

# James Ryan — Curriculum Vitae

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## Research Interests

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Urban Economics, Transportation Economics, Machine Learning

## Education

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### Rice University

*Ph.D., Economics*

Committee: Matthew Thirkettle (Chair, Rice), Janet Kohlhasse (University of Houston), Xun Tang (Rice)

**Houston, TX**

*2022–Present*

### McGill University

*B.A., Economics and Mathematics*

**Montréal, QC**

*2016–2020*

## Awards and Scholarships

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McGill Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship (2016); James McGill Scholarship (2016–2018); Arts Research Internship Award (2018); Rice Graduate Fellowship (2022–2027); Ronald Coase Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University (2025–2026)

## Works in Progress

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- Bayesian Estimation of Spatial Learning Curves: An Application to New York City Taxi Drivers
- Welfare Impacts of Unplanned Subway Service Interruptions: Evidence from New York City
- Too Hot to Handle? Urban Heat, Housing, and the Distribution of Welfare in Indian Cities (with Tanmay Devi)

## Professional Experience

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### Rice University, Texas Policy Lab

*Graduate Research Assistant*

**Houston, TX**

*January 2024–January 2025*

### Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management

*Empirical Research Fellow*

**Evanston, IL**

*June 2020–June 2022*

### McGill University, Department of Economics

*Research Assistant*

**Montréal, QC**

*January 2018–September 2019*

## Teaching Experience

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- **Instructor** Undergraduate Quantitative Analysis for the Social Sciences (Rice, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)
- **Teaching Assistant** Undergraduate Applied Econometrics (Rice, Fall 2023); Undergraduate Machine Learning for Economics (Rice, Fall 2025); Undergraduate Python for Economists (Rice, Spring 2026); Ph.D. Econometrics (Rice, Spring 2025)

## Conference and Seminar Presentations

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- **2024** Rice Brown Bag Seminar Series; Texas Applied Microeconomics Student (TEAMS) Workshop

## Departmental Service

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Brown Bag Seminar Series, Organizer (Rice, Fall 2023–Spring 2025)

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