Kyoung Lee</i>	New York, NY 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Social Capital I: Measurement and Associations with Economic Mobility

Nature, 608 (7921), 108-121. August 2022.

with Raj Chetty, Matthew O. Jackson, Johannes Stroebel, Theresa Kuchler, Nathaniel Hendren, Robert Fluegge, Sara Gong, Federico Gonzalez, Armelle Grondin, Matthew Jacob, Martin Koenen, Eduardo Laguna-Muggenburg, Florian Mudekereza, Tom Rutter, Nicolaj Thor, Wilbur Townsend, Ruby Zhang, Mike Bailey, Pablo Barberá, Monica Bhole, Nils Wernerfelt

Press: [NYT \(1\)](#), [NYT \(2\)](#), [Economist](#), [Washington Post](#), [NPR](#), [CBS](#), [Axios](#), [Brookings](#), [El Pais](#), [The Hill](#) ([Social Capital Atlas](#)) ([Data](#)) ([Working Paper 1](#), [Working Paper 2](#)) ([Slides](#)) ([Summary](#)) ([Cover Art](#))

Social Capital II: Determinants of Economic Connectedness

Nature, 608 (7921), 122-134. August 2022.

with Raj Chetty, Matthew O. Jackson, Johannes Stroebel, Theresa Kuchler, Nathaniel Hendren, Robert Fluegge, Sara Gong, Federico Gonzalez, Armelle Grondin, Matthew Jacob, Martin Koenen, Eduardo Laguna-Muggenburg, Florian Mudekereza, Tom Rutter, Nicolaj Thor, Wilbur Townsend, Ruby Zhang, Mike Bailey, Pablo Barberá, Monica Bhole, Nils Wernerfelt

Peer Effects in Product Adoption

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 14(3), July 2022

with Michael Bailey, Theresa Kuchler, Johannes Stroebel, Arlene Wong

Press: [VoxEU](#), [LSE Business Review](#), [World Economic Forum](#) ([Working Paper](#)) ([Code](#)) ([Appendix](#))

Social Connectedness in Europe

Social Informatics 2020

with Michael Bailey, Theresa Kuchler, Dominic Russel, Bogdan State, Johannes Stroebel

Press: [Facebook Research](#) ([Data](#)) ([Code](#)) ([Appendix](#))

WORKING PAPERS

[Social Networks Shape Beliefs and Behavior: Evidence from Social Distancing during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Revise & Resubmit at *Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics*

with Michael Bailey, Martin Koenen, Theresa Kuchler, Dominic Russel, Johannes Stroebel

Press: [NBER Digest](#)

[The Social Integration of International Migrants: Evidence from the Networks of Syrians in Germany](#)

Best Poster at IC2S2 2022

with Michael Bailey, Martin Koenen, Theresa Kuchler, Dominic Russel, Johannes Stroebel

([Slides](#)) ([Research Summary](#))

PRESENTATIONS

2022 | International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2), Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, Urban Economics Association

2021 | Networks 2021, Southern Economic Association

2020 | Facebook Computational Social Science Seminar

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for the Economic Journal, the Journal of Urban Economics, and the Quarterly Journal of Economics

RESEARCH GRANTS

2022 | \$24,000, Chae Family Economics Research Fund (with Martin Koenen)

OTHER

PhD Affiliate, Opportunity Insights

PhD Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science

2x NCAA Team Fencing Champion