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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Business Economics (incoming) 2020-2025 (expected)
Yale College, B.A. in Economics and Mathematics (with distinction), *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa 2014-2018
• *GPA*: 3.95 / 4.00

AWARDS AND HONORS

- *Best Undergraduate Paper Award*, finalist (one of four) (2019), International Atlantic Economic Society
- *Tobin Scholar* (2017), Yale Economics – awarded for outstanding performance in economic theory courses to up to 4 graduating seniors

EXPERIENCE

The National Bureau of Economic Research (Cambridge, MA) Jun 2018-present
Research Assistant to Profs. David Laibson (Harvard), Brigitte Madrian (BYU), James Choi (Yale), and John Beshears (Harvard)

- Develop and implement quasi-experimental methods to study retirement savings decisions, using financial datasets with 20m+ individuals;
- Conduct literature reviews to provide project guidance; draft applications for grants and data access.

McKinsey & Company (New York, NY) Summer 2017
Summer Business Analyst

- Analyzed market trends in auto finance as part of a three-year earnings growth strategy for a commercial bank;
- Coached client team in a chemicals manufacturer restructuring project to build accountability mechanisms for implementing new policies.

Yale Economics Department (New Haven, CT) Aug 2016-Dec 2017
Tobin Research Assistant (selective fellowship program) in international trade and taxation for Prof. Costas Arkolakis (Yale)

- Gathered data on firm-level financials, tax rates, and country characteristics for 33 EU nations to estimate firm productivity distributions;
- Established associations between tax rate and firm location choice using conditional logistic regressions.

Yale Program on Financial Stability (New Haven, CT) Summer 2016
Research Assistant in financial crisis interventions for Prof. Andrew Metrick (Yale); program co-chaired by Sec. Timothy Geithner

- Wrote case study on the FDIC's 2008 Debt Guarantee Program, on track for publication as part of YPFS casebook for policymakers;
- Presented key findings at weekly meetings, with focus on program motivations, economic rationales for key decisions, and overall outcomes.

Yale School of Management (New Haven, CT) Summer 2016
Scarf Research Assistant (selective fellowship program) in competitive remedies in the supermarket industry for Prof. Kosuke Uetake (Yale)

- Isolated geographic markets affected by divestitures using data on daily purchases for 50,000 households and weekly scanner data;
- Conducted event studies to estimate the effect of divestitures on pricing strategy and consumer demand.

Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (Washington, DC) Summer 2015
Health policy analyst

- Conducted research to aid 10 staffers; wrote memos summarizing committee hearings, stakeholder briefings, and research reports;
- Compiled database of cost savings of various CMS policy adjustments, along with stakeholder support and opposition.

LEADERSHIP

Yale Debate Association (ranked 1st in North America, 4th in the world) Aug 2014-May 2018
Executive Board (2016-2018)

- *General*: Managed team's \$200K budget; coordinated competition logistics for 40 members; planned 6 revenue-generating tournaments;
- *Membership director* (2017): Directed recruitment, tryout process, and training program; taught weekly workshops on topics and skills;
- *Development director* (2016): Solicited sponsorships totaling \$7,500; organized 4 public debates; and wrote guide for new members.

Competitive highlights

- Semifinalist (top 8), 2018 World Universities Debating Championship (with Jim Huang)
- 3rd-ranked US team for 2017-18 season, American Parliamentary Debate Association (with Adela Lilollari)
- 3rd-ranked individual speaker, 2016 North American Universities Debating Championship

Yale Politic (Yale's public policy magazine) Aug 2014-Dec 2016

- *Associate editor*: Developed content for quarterly issues; supervised staff writers; arranged interviews with politicians and academics;
- *Staff writer*: Published investigative articles on issues including Xi Jinping's anticorruption campaign and ISIS' propaganda magazine.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Katz, Justin. "Place-based manufacturing subsidies and the spatial distribution of production," *Atlantic Economic Journal*, 2020.
- Katz, Justin. "The Debt Guarantee Program of the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program." *YPFS Case Study*, 2016.

OTHER

- **Service**: High school math tutor, Cambridge Public Schools (2018-present)
- **Skills**: Computer: Stata, R, Microsoft Office Suite, Python, Matlab, \LaTeX , Vim | Language: Spanish (proficient)