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EDUCATION	Ph.D., Economics , University of Michigan M.A., Economics , University of Michigan B.A., Economics & Mathematics , University of Massachusetts Amherst	April 2025 (Expected) April 2021 May 2015
FIELDS	Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics, and Public Economics	
JOB MARKET PAPER	“Measuring Discrimination using Natural Experiments” , with James Reeves.	
PUBLICATIONS	“Inflation Expectations and Nonlinearities in the Phillips Curve” , with Alexander Doser, Ricardo Nunes and Viacheslav Sheremirov. <i>Journal of Applied Econometrics</i> 38:4 (2023), 453-471.	
IN PROGRESS	“Using Network Data to Measure Social Returns and Improve Targeting of Crime-Reduction Interventions” , with Ashley Craig and Sara Heller. (Preliminary note: spillovers in the READI RCT) “Peer Socioeconomic Mismatch, Student Expectations, and Achievement” , with Micah Y. Baum. “Parental Resources and College Major Choice” , with Zsigmond Pálvölgyi & Tyler Radler. “Examining Interventions to Improve Outcomes of Justice-involved Individuals” , with James Reeves.	
PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS	“Sectoral inflation and the Phillips curve: What has changed since the Great Recession?” , with Maria Jose Luengo-Prado and Viacheslav Sheremirov. <i>Economics Letters</i> 172 (2018), 63–68.	
EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS	2024 (including upcoming) Southern Economic Association Meeting Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Conference Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime Western Economic Association Conference Texas Economics of Crime Workshop	Washington, DC National Harbor, MD Zurich, Switzerland Seattle, WA Austin, TX
	2019 Midwest Macroeconomics Meeting	Lansing, MI
AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS	Rackham One Term Dissertation Fellowship Rackham Conference Travel Grant Department of Economics Conference Travel Grant Poverty Solutions One Term Fellowship Department of Economics Research Grant Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship	2024 2024 (x2) 2019; 2024 (x2) 2023 2022; 2023 2018–2019
TEACHING	University of Michigan Economics of the Population (ECON 466) Introductory Macroeconomics (ECON 102) Introductory Microeconomics (ECON 101)	Fall 2020 Winter 2020 Fall 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & EMPLOYMENT	University of Michigan	
	Graduate Research Assistant to Ashley Craig & Sara Heller	2020–2024
	Summer Research Assistant to Ana Reynoso	2020
	Summer Research Assistant to Lauren Falcao Bergquist	2019
	Federal Reserve Bank of Boston	
	Senior Research Assistant, Jenny Tang & Viacheslav Sheremirov	2015–2018
SERVICE	Referee, <i>American Law and Economics Review</i>	
	Graduate Program Committee, University of Michigan Graduate Economics Society	2021–2022
	Admissions Committee, University of Michigan Graduate Economics Society	2020–2021
	Social Chair, University of Michigan Graduate Economics Society	2019–2020
OTHER	Analytics and Programming: Stata, R, Matlab and L ^A T _E X	
	Clearance: U.S. Census Bureau, Special Sworn Status	
	Citizenship: USA	
REFERENCES	<i>The Economics Ph.D. Placement Office is handling all reference requests. Please direct all inquiries to Econ-PhDplacements@umich.edu</i>	
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