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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

Working papers

Dustin Swonder and Damián Vergara. 2025. “A Sufficient Statistics Approach to Optimal Corporate Taxes.”

Publications

Ian Sapollnik and Dustin Swonder. 2025. “Tax Policy and Business Entry.” *Journal of Public Economics*, Forthcoming.

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

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 UC 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, INCLUDING SCHEDULED

2025 UC Berkeley, National Tax Association Annual Conference*, NBER Economic Analysis of Business Taxation Conference*
2024 UC Berkeley, AEA Annual Meeting*
2023 UC Berkeley, 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

- 2024–25 ECON 230A Graduate Public Economics, grader
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 Turner 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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