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

### Publications

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.

Updated November 2025