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EDUCATION BACKGROUND

Fordham University

Ph.D., Economics

New York, NY
2018 — 2023 (Expected)

- Field Exams: International, Financial, and Monetary Economics

M.A., Economics

2020

- Honors: Alpha Sigma Nu, emphsumma cum laude

Columbia University

Visiting Ph.D. Student, Macro-Finance

New York, NY
Aug - Dec 2021

Montclair State University

B.A., Economics, Mathematics Minor

Montclair, NJ
2018

- Honors: Convocation Speaker, *magna cum laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macro-Finance, Monetary Economics, Bayesian Econometrics, Behavioral Economics

WORKING PAPERS (ABSTRACTS BELOW)

- *"Inflation Uncertainty and Monetary Policy Announcements"* Working Paper 2021
- *"A Myopic Friction in US Business Cycles"* Working Paper 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Central Bank of Chile

Visiting PhD Researcher, Monetary Policy Division

Santiago, Chile
Aug 2021 — Present

- Supervisors: Dr. Guillermo Carlomagno and Dr. David Coble

HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Association, Fordham University

Vice President

New York, NY
June 2021 — Present

Fordham University

Graduate Assistant to the Economics Department Chair

New York, NY
Aug 2018 — May 2021

Montclair State University

Teaching Assistant, Capstone Seminar in Economics

Montclair, NJ
Sep 2017 — June 2018

TECHNICAL SKILLS & OTHER INFORMATION

- **Programming Languages:** R, Matlab, Dynare; *Case Specific Uses:* Python, HTML
- **Industry Software:** Stata, Tableau, \LaTeX , Microsoft Office Suite
- **Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent)
- **Nationality:** El Salvador (Citizen), USA (Permanent Resident)

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

The Economy of Francesco (Online Conference)

Hosted by Economia di Comunione

Assisi, Italy

Nov 2020

AWARDS

Fordham University

GSAS Summer Graduate Assistant

Summer 2020

Christina Seix Down Fellowship

Spring 2019

Graduate Fellowship

2018 — 2020

Montclair State University

Continuing Honors Scholarship

2016 — 2018

Dean's List, Feliciano School of Business

2016 — 2018

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

REEF Technology

Economist/Data Analyst

New York, NY

June - Aug 2021

- Supervisors: Alberto Brea, Arjun Gupta

DiMassimo Goldstein (DiGo)

Growth Data and Research Intern

New York, NY

Sep - Dec 2019

Warren County Community College

Business Advisory Board Member

Warren, NJ

April 2019 - Present

United Nations Association of El Salvador

Special Advisor on Economy for Sustainable Development

New York, NY

June 2018 - Jan 2019

- Supervisor: Ambassador Carlos Garcia

TIAA (Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America)

Research Consultant for Macro & Country Risk

Enterprise Risk Management Summer Analyst

New York, NY

Oct - Dec 2017, Aug 2018

Summer 2017

- Supervisors: Joseph (Joe) Dziwura, Indrani De, Vaughn Alliton, Dalit Stern

REFERENCES

Dr. Johanna Francis

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Dr. Vidya Atal

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ABSTRACTS

- ***“Inflation Uncertainty and Monetary Policy Announcements”***
Working Summary: Household expectations about economic conditions drive a wide range of decisions including saving, borrowing, and consumption. The transmission of monetary policy rests on understanding how these expectations change, making central bank communication transparency key in aligning both sides. In this paper, I argue that monetary policy announcements have a significant impact on household beliefs, specifically in their uncertainty about future macroeconomic conditions, using the Survey of Consumer Expectations (SCE) by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
- ***“A Myopic Friction in US Business Cycles”***
Working Summary: This paper studies the empirical fit of a standard dynamic stochastic general equilibrium (DSGE) model to US macroeconomic data altered by a bounded rationality assumption in agents’ expectation formation. Bounded rationality is in the form of cognitive discounting, or “myopia”, which quantifies how people pay less attention to events occurring further in the future. I use a Bayesian likelihood approach to compare the distribution of model parameters for when people are fully rational (i.e. rational expectations) and myopic.