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## POSITIONS

### **International Monetary Fund**

Economist (Economist Program)

September 2024 - present

## EDUCATION

### **Cornell University**

Ph.D. in Economics

2024

Master of Arts in Economics

2021

*Dissertation:* Labor Demand and the Macroeconomy

*Research fields:* Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Industry Dynamics

### **New York University**

Master of Public Administration

2017

*Specialization:* Public Finance and Financial Management

## JOB MARKET PAPER

### **“Optimal Skill Mixing Under Technological Advancements.”** [paper](#)

*Presentations.* In 2024: IMF, SaM Asia-Pacific (NUS), Wake Forest University, Norwegian School of Economics, Amherst College, Monash University, Tilburg University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, DUFEE IAER. In 2023: Labor Firms Macro (UPenn), Midwest Macro Conference, European Economic Association (EEA) Annual Congress, ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting. In 2022 and earlier: Southern Economics Association (SEA), Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE), Economics Graduate Student Conference (EGSC) at WUSTL, Cornell Labor Work-in-Progress

## OTHER WORKING PAPERS

### **“E-commerce and Regional Inequality: A Trade Framework and Evidence from Amazon’s Expansion.”** [Latest draft](#)

*Presentations.* In 2025/4: ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting, Southern Economics Association (SEA). In 2023: Urban Economic Association (UEA), Eastern Economic Association. In 2022: Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (Philadelphia Fed), Midwest Macroeconomics, Midwest International Trade, Cornell Macroeconomics Lunch, CIREQ Graduate Student Conference

### **“The Quantity-Quality Tradeoff of Employment and Labor Share Effects of Monetary Policy.”**

### **“Learning, Inertia and Outcomes of Student School Search,”** with Jesse Margolis

*Presentations:* ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting 2018, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) 2018, Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) 2018

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Rise of Dollar and Decline of Business Dynamism,” with Wentong Chen

“Household Debt, Firm Mark-up and Mark-down,” with Shihan Shen

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Research Assistanships

Prof. Philipp Kircher (Cornell University) 2022

Prof. Pauline Leung (Cornell University) 2021

Prof. Warren Brown (Cornell University) and Prof. Sarah Hamersma (Syracuse) 2019 - 2020

Prof. Julieta Caunedo (Cornell University) 2020

### Research Institutions

Research Fellow, NYC Mayor’s Office for Economic Opportunity 2017 - 2018

Graduate Researcher, NYU Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy 2016 - 2017

Summer Analyst, United Nations Development Programme Summer 2016

## SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

Laura Bassi Publication Accelerator Grant, Bassi Foundation 2023

AEA, CIREQ Meetings Travel Grants 2022-2023

Small Grant in Labor Economics, Cornell University 2020

Maltby, Lucy Fellowship, Cornell University 2018

Human Service Studies Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University 2018

Eastwood, Ruth Ada Birk Scholarship, Cornell University 2018

Rollins, Mabel Scholarship, Cornell University 2018

Association for Education Finance and Policy Travel Grant 2018

Department of Economics & Brooks School Travel Awards ( $\times 5$ ), Cornell University 2018-2024

Ellen Schall Summer Grant, New York University 2016

First National Award in English Public Speaking, Ministry of Education of China 2012

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Cornell University

Intermediate Microeconomics Theory, TA for Prof. Philipp Kircher Spring 2023

Introductory Macroeconomics, TA for Prof. Jennifer Wissink Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Multiple Regression Analysis, TA for Prof. Nicolas Bottan Spring 2022

Behavioral Economics and Public Policy, TA for Prof. Brandon Tripp Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Intermediate Policy Analysis, TA for Prof. Rick Geddes Spring 2020

Economics of the Public Sector, TA for Prof. Brandon Tripp Fall 2019

### New York University

Microeconomics, Tutor for Prof. Sewin Chen Fall 2016

## SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Judge and Selection Committee Member, Cornell Undergraduate Research Board Spring 2024

Mentor for DEI Program PhD students, Cornell Brooks School Summer 2023

Mentor for Graduate Mentoring Program, Cornell Economics Department	Summer 2023
Graduate Field Representative, Cornell Graduate Student Association	2019 - 2020
Vice Chair, Wagner Economics and Finance Association	2016 - 2017
Mentor for Underrepresented Students, NYC Urban Assembly Academy	2015 - 2016

## **OTHER TRAININGS**

Macro Finance Summer School, Princeton University	2024
Certificate of Data, Statistical Inference and Modeling, Duke University	2015
Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Level I passed	2015
Certified Accounting Professional of China	2013
Exchange Student, Hong Kong University	2013
Exchange Student, Chinese Culture University (Taipei)	2012

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Programming: MATLAB, Stata, R, SAS, ArcGIS, Tableau; familiar with Python, SQL  
 Languages: English (fluent), Chinese Mandarin (native)

Last updated: January, 2025