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**Citizenship:**

Canadian

**Research Interests:**

Urban Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Spatial Economics,  
Real Estate Economics

## EDUCATION

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

*IQR Discussion Paper Series*

## WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

**Construction Productivity 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 Yiannakoulis, J Connor Darlington, and Catherine E Slavik

*JMIR infodemiology. JMIR Publications. August 29, 2022.*

**Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism: Best Practices and Standardizations** 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ECO 101: Principles of Microeconomics (2022)</li><li>• ECO 202: Macroeconomic Theory and Policy (2021)</li><li>• ECO 208: Macroeconomic Theory (2025)</li><li>• ECO 333: Urban Economics (2023 - 2025)</li><li>• ECO 372: Data Analysis and Applied Econometrics (2021 - 2023)</li><li>• ECO 502: Lead Stata Teaching Assistant (2022)</li><li>• ECO 504: Lead Writing Integrated Teaching Assistant (2022 - 2025)</li></ul>	
Research Assistant	2022 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aloysius Siow (2022 - 2024)</li><li>• Johnathan Hal (2022 - present)</li><li>• Nathaniel Baum-Snow (2023 - present)</li></ul>	

## 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

## REFEREING 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), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Tableau, SQL, MATLAB

## REFERENCES

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