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## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

### Fordham University

*Ph.D., Economics*

- Field Exams: International, Financial, and Monetary Economics

*M.A., Economics*

- Honors: Alpha Sigma Nu, Christina Seix Dow Fellowship, *summa cum laude*

New York, NY  
2018 — 2023 (Expected)

2020

### Montclair State University

*B.A., Economics, Mathematics Minor*

- Honors: Full Honors Scholarship, Convocation Speaker, *magna cum laude*

Montclair, NJ  
2018

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Macro-Finance, Monetary Economics, Behavioral Economics, Expectations Formation Modeling

## WORKING PAPERS (ABSTRACTS BELOW)

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

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Central Bank of Chile

*Visiting PhD Researcher, Monetary Policy Division*

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

Santiago, Chile  
Aug 2021 — Present

## 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*

- Department Service: Climate Committee, Diversity Resources Webpage, Department Website

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; *Case Specific Uses:* Python, HTML
- **Industry Software:** Stata, Tableau  $\LaTeX$ , Microsoft Office Suite
- **Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent)
- **Nationality:** Salvadoran, USA (Permanent Resident)

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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**The Economy of Francesco (Online Conference)**  
*Hosted by Economia di Comunione*

**Assisi, Italy**  
*Nov 2020*

## AWARDS

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### FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

*GSAS Summer Graduate Assistant*  
*Christina Seix Down Fellowship*  
*Graduate Fellowship*

*Summer 2020*  
*Spring 2019*  
*2018 — 2020*

### MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

*Continuing Honors Scholarship*  
*Dean's List, Feliciano School of Business*

*2016 — 2018*  
*2016 — 2018*

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### REEF Technology

*Economist/Data Analyst - Marketing*

**New York, NY**  
*June - Aug 2021*

### DiMassimo Goldstein (DiGo)

*Growth Data and Research Analyst*

**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*

### 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*

## REFERENCES

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### Dr. Johanna Francis

Department Chair & Assistant Professor  
Department of Economics  
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### Dr. Vidya Atal

Assistant Professor  
Department of Economics  
Montclair State University  
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## ABSTRACTS

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- ***“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.