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## Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Economics, Michigan State University. Expected completion June 2026. Thesis: “Mandatory Flood Risk Disclosure Laws and their Effects on Rent Prices and Sorting Patterns.”

M.A., Economics, Michigan State University, 2022.

B.S., Applied Mathematics (GPA: 4.0), Probability and Statistics Concentration, Kent State University, 2020.

B.A., International Relations with a Minor in Economics (GPA: 4.0), Kent State University, 2020.

## Fields of Specialization

Energy and Environmental Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Urban Economics, and Public Economics.

## Publications

Santiago, A. M., & Margetis, I. (2025). Neighborhood Violence Exposure and Alcohol and Tobacco Use Initiation Among Ethnic Minority Adolescents. *Healthcare*, 13(2), 194.

## Working Papers

Job market paper: “The Effects of a Mandatory Flood Risk Disclosure Law on Rent Prices in Texas”.

“The Effects of a Mandatory Flood Risk Disclosure Law on Rent Prices in Allen County, Indiana”.

“Exacting a Pound of Flesh: Neighborhood Environments and Childhood Obesity.” Joint with Dr. Anna Maria Santiago.

“Individual, Family and Neighborhood Antecedents of Childhood Homelessness for Low-Income Latino and African American Youth in the United States: The Case of Denver.” Joint with Dr. Anna Maria Santiago.

## Research Experience

**Research Assistant**, Dr. Anna Maria Santiago, Michigan State University, 2022–present.

- Conducted advanced data analysis, spatial processing, and statistical modeling using Stata, R, and ArcGIS Pro for projects on poverty, neighborhood dynamics, and low-income homeownership.
- Contributed to the authorship of one published article and three additional manuscripts currently under review for academic publication.

**Research Assistant**, Dr. Prabhat Barnwal, Michigan State University, 2022.

- Supported empirical research in Development and Environmental Economics through construction, harmonization, and analysis of high-frequency administrative microdata.
- Designed and implemented scalable data pipelines for cleaning, transforming, and analyzing datasets exceeding 10 million observations using Stata and R.

## Teaching Experience

**Certificate in College Teaching**, Michigan State University, 2025.

- Completed interdisciplinary coursework and professional development in pedagogy through Michigan State’s Graduate School Certification in College Teaching program.

- Designed and implemented a mentored teaching project as part of the Future Academics in Teaching (FAST) Fellowship, evaluating how cooperative learning and generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT) can enhance analytical reasoning and collaboration in economics education.
- Undertook targeted training in teaching college-level mathematics to address quantitative skill gaps among economics students and support conceptual understanding in theory courses.
- Developed a student-centered, evidence-based teaching philosophy emphasizing inclusivity, relatability, and critical thinking.

**Teaching Assistant**, EC 302 Intermediate Microeconomics, Michigan State University, Fall 2021.

- Held weekly office hours and tutoring sessions in the Economics Help Room to reinforce lecture content and support student success.
- Provided detailed feedback on problem sets and exams to help students strengthen technical and analytical skills.

**Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer**, EC 202 Introduction to Macroeconomics, Michigan State University, Spring 2021.

- Delivered guest lectures to a class of over 150 students, focusing on core macroeconomic concepts and real-world applications.
- Engaged in classroom management and lecture planning under the mentorship of Professor Gardner to gain direct instructional experience.
- Supported students through office hours and Help Room tutoring, clarifying concepts such as GDP, inflation, and monetary policy.

**Teaching Assistant**, EC 301 Intermediate Microeconomics, Michigan State University, 2 semesters, 2020.

- Assisted with grading and provided academic support through office hours and tutoring in microeconomic theory, including consumer choice, producer behavior, and market structures.
- Helped students navigate mathematical modeling and formal economic reasoning to enhance comprehension of abstract concepts.

## Work Experience

**Tutor**, Varsity Tutors, 2020–2022.

- Delivered personalized academic support in mathematics, economics, and statistics to undergraduate students across diverse ages and institutions.
- Designed customized lesson plans and practice materials to address individual learning needs and strengthen core competencies.

**Lead Learning Assistant**, TRIO Student Support Services, Kent State University, 2018–2020.

- Mentored both students and peer learning assistants, providing guidance on instructional methods and academic success strategies.
- Organized and facilitated staff meetings and training sessions to ensure high-quality tutoring services and peer leadership development.
- Delivered one-on-one tutoring in mathematics, physics, and economics, maintaining consistent communication with students to track progress.

**Intern**, United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), Middle East North Africa (MENA) Bureau, Geneva, Switzerland, 2017.

- Analyzed budgetary data for UNHCR's North Africa operations (2013–2017) to support regional financial reporting and strategic planning.
- Managed and responded to individual queries from refugees across the MENA region, offering timely and compassionate assistance.

- Developed a formal proposal outlining process improvements for refugee inquiry management and communications efficiency.

**Learning Assistant**, TRIO Student Support Services, Kent State University, 2016.

- Provided individualized academic support in mathematics, physics, and economics through one-on-one sessions with underrepresented students.
- Fostered daily student engagement and communication, contributing to increased academic confidence and retention.

## International Experience

**Bocconi Summer School**, Department of Economics, Università Bocconi, Milan, Italy, 2019.

- Completed a specialized course on the Economics of the European Union, examining the economic, political, and institutional structures of the EU.
- Gained insights into monetary integration, fiscal policy coordination, and the challenges of economic governance across member states.

**Kosovo International Summer Academy**, Academy for Diplomacy and Leadership, Pristina, Kosovo, 2018.

- Participated in an intensive program focused on diplomacy, peacebuilding, international law, human rights, and global governance.
- Attended seminars and workshops led by diplomats, UN representatives, and scholars, fostering intercultural understanding and leadership development in post-conflict settings.

**Volunteer**, Webster Humanitarian Association, Geneva, Switzerland, 2017.

- Provided childcare for refugee families while parents attended French language courses and integration workshops, promoting community stability and self-sufficiency.
- Cultivated a deeper understanding of the humanitarian needs of displaced populations and the value of compassionate, hands-on support in resettlement contexts.

## Presentations

2025:

- Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (Albuquerque, New Mexico).
- Empirical Micro Lunch Seminar (Michigan State University).
- Fate of the Earth: Our Waters Symposium (Michigan State University).

2024:

- European Network for Housing Research (Delft, The Netherlands).

## Fellowships and Awards

Ethics and Water Grant, Center for Ethical and Socially Responsible Leadership, Michigan State University, 2024.

Graduate Research Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2024.

Future Academic Scholars in Teaching Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2023.

Phi Beta Kappa, 2019.

Dennis Sefert Scholarship, Kent State University, 2018.

Harshbarger Scholarship, Kent State University, 2018.

Choose Ohio First Scholarship, 2016.

PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation Award, 2016.

PanHellenic Honors Society, 2016.

President's List, Kent State University, 10 semesters.

## University Service

**IN!SPIRES Wellness Ambassador for International Graduate Students and Post-Docs**, Michigan State University, 2024- present.

- One of seven university-wide Wellness Ambassadors selected to support the holistic wellbeing of MSU's international graduate students and postdoctoral scholars.
- Completed a six-week training program led by campus wellness experts, focusing on culturally relevant strategies to promote mental health, belonging, and resilience within international academic communities.
- Helped organize a university-wide wellness retreat for graduate students and postdocs, fostering cross-departmental community building and well-being practices.
- Partnered with the Graduate School and student services to implement initiatives addressing the unique challenges faced by international scholars and to expand inclusive wellness programming across campus.

**Graduate Economics Student Mentor (First-Year Cohort)**, Michigan State University, 2021–2023.

- Mentored incoming Ph.D. students in navigating coursework, research expectations, and departmental culture during their transition to graduate school.
- Provided guidance on academic planning, campus resources, and work-life balance, contributing to improved cohort integration and student retention.

**Undergraduate Studies Committee Member**, Department of Political Science, Kent State University, 2018–2020.

- Appointed student representative on the Undergraduate Studies Committee, contributing to curriculum planning and policy review within the department.
- Provided feedback on student needs, helped evaluate proposed course changes, and promoted academic engagement initiatives.

## Programming Languages

R, Stata, ArcGIS Pro, SAS, EViews, LaTeX, Bash/Shell Scripting, Slurm Workload Manager, Excel, Google Docs, and Microsoft Word.

## Citizenship and Languages

**Citizenship:** United States, Greece.

**Languages:** English (native), Greek (native), French (novice), Italian (novice).

## References

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