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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston, MA, May 2025 (expected)  
Dissertation Title: *Essays on Housing Markets and Urban Economics*  
Dissertation Committee: Adam Guren, Marc Rysman, Kevin Lang and Jihye Jeon

M.A., Social Sciences (Economics), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2017

B.S., Economics (*Highest Distinction*), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2015

### FIELDS OF INTEREST

Real Estate/Urban Economics, Industrial Organization, Household Finance

### WORKING PAPERS

“[Build What and for Whom? The Distributional Effects of Housing Supply](#),” September 2024. **Job Market paper.**  
“[Racial Disparities in Home Selling](#),” (with Leonel Drukker), September 2024, ready to submit.  
“[When Institutional Investors Come to Town: The Local Effects of Buy-to-Rent Properties](#)” January 2024.  
“[Happy at Home or Stuck in Place? The Determinants of Declining Local Residential Mobility](#),” October 2021.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Impact of Parenthood on the Financial Well-Being of Families,” with Victoria Wang and Letian Yin  
“Housing Inequality in the United States,” with Gerard Domènech Arumí and Giovanni Paolo Mariani

### PRESENTATIONS

FDIC Consumer Research Symposium (Poster), Washington, D.C., 2024  
IHS Workshop on NIMBYism and the Future of Housing, Online, 2024  
Urban Economics Association Europe Meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2024  
University of Chicago Stone Center Summer School on Socioeconomic Opportunity and Inequality (Poster), Chicago, IL, 2024  
Urban Economics Association North America Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2024  
Midwest Econometrics Group Conference (scheduled), Lexington, KY, 2024  
North America Regional Science Council Conference (scheduled), New Orleans, LA, 2024  
GNLab Alumni Conference, Chicago (scheduled), IL 2024  
Dallas Fed and Norges Bank Second Women in Central Banking Workshop (scheduled), Dallas, TX, 2024  
2024 American Real Estate Society Fall Research Symposium (scheduled), Denver, CO, 2024

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Graduate Fellowship, Boston University, 2019-2024  
Institute for Economics Development travel grant, Boston University, 2024  
Institute for Economics Development research grant, Boston University, 2023  
California Policy Lab Seed grant (co-authored project), UCLA, 2020  
UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate research grant (co-authored project), UCLA, 2020  
Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2016-2017  
Dean's List, University of Minnesota, 2013-2015

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Marc Rysman, Boston University, 2024  
Research Assistant, Adam Guren, Boston University, 2020-2024  
Research Assistant, Peter Ganong and Pascal Noel, University of Chicago, 2018-2019  
Research Assistant, Christopher Palmer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2017-2018  
Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 2015-2016

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Average course rating: 4.75/5  
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Mathematical and Computational Economics (PhD),  
Department of Economics, Boston University, Fall 2023  
Teaching Assistant, Elementary Mathematical Economics (Master's), Department of  
Economics, Boston University, Fall 2023  
Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergrad), Department of Economics,  
Boston University, Fall 2021 and Spring 2021  
Teaching Fellow, Money and Banking (Undergrad), Department of Economics, Boston  
University, Spring 2021

#### LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Chinese (native), Spanish (beginner)

#### COMPUTER SKILLS

R, Julia, Python, Stata, Matlab, Git, LaTeX, cluster computing

**CITIZENSHIP/VISA STATUS:** China. U.S. permanent resident (green card holder)

#### REFERENCES

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