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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics and ILR School, 2024– Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and ILR School, 2017–2024	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2025– Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2024–2025 Affiliated Faculty, Cornell Center for Social Sciences, 2017– Fellow, Columbia Center for Development Economics and Policy, 2015–	
EDITORIAL POSITIONS	Co-editor, <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i> , 2025–	
EDUCATION	Columbia University, New York, NY Ph.D. in Economics, 2011–2017 Committee: Bentley MacLeod, Miikka Rokkanen, Miguel Urquiola Washington University, St. Louis, MO B.A., <i>summa cum laude</i> , 2004–2008 Majors: Economics (Honors with Distinction), Political Science Minor: Mathematics	
WORKING PAPERS	“Disparate Impacts of Teacher Certification Exams” with Christa Deneault and Jian Zou “Should states reduce teacher licensing requirements? Evidence from the rise of for-profit training programs in Texas” with Christa Deneault “Stakes and signals: An empirical investigation of muddled information in standardized testing” with Germán Reyes and Ruqing Xu “Community impacts of mass incarceration” with Arpit Gupta and Christopher Hansman Revise and resubmit, <i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i>	

PUBLISHED &
FORTHCOMING
ARTICLES

“The direct and spillover effects of large-scale affirmative action at an elite Brazilian university”

with Cecilia Machado and Germán Reyes

Journal of Labor Economics 2025, 43(2): 391–431

“Do less informative college admission exams reduce earnings inequality? Evidence from Colombia”

Journal of Labor Economics 2024, 42(4): 1009–1047

“The returns to STEM programs for less-prepared students”

with Kevin Ng

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy 2024, 16(2): 37–77

“Accountability, test prep incentives, and the design of math and English exams”

with Meredith Welch

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management 2023, 42(1): 60–96

“Do college students benefit from placement into higher-achieving classes?”

with Nicolás de Roux

Journal of Public Economics 2022, 210: 104669

“Disrupted academic careers: The returns to time off after high school”

with Nicolás de Roux

Journal of Development Economics 2022, 156: 102824

“Learning and earning: An approximation to college value added in two dimensions”

with Juan E. Saavedra and Miguel Urquiola

Productivity in Higher Education, edited by C. Hoxby and K. Stange, The University of Chicago Press, 2019, Chapter 4, pp. 105–132

“The big sort: College reputation and labor market outcomes”

with W. Bentley MacLeod, Juan E. Saavedra, and Miguel Urquiola

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics 2017, 9(3): 223–261

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

2026 (including scheduled): University of Tennessee

2025: ASSA Annual Meeting, SOLE Annual Meeting, San Diego State University, NBER Economics of Education (Fall)*

2024: Chicago Booth, Dondena-Cornell Gathering, Inter-American Development Bank, LERA@ASSA Meeting, Middlebury College, NBER Summer Institute (Personnel)

2023: Clemson University, Simon Fraser University

2022: American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting*, NBER Summer Institute (Law and Economics)*, Northeastern Economics of Education Workshop, SOLE Annual Meeting, Texas Economics of Crime Workshop, Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime*, University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of Illinois School of Labor and Employment Relations, Washington University in St. Louis

2020 (including cancelled): ASSA Annual Meeting, Labor Markets and Public Policy Research Workshop (Clemson University), Northeast Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists (Princeton University)

2019: Binghamton University, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, SOLE Annual Meeting, Syracuse University, University at Buffalo, University of Rochester

2018: Mechanism Design for Social Good Workshop (Conference on Economics and Computation), NBER Economics of Education (Spring), SOLE Annual Meetings

2017: Chicago Booth, Cornell University, Institute of Developing Economies, University of British Columbia, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, U.S. Naval Academy, Waseda University

2016: LACEA Annual Meeting, WEAI Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop

2015: SOLE Annual Meeting

2014: NBER Summer Institute (Labor/Education)*

*Denotes co-author presentation of joint paper (partial list)

TEACHING

Seminar in Labor Economics I (Ph.D.)

Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024

Inequality in U.S. Higher Education (Undergraduate)

Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026

Economics of Wages and Employment (Undergraduate)

Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Labor Economics (Master's)

Spring 2025, Spring 2026

Labor Economics Workshop (Organizer)

Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021

HONORS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

Excellence in Reviewing, *Journal of Human Resources*, 2025

Spencer Foundation Small Grant Program (\$45,000), "The unequal impacts of teacher certification exams on prospective teachers and students" with Jian Zou, 2025

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Cornell ILR School, 2024

MacIntyre Award for Exemplary Teaching and Advising, Cornell ILR School, 2023

Grant award (\$12,000), Cornell Center for Social Sciences, 2023

Faculty Fellowship, Cornell Center for Social Sciences, 2022

Small Grant award (\$5,000), Cornell Institute for the Social Sciences, 2018

Best research paper by a Ph.D. student, Columbia Committee on the Economics of Education, 2015

Vickrey Prize for best third year economics paper, Columbia University, 2014

Lewis A. Sanders Endowed Fellowship in Economics, Columbia University, 2014

Wueller Teaching Award (runner up), Columbia University, 2013

Adam Smith Prize for Excellence in Economics, Washington University, 2008

Antoinette Frances Dames Award in Music, Washington University, 2008

REFEREE
SERVICE

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Applied Economics Letters, Economics Bulletin, Economics of Education Review, The Economic Journal, Economic Letters, Education Finance and Policy, European Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, Research in Higher Education, Review of Development Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, The Quarterly Journal of Economics

OTHER SERVICE

Conference organizer (with Ying Shi, John Singleton, and Maria Zhu), FLX Economics of Education Workshop, 2023–2025

Conference reviewer, Society of Labor Economics (SOLE), 2023

Speaker, Cornell Upward Bound program, 2022

Conference reviewer, Mechanism Design for Social Good (M4DSG)/Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization (EAAMO), 2020–2021

Reviewer, National Science Foundation's Economics Program, 2018

PH.D. ADVISING

Samuel Dodini (Cornell Economics 2021, Placement: Post-doc, Norwegian School of Economics)

Nikolai Boboshko (Cornell Economics 2022, Placement: Associate, Cornerstone Research)

Martha Johnson (Cornell Economics 2022, Placement: Economist, Anthem Health Insurance)

Kevin Ng (Cornell Economics 2022, Placement: Research Analyst, CNA)

Christa Deneault (Cornell Economics 2023, Placement: Economist, Federal Trade Commission)

Germán Reyes (Cornell Economics 2023, Placement: Assistant Professor, Middlebury College)

Yaling Xu (Cornell Economics 2026, Placement: Post-doc, Norwegian School of Economics)

Helen Burkhardt (Cornell Economics, current student)

Hyewon Kim (Cornell Economics, current student)

Adrian Haws (Cornell Economics, current student)

Senan Hogan Hennessy (Cornell Economics, current student)

Tess Lallemand (Cornell Applied Economics & Management, current student)

Daniel Sabey (Cornell Economics, current student)

Jennifer Suh (Cornell Economics, current student)

UNDERGRAD
HONORS THESIS
ADVISING

Ludvig Cedemar (Cornell Economics 2020, primary advisor, winner of Uri M. Possen Award for best undergraduate honors thesis in economics)

Megan Shkolyar (Cornell ILR 2020, primary advisor)

Alexandra Macdonald (Cornell ILR 2020, second reader)

Richmond Addae (Cornell ILR 2023, primary advisor)

Arianna Josue (Cornell ILR 2024, second reader)

Marina Starikovsky (Cornell ILR 2025, second reader)

Sakiel Ruff (Cornell ILR 2025, second reader)

OTHER WORK
EXPERIENCE

Senior Analyst, Analysis Group, Denver, CO, 2008–2011

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