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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, UCLA	2018-2023
M.A. Economics, UCLA	2018-2020
B.A. Economics & B.A. Political Science, UCLA	2012-2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNC Chapel Hill, Department of Economics, Assistant Professor & John Stewart Fellow	2023-Present
Boulevard Salon Management, Consultant	2020 - 2021
Welch Consulting, Associate Economist	2016 - 2018

HONORS

ZEW With and Within Orgs. Early Career Researcher Best Paper Prize	2024
Oliver E. Williamson Best Conference Paper Award (SIOE)	2024
UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship	2022 - 2023
UCLA Best Proseminar in Economic Theory	2022
UCLA Graduate Representative, SEA Annual Meeting	2022
Humane Studies Fellowship	2020, 2022
Hayek Fund for Scholars	2020, 2021
Graduate Research Mentor Fellowship	2020 - 2021
Outstanding Teaching in Remote Learning Award	2020

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Published Papers

"Delegated Recruitment and Statistical Discrimination" (with Stepan Alekseenko) [[link](#)]

The Journal of Economic Theory, Volume 222 (December 2024).

Working Papers

"The Inner Beauty of Firms"

Revise and Resubmit at *Review of Economic Studies*. [[link](#)]

"Workplace Injury and Labor Supply within an Organization" (w/ Robert McDonough)

Reject and Resubmit at *Journal of Labor Economics*. [[link](#)]

"The Wheel of (Over)Time" (w/ Robert McDonough) [[link](#)]

"Reputational Underpricing" (w/ Stepan Alekseenko) [[link](#)]

"Is Tipping Incentive Relevant?"

Works in Progress

"Collaborative Confiscation" (w/ Stepan Alekseenko, Amy Mahler, and Kirill Ponomarev)

"A Theory of Task-Based Organizations" (w/ Malayvardhan Prajapati)

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

NBER Labor Studies*; University of Colognet; INSEAD†; Goethe University in Frankfurt;	2025
LMU Munich†; University of Mannheim†; Cowles Models and Measurement at Yale SOM;	
Southwestern Economic Theory Conference	
Rochester Simont†; ZEW Research with and within Organisations; MIT Sloant; Society for	2024
Institutional and Organizational Economics; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics	
Duke Fuqua Junior Strategy Conference†; UGA Terry College of Business†;	2023
Triangle Applied Microeconomics Conference; UPenn Labor, Firms and Macro Workshop†;	
Society of Economic Dynamics†; Harvard Business School†; University of Chicago Booth†;	
Cornell†; Boston University†; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill†;	
Washington University, St. Louis Olin†; University of Wisconsin, Madison†;	
Claremont McKenna†	
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting; Occidental College†;	2022
Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting; GLO Global Conference	
Urban Economics Association European Meeting; APPAM Student Seminar;	2021
Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference; California Center for Population Research	
Student Seminar	
Los Angeles Conference in Applied Economics; Institute for Humane	2019
Studies Graduate Workshop	

*upcoming, † invited

TEACHING

Instructor

Applied Micro PhD Student Workshop (UNC Econ 985)	2025 -2026
Informal participants: 15	
Compensation in Organizations (UNC Econ 490)	2024 - Present
Maymester 2025 Section 01M Enrollment: 20 students	
Spring 2025 Section 1 Enrollment: 50 students	
Spring 2024 Section 003 Enrollment: 31 students	
Spring 2024 Section 002 Enrollment: 36 students	
Microeconomic Theory II (UCLA Econ 101)	Summer 2021
Enrollment: 63 students	

Teaching Assistant

Intermediate Microeconomics (Econ 11)	Fall 2019 & Fall 2021
Organizational Economics (Econ 106I)	Winter 2020 & Winter 2022
PhD Microeconomics: Asymmetric Information (Econ 201C)	Spring 2020

STUDENT ADVISING

Doctoral Committee: Yi Cui (2025), Po-Yuan Huang (2025), Daniel Cho*, Alexandra Sides*, Huan Wu*
Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Benjamin McAvoy-Bickford (2025), Evan Berkowitch (2024)

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Organizer, Triangle Applied Micro Conference	2024 - Present
Organizer, UNC Applied Micro Seminar	2024 - Present
Organizer, John Stewart Lecture Series	2024 - 2025
Organizer, UCLA Theory Proseminar	2020 - 2022
Lead Organizer, SoCal Grad Conference in Applied Economics	2020
Founder, Intrepid Insight	2018 - 2020

REFEREEING

Journal of Economic Theory, The Journal of Labor Economics, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Labor Research

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