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Research interests	Labor, Public, and Urban Economics. Education, rural-Urban issues, inter-generational policy effects.	
Education	Texas A&M University	College Station, TX
	PhD in Economics	August 2021 – Present
	University of South Carolina	Columbia, SC
	MA in Economics	August 2017 – August 2018
	Mentors: Professors Blackburn, Ozturk. <i>GPA: 3.81.</i>	
	University of South Florida	Tampa, FL
	BS in Quantitative Economics	August 2014 – August 2017
	Mentors: Professors Gyimah-Brempong, Sanchez-Penalver, Loewy <i>GPA: 3.99.</i>	
Publications	"Agricultural Aid and Agricultural Production in Africa" with Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong. <i>Journal of African Development</i> , 2020.	
Working Papers	"Dynamic Sales Tax Competition: Evidence at the Border" with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley, Shawn Rohlin, Jeffrey Thompson.	
	"More Complete Income: An Update" with Timothy Smeeding and Jeffrey Thompson.	
	"What Matters for Resilience of Rural Places" with Jeffrey Thompson.	
	"Can High School Counselors Help the Economics Pipeline?" with Danila Serra and Jonathan Meer. <i>Forthcoming in AEA: Papers and Proceedings</i>	
Research experience	Research Assistant at Texas A & M University	
	Mentor: Dr. Andrew Barr	August 2022 – Current
	Provided research assistance on a project related to potential geographic disparities related to Head Start enrollment.	
	Research Assistant at Texas A & M University	
	Mentor: Dr. Kalena Cortes	June 2022 – Current
	Provided research assistance on a project related to a texting intervention for middle school students.	
	Research Assistant at Texas A & M University	
	Mentor: Dr. Danila Serra	September 2021 – August 2022
	Provided research assistance on behavioral and experimental working papers, mostly related to gender economics.	

Research Assistant at Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

Mentor: Dr. Jeffrey Thompson

September 2018 – July 2021

Worked as a full-time research assistant within the New England Public Policy Center. Provided research assistance on six working papers related to applied microeconomic topics and numerous public policy briefs.

Undergraduate Research Assistant at University of South Florida

Mentor: Professor Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong September 2015 – May 2016

Provided research assistance on two working papers related to aid to Sub-Saharan Africa.

Honors and scholarships	Aviles-Johnson Diversity Fellowship (Texas A&M University)	2021
	Darla Moore Fellowship (University of South Carolina)	2017
	Student Research Award (University of South Florida)	2016
	Robert H Burton Memorial Scholar (University of South Florida)	2016
	Seide Research Honors College Scholar (University of South Florida)	2015
	Chip Weiner Uncommon Scholar (University of South Florida)	2015
	Annette L Raymund Scholar (University of South Florida)	2015
	Provost's Scholar (University of South Florida)	2014
Referee Experience	<i>Economic Development Quarterly</i>	
Professional Service	Economic Graduate Student Association Member	2022-2023