# Grant Benjamin

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Citizenship: Canadian

Research Interests: Urban Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Spatial Economics,

Real Estate Economics

#### EDUCATION

M5S 3G7, Canada

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Toronto 2027 (Expected)

Committee: Nathaniel Baum-Snow (supervisor), Stephan Heblich,

Jonathan Hall

M.A in Economics, University of British Columbia 2019

B.A. in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, Mount Allison University 2018

#### Working Papers

Braking Habits: The Impact of Leading Pedestrian Intervals

Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Public Economics

Mass Reproducibility and Replicability: A New Hope with Abel Brodeur et al. (see

full list of authors on pages 2-3) Revise and Resubmit at Nature

Mortality, temperature, and public health provision: A comment on Cohen and

Dechezlepretre (2022) with Benjamin Couillard, and Jonathan Hall

I4R Discussion Paper Series

## Works-In-Progress

Construction Productivty Stagnation (Job Market Paper)

Spatial Spillovers in the Attention Economy

Urban Reserves with Stephan Heblich

#### OTHER PROJECTS

Negative COVID-19 vaccine information on Twitter: content analysis with Niko Yiannakoulias, J Connor Darlington, and Catherine E Slavik

JMIR infodemiology. JMIR Publications. August 29, 2022.

Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism: Best Practices and Standardiza-

tions with Matthew John Cross

Handbook of Security Science. Springer International Publishing. September 28, 2022.

#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship (Doctoral) (\$35,000 $\times$ 1, \$40,000 $\times$ 2)	2023 - 2026
School Of Cities Graduate Student Fellowship (\$3,500)	2024
Samuel Hollander Graduate Award (\$2,000)	2024
University of Toronto Doctoral Fellowship ( $\$7,000 \times 5$ )	2021 - present
University of Toronto Graduate Program Award ( $\$1,000 \times 3$ )	2021 - present
Faculty Of Arts And Science Fellowship ( $\$1,000 \times 3$ )	2021 - 2023
SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship (Masters) (\$17,500)	2018
University of British Columbia Masters Fellowship (\$8,000)	2018
Mount Allison University Don Norton Award Winner	2018
Harold Simpson Award Winner in Economics	2018
Mount Allison University Leadership Award	2018

## Professional Experience

Teaching Assistant 2021 - present

- ECO 101: Principles of Microeconomics (2022)
- ECO 202: Macroeconomic Theory and Policy (2021)
- ECO 208: Macroeconomic Theory (2025)
- ECO 333: Urban Economics (2023 2025)
- ECO 372: Data Analysis and Applied Econometrics (2021 2023)
- ECO 502: Lead Stata Teaching Assistant (2022)
- ECO 504: Lead Writing Integrated Teaching Assistant (2022 2025)

Research Assistant 2022 - present

- Aloysius Siow (2022 2024)
- Johnathan Hal (2022 present)
- Nathanial Baum-Snow (2023 present)

## Conference Presentations

North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association (Montreal)	2025
University of Toronto PhD Urban Conference (Toronto)	2025
School of Cities Fellowship Conference (Toronto)	2024
University of Toronto PhD Urban Conference (Toronto)	2024

## Refereeing Experience

Journal of Urban Economics (x2)

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

Graduate Student Union Social Planner	2025 - present
Co-Organizer of the Graduate Student Workshop	2024 - present
Co-Organizer of the Empirical Microeconomics Seminar Series	2024
PhD Academic Mentor	2023 - present
North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association Assistant	2023
Graduate Student Union Representative	2021 - 2022

#### LANGUAGES

English (native), French (intermediate)

Programming: Python, Stata, R, GIS (using Python and R), LATEX, Tableau, SQL, MATLAB

## REFERENCES

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