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Research interests	Applied microeconomics Education, disability employment, inter-generational policy effects.
Education	Texas A&M University August 2021 – May 2026 (<i>Expected</i>) PhD in Economics, Committee: Professors Barr (<i>Chair</i>), Meer, Eckel, and Lahey University of South Carolina August 2017 – August 2018 MA in Economics, Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics University of South Florida August 2014 – August 2017 BS in Quantitative Economics
Publications	“Digital Incentives in Surveys: Response Rates and Sociodemographic Effects in a Large-Scale Parental Nudge Intervention” with Kalena Cortes, Brian Holzman, and Miranda Lambert <i>AEA: Papers and Proceedings, Forthcoming</i> “Divergent Paths: Differential Impacts of Minimum Wage Increases on Individuals with Disabilities” with Jeffrey Clemens and Jonathan Meer. <i>National Tax Journal, Forthcoming</i> “Can High School Counselors Help the Economics Pipeline?” with Danila Serra and Jonathan Meer. <i>AEA: Papers and Proceedings, 2023</i>
Working Papers	“Driving Inclusion: The Effect of Improved Transportation for People with Disabilities” <i>Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Human Resources (funded by NBER RDRC Fellowship)</i>
Work in Progress	“Going the Distance: The Contemporaneous and Intergenerational Effects of Accessible Transportation” (<i>funded by NBER RDRC Fellowship</i>) “No Time Like the Present: The Effects of On-Demand Trips for Paratransit Customers on Rider Mobility, Well-being, and Health” with Michael Cassidy and Ludovica Gazze (<i>funded by JPAL</i>) “Remote Work and Employment at the Margins: Evidence from Older and Disabled Adults in the UK” with Ian Burn and Joanna Lahey “Beyond the Text: Understanding Opt-Out, Dosage, and Response Disparities in an SMS Intervention” with Miranda Lambert, Kalena Cortes, and Brian Holzman
Pre-doctoral Work	“Lifetime Earnings, Income Or Wealth. How Alternative Resource Measures Affect The Location And Composition Of The Very Top Of The Distribution” with Jeffrey Thompson. <i>Journal of Income Distribution, Forthcoming.</i> “Agricultural Aid and Agricultural Production in Africa” with Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong. <i>Journal of African Development, 2020.</i>

	<p>“Dynamic Sales Tax Competition: Evidence at the Border” with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley, Shawn Rohlin, Jeffrey Thompson. (Pre-doctoral work)</p>	
Research experience	<p>Research Assistant at Texas A&M University Andrew Barr, Kalena Cortes, Catherine Eckel, and Danila Serra Research Assistant at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Jeffrey ThompsonSeptember 2018 – July 2021</p>	
Honors and scholarships	<p>S. Charles Maurice Graduate Fellowship (Texas A&M University)2025 Gail Frey Monson Memorial Scholarship (Texas A&M University)2025 Retirement and Disability Policy Research Graduate Fellow (NBER)2024 Retirement and Disability Dissertation Grant (UMBC and SSA, <i>declined</i>)2024 MJ Grove Scholarship (Texas A&M University, PERC)2024 Aviles-Johnson Diversity Fellowship (Texas A&M University)2021 Darla Moore Fellowship (University of South Carolina)2017</p>	
Teaching experience	<p>Public Economics (ECON412), Texas A&MSpring 2025 Two guest lectures on social insurance. <i>Average student rating: 4.7/5.</i> Personnel Economics (ECON419), Texas A&MSpring 2025 One guest lecture on disability topics. <i>Average student rating: 3.8/4.</i> Labor Economics (ECON418), Texas A&MSummer 2024 Instructor of Record. <i>Average student rating: 4.9/5.</i> Hullabaloo U (ECON285), Texas A&MFall 2023 Instructor of Record. <i>Average student rating: 4.2/5.</i></p>	
Presentations	<p>2025: Eastern Economics Association, Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA), Home and Community Based Services Annual Conference, Southern Economics Association (<i>expected</i>) 2024: Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop, STATA Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference 2023: Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference</p>	
Referee Experience	<p><i>Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Educational Researcher, Economic Development Quarterly, Feminist Economics, Journal of Behavioral Public Administration</i></p>	
Professional Service	<p>Texas Applied Microeconomics Student (TEAMS) Workshop Coordinator2025 Public-Labor-IO PhD Student Brown Bag Coordinator2023-24 Economic Graduate Student Association 2nd Year Representative2022-23 Economic Graduate Student Association 1st Year Representative2021-22</p>	