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Main Academic Positions

Cornell University
Professor, 2024-

Princeton University
Professor, 2023-2024
Associate Professor, 2021-2023
Assistant Professor, 2013-2021

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Economist, 2010-2013

Other Affiliations

Visiting Professor, Cornell, Spring 2024
Visiting Professor, CEMFI, Fall 2023
Visiting Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, 2019-2020
Visiting Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2016
Visiting Scholar, New York University, Fall 2015
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2021-
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2014-2021
CESifo Research Network Affiliate, 2014-

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Chicago, 2010
M.A., Economics, University of Chicago, 2006
B.A., Mathematics and Economics, Yale University, 2003

Refereed Publications (and Accepted)

“Plants in Space” with Esteban Rossi-Hansberg, Pierre-Daniel Sarte, and Nicholas Trachter
Journal of Political Economy, 2024

“The Elusive Decline in the Labor Share” with Gene Grossman
Annual Review of Economics, 2022

“Endogenous Education and Long-Run Factor Shares” with Gene Grossman, Elhanan Helpman,
and Thomas Sampson
AER: Insights, 2021

“Learning from Coworkers” with Gregor Jarosch and Esteban Rossi-Hansberg
Econometrica, 2021

“Micro Data and Macro Technology” with Devesh Raval
Econometrica, 2021

“Misallocation in the Market for Inputs: Enforcement and the Organization of Production” with
Johannes Boehm
Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2020

“The Global Diffusion of Ideas” with Paco Buera
Econometrica, 2020

“A Theory of Input-Output Architecture”
Econometrica, 2018

“Balanced Growth Despite Uzawa” with Gene Grossman, Elhanan Helpman, and Thomas Sampson
American Economic Review, 2017

“Productivity and Misallocation During a Crisis: Evidence from the Chilean Crisis of 1982”
Review of Economic Dynamics, 2013

“Commodity Money with Frequent Search” with Nicholas Trachter
Journal of Economic Theory, 2012

“Optimal Taxation over the Life Cycle” with Aspen Gorry
Review of Economic Dynamics, 2012

Working Papers

“The Network Origins of Firm Dynamics: Contracting Frictions and Dynamism with Long-Term
Relationships” with Johannes Boehm, Ruairidh South, and Mazhar Waseem

“Banks in Space” with Esteban Rossi-Hansberg, Nicholas Trachter, and Derek Wenning

“Inequality and Measured Growth”

“Scalable Expertise” with David Argente, Sara Moreira, and Venky Venkateswaran

“Growth and the Fragmentation of Production” with Johannes Boehm

Grants

Washington Center for Equitable Growth, 2015
Princeton/Sciences Po Partnership Grant, 2015, 2018

Honors and Awards

John MacLean Jr. Presidential University Preceptor, Princeton University, 2016-2019
Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award, Macro, Money, and International Finance, 2014
Esther and T.W. Schultz Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2010
Fellowships Margaret G. Reid Memorial Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2009
Lee Prize, Capital Theory/Money & Banking Field Exam, University of Chicago, 2007
Lee Prize, Price Theory Core Exam, University of Chicago, 2006

Invited Seminars (and scheduled)

2024: USC, FRB Cleveland, Emory, Yale, Harvard, UCLA, Boston College, UNC Charlotte, Dartmouth
2023: Berkeley, Central Bank of Chile, World Bank, Geneva, Bocconi, CEMFI, LSE, Zurich, Cambridge, CREI/UPF, University of Barcelona, UCL
2022: UNC, Penn, UBC, UCLA, ASU, Toronto, FRB St. Louis, Cornell, NYU/Columbia, SaMMF, Duke, Rochester
2021: Edinburgh, EUI, Autonoma, EIEF, Chicago Booth, Bank of Portugal, Georgetown, Penn State, Glasgow, Carnegie Mellon, Peking, NYU, Yale, Wisconsin
2020: Santa Cruz, Queens, UCSD, CEU
2019: Stanford, Chicago, Georgetown, BU, FRB Minneapolis, World Bank, FRB Philadelphia, UCLA, MIT, UQAM, FRB San Francisco
2018: UT Austin, IIES, Oslo, Boston College, Western, Penn State, MIT/Harvard, ITAM, Clemson, Toronto
2017: Yale, FRB St. Louis, Northwestern, Central Bank of Chile, Rutgers, Berkeley, CREI, LSE
2016: Penn, Stanford, FRB Boston, Chicago, FRB Atlanta, Ecole Polytechnique, Cornell, Brown, Rochester
2015: UBC, Chicago, BU, Drexel, Temple, NYU
2014: Utah State, Washington University in St. Louis, Harvard, MIT, Wisconsin, Carnegie Mellon, FRB Dallas, Penn, Columbia
2013: NYU Stern, Yeshiva, Purdue, Toronto, Princeton, UCL, Yale, UCLA, Cornell, Rochester, FRB Richmond, Minnesota, BU, Toulouse, Iowa, Wharton, FRB Philadelphia, Emory
2012: University of Houston
2011: Notre Dame, Penn State, UC Santa Cruz, EIEF, Chicago, FRB Minneapolis
2010: FRB Chicago
2009: Chicago

Conference Presentations

The Network Origins of Firm Dynamics: Contracting Frictions and Dynamism with Long-Term Relationships
Society for Economic Dynamics, Barcelona, 2024

Banks in Space

NBER SI: ITI; Minnesota Macro, 2024

Inequality and Measured Growth

Gene Grossman 65 Conference, 2022; Annual Meeting of the CEPR Macroeconomics and Growth Programme, Dublin, 2022; NBER EFG, San Francisco, 2023; Society for Economic Dynamics, Cartagena, 2023; NBER SI: CRIW, Cambridge, 2023; Minnesota Macro, 2023

Growth and the Fragmentation of Production

Society for Economic Dynamics, Minneapolis, 2021; NBER SI: EFEG, Cambridge, 2022; Richmond Fed Miniconference on Advances in Macro-Development, 2022; Toronto/Rotman Macro-Trade-Development Workshop, 2022

Plants in Space

Aggregate Dynamics in Models with Heterogeneous Agents, Chicago, 2021; BU Trade Day, 2021; Canadian Macro Study Group, 2021; Center for Urban and Regional Economics, 2020; Society for Economic Dynamics, St. Louis, 2019; NYU Trade Jamboree, 2019

Learning From Coworkers

Macro Mini-Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, 2018; Minnesota Macro, Minneapolis, 2018; NBER SI: EFEG, Cambridge, 2018; Workshop on the Economics of Growth and Development, Rennes, 2018

The Productivity Slowdown and the Declining Labor Share: A Neoclassical Exploration

Advances in Macroeconomics: Growth, Misallocation and Factor Shares, ASU, 2019; Society for Economic Dynamics, Mexico City, 2018;

Misallocation in the Market for Inputs: Enforcement and the Organization of Production

Duke Miniconference on Firm, Industry, and Trade Dynamics, 2019; IGC/CDEP/Chazen Conference on Firms, Trade, and Development, New York, 2017; Granularity and Production Networks in Macro, Santiago, 2017; LSE Workshop on Networks in Macro & Finance, London, 2017; Cornell-Notre Dame Macroeconomic Workshop, London, 2017; Society for Economic Dynamics, Edinburgh, 2017; Rome Workshop on Macroeconomics, 2017; St. Louis Advances in Research (STLAR) Conference, 2017

Balanced Growth Despite Uzawa

Minnesota Macro, Minneapolis, 2016; Society for Economic Dynamics, Warsaw 2016; ASU Growth and Development Conference, Tempe 2016

Organizing Idea Flows

Society for Economic Dynamics, Warsaw 2015

The Global Diffusion of Ideas

NYU Stern-Atlanta Fed International Workshop, 2015; NBER Summer Institute: Economic Growth, 2015; NBER Summer Institute: Macroeconomics Within and Across Borders, 2015; Princeton IES Summer Workshop, 2015; Macro Workshop at Yonsei University, Seoul, 2015; CIGS Conference on Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, Tokyo, 2015; Rome Junior Conference on Macroeconomics, Rome, 2014; Cowles Summer Conference on Macroeconomics, Trade, and Development, New Haven,

2014

Micro Data and Macro Technology

Philadelphia Macro Workshop, 2015; CIREQ Labor Workshop, Montreal, 2014; Canadian Macro Study Group, Hamilton, 2014; Minnesota Macro, Minneapolis, 2014; NBER Summer Institute: Economic Growth, Cambridge, 2014; Rome Junior Conference on Macroeconomics, Rome, 2013; Search and Matching Workshop, Chicago, 2012

Misallocation in the Market for Inputs

Society for Economic Dynamics, Toronto, 2014; LACEA/LAMES, Mexico City, 2013

A Theory of Input-Output Architecture

Second European Meeting of Network Economics, Essex, 2014; CESifo, Macro, Money, and International Finance, Munich, 2014; BFI Conference on Networks in Macroeconomics and Finance, Chicago, 2013; Society for Economic Dynamics, Seoul, 2013; Rome Junior Conference on Macroeconomics, Rome, 2012; NBER Summer Institute, Economic Growth, Cambridge, 2011

Productivity and Misallocation During a Crisis: Evidence from the Chilean Crisis of 1982

Society for Economic Dynamics, Ghent, 2011

Optimal Taxation over the Life Cycle

Society for Economic Dynamics, Istanbul, 2009; Econometric Society NASM, Pittsburgh, 2008; Midwest Macro Meetings, Bloomington, 2008

Discussions

Washinton Center for Equitable Growth Online Seminar, 2023
NBER Summer Institute: EFEG, 2023
Cowles Conference on Trade and Growth, 2022
Handbook of International Economics Conference, 2021
Big Data Forum, 2021
Carnegie NYU Rochester Conference, 2020
NBER Summer Institute: EFEG, 2020
Atlanta Workshop on International Economics, 2019
Fordham Conference on Macro and International Finance, New York, 2019
AEA Annual Meetings, Atlanta, 2019
Philly Fed Trade Workshop, Philadelphia, 2018
Conference on International Economics, Dallas, 2018
AEA Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, 2018
NBER Summer Institute: ITI, Cambridge, 2017
AEA Annual Meetings, Chicago, 2017
Center for Equitable Growth, Washington DC, 2016
Banque de France Workshop on Granularity, Paris, 2016
NBER Summer Institute: ITM, Cambridge, 2015
New York Area Real Side Macroeconomics, New York, 2014
Philly Fed Trade Workshop, Philadelphia, 2014
Philadelphia Search and Matching Conference, Philadelphia, 2014
NBER Summer Institute: Macro and Productivity, Cambridge, 2014

New York Area Real Side Macroeconomics, New York, 2013
Rome Junior Conference on Macroeconomics, Rome, 2012

Professional Service

Referee for *Journal of Political Economy*, *Econometrica*, *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *AEJ: Macro*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *Theoretical Economics*, *International Economic Review*, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics*, *Economic Perspectives of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*, *Economic Letters*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of International Economics*

Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Theory*, 2021-2023

Associate Editor, *Theoretical Economics*, 2021-2024

Associate Editor, *Journal of Political Economy*, 2021-2023

Program Committee, North American Winter Meeting, Econometric Society, 2023

Co-organizer, NBER EFG Winter Meeting, 2022

Theme Leader for “Firms, Frictions and Spillovers, and Industrial Policy,” Structural Transformation and Economic Growth Program, 2020-

Program Area Coordinator, World Congress of the Econometric Society, 2020

Co-organizer, NBER Growth Winter Meeting, 2018

Program Committee, Society for Economic Dynamics, 2015-2017, 2019

Co-organizer, Minnesota Macro, 2015