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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

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

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 Tagliabracchi.

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

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

Works in Progress

“Reallocation 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

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