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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, May 2019 - present
M.A., Social Sciences, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2017
B.A., Economics (*Highest Distinction*), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2015

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Real Estate, Urban Economics, Industrial Organization, Household Finance

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Build what and where? The equilibrium effects of new construction”
“Racial disparities in home selling” (joint with Leonel Drukker)
“Corporate landlords in the single-family rental market”
“The impact of parenthood on the financial wellbeing of families” (joint with Victoria Wang)
“The rise and fall of American Chinatowns” (joint with Victoria Wang, grant from UCLA Zinman Center for Real Estate)
“Happy at home or stuck in place? The determinants of declining local residential mobility”

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Adam Guren, Boston University, Boston, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024
Full-Time Research Assistant to Peter Ganong and Pascal Noel, University of Chicago, Chicago, 2018-2019
Full-Time Research Assistant to Christopher Palmer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, 2017-2018
Full-Time Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN, 2015-2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Mathematical and Computational Economics (1st Year PhD Course), Boston University, Boston, 2023
Teaching Fellow, Elementary Mathematical Economics, Boston University, Boston, 2023
Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Boston University, Boston, 2021
Teaching Fellow, Money and Banking, Boston University, Boston, Spring 2021
Teaching Assistant, Theory of Probability and Statistics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Spring 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-chair, Women in Economics (WEorg), Boston University, Boston, 2021 - 2023
Co-organizer, Spatial and Trade Reading Group, Boston University, Boston, 2022 - 2023
Mentor, Master RA mentor program, Boston University, Boston, 2022 - present
Committee member, University of Chicago MAPSS Alumni Association Executive Committee, 2022 - present

OTHER PUBLICATION

“County-level estimates of excess mortality associated with COVID-19 in the United States”,
(with Andrew Stokes, Calvin Ackley, Dielle Lundberg, Irma Elo, and Samuel Preston),
SSM-Population Health, 2022 Jan 5: 101021

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Graduate Fellowship, Boston University, 2019 - present
Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2016-2017
Dean’s List, University of Minnesota, 2013-2015

COMPUTER SKILLS: R, Stata, Julia, Python, Git, LaTeX

REFERENCES

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