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Education

University of Minnesota	Spring 2018–Spring 2020

– Economics (BS) with minors in Mathematics and Statistics
– GPA: 3.982

Vanderbilt University	Fall 2017

Research Experience

Research Assistant (Ellen McGrattan, Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute)	August 2019–Present

– Developed a first of its kind R Shiny web app for analyzing corporate time series data going back to 1950.
– Extracted and cleaned effective tax rates and tax reconciliation data from corporate 10-K forms filed with the SEC.
– Gave a guest lecture on corporate taxation to second-year PhD students in an Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics course.
– Presented analysis of the investment response to the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to the Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute.

Independent Research (Undergraduate Research Program)	June 2019–August 2019

– Funded by MSROP to do research on the public choice implications of Modern Monetary Theory under the direction of Professor Ian Maitland.

Research Projects

Incorporation, Tax Wedges, and Rent-seeking, working paper	2020
TCJA Through RBC: Testing Tax Shocks, report	2020
On Price Stability and the Job Guarantee, with Brian C. Albrecht, working paper	2020
Political Economy of MMT, working paper	2019

Conferences/Presentations

Corporate Taxation: History, Measurement, and Theory, Advanced Topics in Macro	September 2020
TCJA 2017 and Corporate Investment, Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute	May 2020
Alternative Money University, Cato Institute	July 2019
Austrian Student Scholars Conference, Grove City College	February 2019

Work Experiences

Accenture Plc, Consultant	October 2020–Present
MN Dept. of Transportation, Data Analyst (Advanced Materials and Technology)	May 2016–May 2019

– Responsible for analyzing thermal variability data for Minnesota roads and making recommendations on how to reform the incentive/disincentive system for contractors based on that data.
– Developed a model for statistically analyzing contractor performance. Created a contractor evaluation method that saved the state $200,000 annually.
– Responsible for managing databases pertaining to Minnesota road data and conducting pertinent analyses for contractor evaluation.

Awards

Don Lavoie Fellowship, Mercatus Center	Fall 2020
Douglas and Jane Gorence Endowed Scholarship in Economics, University of Minnesota	2019-20
Dean's List 6x	Fall 2017–Spring 2020
Thomas E. Woods Prize, Austrian Student Scholars Conference	2019
Shell Eco-Marathon Drivers' World Championship, World Champion	2017
Shell Eco-Marathon Americas, Americas Regional Champion	2016 & 2017
McKinsey & Co Diverse Young Scholars Award	2017
Clark Scholarship for Entrepreneurial Engineering, Vanderbilt University	2017
Curb Scholarship for Creativity and Academic Excellence, Vanderbilt University	2017
F. John Campbell Mathematics Award	2017
James M. Keane English Award	2017

Skills

R Statistical Programming
Matlab
Office Suite

Extracurriculars

Mises Seminar, President   September 2018–February 2019
  – Co-founded economics organization intended to provide an introduction to economics.
  – Responsible for organizing meetings, giving lectures on select topics, and advertising for the group.
Experimental Vehicle Team, Head Electrical Engineer   2015–2017
  – Head of electrical engineering for a group that designed and built a new, full-sized electric vehicle every year. Responsible for managing the implementation of the electrical system and overseeing the work of several other team members.

References

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