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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego 2020-Present

Ph.D. in Economics

Advisors: Gordan Dahl (co-chair), Samuel Bazzi (co-chair), Itzik Fadlon, Eli Berman

Brigham Young University 2018

B.S. in Economics and Mathematics, Brigham Young University

Summa Cum Laude

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics and Political Economy

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

From Pews to Polls: The Effects of Church Peer Groups on Political Behavior, with Jacob Brown

It Takes a Village to Raise a Business: How Congregational Networks Facilitate Entrepreneurship, with Jon Palmer

Marriage Markets and Church Building: The Economics of Polygamy in the American West

Red Place, Blue Place: Tiebout Sorting and Labor Misallocation, with Andre Gray and Jacob Brown

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

“Mortality risk and fine particulate air pollution in a large, representative cohort of US adults.” Published in *Environmental health perspectives* in 2019 (with Pope III, C.A., Lefler, J.S., Ezzati, M., Higbee, J.D., Marshall, J.D., Kim, S.Y., Bechle, M., Vernon, S.E., Robinson, A.L. and Burnett, R.T.)

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD

Research Assistant, Prof. Julian Betts, University of California, San Diego, 2022

Research Assistant, Prof. Samuel Bazzi, University of California, San Diego, 2022

Research Assistant, Prof. Sara Lowes, University of California, San Diego, 2022

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Prof. James Heckman, University of Chicago, 2018-2020

Research Assistant, Prof. Arden Pope, Brigham Young University, 2016-2018

Research Assistant, Prof. James Cardon, Brigham Young University, 2017-2018

Summer Consultant, Bates White Economic Consulting, 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Econometrics II, University of California, San Diego, 2025
Teaching Assistant, Public Economics, University of California, San Diego, 2024
Teaching Assistant, Econometrics II, University of California, San Diego, 2024
Teaching Assistant, Data Analytics, University of California, San Diego, 2023
Teaching Assistant, Public Economics, University of California, San Diego, 2023
Teaching Assistant, Econometrics II, University of California, San Diego, 2023
Teaching Assistant, Public Economics, University of California, San Diego, 2022
Teaching Assistant, Econometrics II, University of California, San Diego, 2022
Teaching Assistant, U.S. Economics History, University of California, San Diego, 2021
Teaching Assistant, Econometrics II, University of California, San Diego, 2021
Teaching Assistant, International Trade, Brigham Young University, 2018
Teaching Assistant, Behavioral Economics, Brigham Young University, 2018
Teaching Assistant, Price Theory I, Brigham Young University, 2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-founder and Director of the Undergraduate-Graduate Economic Research Lab, 2022-present
Referee for the Journal of Development Economics, 2023
Organizing Committee Member for the Southern California Graduate Conference in Applied Economics (SOCAE), 2022

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

UCSD Travel and Research Grant, University of California, San Diego, 2024
Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, University of California, San Diego, 2023
UCSD Travel and Research Grant, University of California, San Diego, 2022
Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, University of California, San Diego, 2022
Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, University of California, San Diego, 2021
Regents Fellowship, University of California, San Diego, 2020-2021
Economics Department Valedictorian, Brigham Young University, 2018
Thomas S. Monson Presidential Scholarship, Brigham Young University, 2012-2018
National Merit Scholarship, Brigham Young University, 2012

OTHER INFORMATION

Languages: English (native), Portuguese (advanced)
Computational Languages: STATA, Python, QGIS