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EDUCATION

Ph.D.   Economics, University of California, Berkeley, expected 2027

A.B.   Applied Mathematics *magna cum laude*, Harvard University, 2019

RESEARCH PAPERS

Ian Sapollnik and Dustin Swonder. 2025. "Tax Policy and Business Entry." Working paper.

Dustin Swonder and Damián Vergara. 2024. "A Simple Model of Corporate Tax Incidence." *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 114: 352-357.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Dustin Swonder and Damián Vergara. "A Sufficient Statistics Approach to Optimal Corporate Taxes."

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2025   Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance Fellowship

2024   George Break Prize in Public Finance, UC Berkeley Economics Department

2023   National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2021   UC Berkeley Economics Department Fellowship

2018   Harvard Institute of Politics Summer Service Fellowship

2017   Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning at Harvard

GRANTS

2025   Berkeley Opportunity Lab Place-Based Policy Initiative Graduate Research Award

2025   Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics Research Grant

2025   Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Graduate Research Award

2025   Economists for Equity at Berkeley Small Grant

PRESENTATIONS

2025   Berkeley Finance Lunch, Berkeley Public Finance Seminar

2024   AEA Annual Meeting*, Berkeley Real Estate Lunch

2023   Berkeley Economic History Seminar, International Political Economy Society Conference*

Pre-Ph.D.   U.S. Treasury Department Office of Economic Policy, Carroll Round International Economics Conference

* conference presentation by co-author

EMPLOYMENT

Teaching

UC Berkeley

2024	ECON 230A Graduate Public Economics, teaching assistant
2022	ECON 140 Econometrics, departmental tutor
2021	ECON 100B Macroeconomics, departmental tutor

Harvard University

2019	MATH 112 Introductory Real Analysis, course assistant
2018	MATH 18 Multivariable Calculus for the Social Sciences, head course assistant
2017	MATH 18 Multivariable Calculus for the Social Sciences, course assistant

Research

2025	Graduate research assistant at the Terner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley
2022–24	Graduate research assistant for Danny Yagan, UC Berkeley Economics Department
2019–21	Research assistant for Owen Zidar, Princeton Program in Public Finance
2018	Research assistant intern at U.S. Treasury Department Office of Economic Policy
2017	Research assistant intern at The Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee service: *Journal of Public Economics*

Committee service: UC Berkeley Economics PhD Program Student Admissions Review Committee (2023–present); UC Berkeley Graduate Economics Association (co-chair, 2022–23)

Organizing service: UC Berkeley Public Finance Third-Year Advising Group (2023–24); UC Berkeley Business Taxation Reading Group (2023)

Mentoring & diversity service: UC Berkeley Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (2023–present); Berkeley Economists for Equity Faculty Recruitment Initiative (2023-24)

Workshops attended: UC Berkeley Stone Center Summer Institute (2023); Becker Friedman Institute Price Theory Summer Camp (2022)

OTHER INFORMATION

US Census Bureau Special Sworn Status (2024–)

Born 1996 in Richmond, Indiana.

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