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Education

PhD in Economics, MIT (2021-Present)

Major Fields: Public Finance and Macroeconomics

Only leave academic year 2025-2026.

BS in Economics, University of Minnesota (2018-2020)

Other Employment

May 2025-Present	Economist, Council of Economic Advisers
2022-2023	Research Assistant, Christian K. Wolf
2021-May 2025	Visiting Fellow in Economics, FREOPP
2020-2021	Consulting Analyst, <i>Accenture Plc</i>
2017-2019	Data Analyst, Minnesota Dept of Transportation

References

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Honors and Awards

2021-2026	<i>Graduate Research Fellow</i> , National Science Foundation
2024	<i>Shultz Fund</i>
2020	<i>Don Lavoie Fellow</i> , Mercatus Center, George Mason University

Working Papers

[“Why Tax Cuts Don’t Boost Capital as Much as We Predict: The Maintenance Margin”](#)

Presented at the 2024 Society for Economic Dynamics Meeting in Barcelona.

“Policy as Projection: A Semi-Parametric Approach to Optimal Tax Reform in General Equilibrium”

[“Selection into Tariff Avoidance and the Measured Welfare Cost of Tariffs”](#)

“Inflation, Investment, and the Mundell-Tobin Financing Channel of Monetary Policy,” May 2025. Joint with Giuditta Perinelli and Alex Tagliabracci.

“[Smooth Panel Local Projections](#),” with Jonathan S. Hartley

Works in Progress

“Reallocative Effects of Business Tax Policy”

“Elite College Admissions and Group Preferences: Evidence from an Elite University,” with Andrew C. Johnston and Nathaniel Winik

Publications

“[On Price Stability with a Job Guarantee](#)” with Brian C. Albrecht, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 2022.

Policy Writing

“[The Disparate Geographic Impact of Inflation](#),” with Jonathan S. Hartley (2024). FREOPP White Paper.

“[Inflation’s Compounding Impact on the Poor](#),” with Jonathan S. Hartley (2022). FREOPP White Paper.

A list of popular articles for FREOPP from my time at FREOPP are linked [here](#).