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Education

PhD in Economics, MIT (2021-Present)

Major Fields: Public Finance and Macroeconomics

On leave academic year 2025-2026.

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

Other Employment

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| May 2025-Present | Economist, Council of Economic Advisers |
| 2022-2023 | Research Assistant, Christian K. Wolf |
| 2021-2025 | Visiting Fellow, Foundation for Research on Equal Opportunity |
| 2020-2021 | Consulting Analyst, Accenture Plc |
| 2019-2020 | Research Assistant, Ellen McGrattan & Anmol Bhandari |
| 2017-2019 | Data Analyst, Minnesota Department of Transportation |

References

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Honors and Awards

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| 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: Optimal Tax Reform in General Equilibrium.”

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

“Selection into Tariff Avoidance and the Measured Welfare Cost of Tariffs”

“Smooth Panel Local Projections,” with Jonathan S. Hartley

Works in Progress

“Reallocative Effects of Business Tax Policy”

“Optimal Nonlinear Taxation in the Sequence Space”

“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.

Teaching Experience

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| 2025S | Heading Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Microeconomics (14.01, Professor Dave Donaldson) |
| 2024F | Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Microeconomics (14.01, Professor Sara Ellison) |

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](#).

Citizenship: United States of America

Gender: Male