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EDUCATION

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| Aug. 2025 – Present | University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, Michigan
Joint Ph.D. in Economics and Public Policy
Expected graduation May 2031 |
| Aug. 2016 – May 2020 | University of Kentucky , Lexington, Kentucky
B.A. Political Science, Honors
B.A. Environmental and Sustainability Studies, Honors
Concentration: Economics
B.A. International Studies, Honors
Concentration: Comparative Politics in Latin America, Honors
Statistics Minor |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| Jan. 2024 – Jul. 2025 | University of Chicago Booth School of Business
Chicago, Illinois
Pre-Doctoral Research Professional for Matthew J. Notowidigdo |
| Aug. 2022 – Jan. 2024 | Rustandy Center for Social Sector Innovation
University of Chicago Booth School of Business
Chicago, Illinois
Research Professional |
| Feb. 2021 – Aug. 2022 | NORC at the University of Chicago
Economics, Justice and Society Department
Chicago, Illinois
Research Associate |
| Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2019 | University of Delaware
Center for Experimental and Applied Economics
Newark, Delaware
Summer Research Assistant for Dr. Kelly Davidson |
| Aug. 2018 – Feb. 2021 | University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky
Undergraduate Research Assistant for Dr. Lauren Cagle |

PRESENTATIONS

- **Princeton University Pre-Doctoral Economics Conference**
The Efficacy of Artificial Intelligence in Combating Crime: An Empirical Analysis of ShotSpotter

in Chicago

Princeton, New Jersey, May 2025.

- **Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research**
"No Thank You, Next" – Item Nonresponse of Sensitive Topics in the General Social Survey
Chicago, Illinois, November 2021.
- **American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting**
Science Communication as Dialogue, not Monologue: Engaging Underserved Geological Survey Stakeholders in Appalachian Kentucky
Remote, December 2020.
- **Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars, University of Kentucky**
Evaluating the Effects of Peer Information and Social Influence on Oyster Consumption
Lexington, Kentucky, May 2020.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **NORC at the University of Chicago Employee Recognition Award**
Economics, Justice and Society Department, 2021.
- **Intercollegiate Sustainability Research Fellowship**
University of Kentucky, Summer 2019.
- **College of Arts and Sciences Student Ambassador of the Year**
University of Kentucky, 2018-2019.
- **Policy Debate Full-Tuition Scholarship**
University of Kentucky, 2016-2020
- **Kentucky Heritage Scholarship**
University of Kentucky, 2016-2020
- **Urban Debater of the Year**
National Association for Urban Debate Leagues, 2016.