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## EDUCATION

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

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

## PUBLICATIONS

### [Peer Effects in Product Adoption](#)

Forthcoming at *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*  
with Michael Bailey, Theresa Kuchler, Johannes Stroebe, Arlene Wong  
Press: [VoxEU](#), [LSE Business Review](#), [World Economic Forum](#)

### [Social Connectedness in Europe](#)

([data](#)) ([code](#)) ([appendix](#))

*Social Informatics* 2020

with Michael Bailey, Theresa Kuchler, Dominic Russel, Bogdan State, Johannes Stroebe  
Press: [Facebook Research](#)

## WORKING PAPERS

### **Social Capital in the United States I: Measurement and Associations with Economic Mobility**

Conditionally Accepted at *Nature*

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

### **Social Capital in the United States II: Exposure, Friending Bias, and the Determinants of Economic Connectedness**

Conditionally Accepted at *Nature*

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

## 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

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

### PRESENTATIONS

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

2021 | Networks 2021, Southern Economic Association

2020 | Facebook Computational Social Science Seminar

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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

### OTHER

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Opportunity Insights PhD Affiliate, 2x NCAA Team Fencing Champion