

# Pranjal Drall

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## EDUCATION

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### Yale Law School

*Juris Doctor (J.D.)*

Hurst Horizon Scholarship

New Haven, CT

Expected: May 2026

### Grinnell College

*Bachelors of Arts in Mathematics and Economics, with honors*

Gilbert F. DeBartolo '69 Prize: awarded annually for outstanding theoretical and empirical analysis in economics

Grinnell, IA

May 2020

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### The University of Chicago

*Predoctoral Fellow (Thom Covert and Ryan Kellogg)*

Chicago, IL

September 2021-June 2023

- Perform empirical analysis for IO projects focusing on productivity, misallocation, and learning in the fracking industry
- Construct a database that links mineral leases, drilling units, drilling permits and well-level production
- Implemented a ML model to match firms to drilling opportunities and estimated models that deal with selection

### Yale Law School

*Research Fellow (Ian Ayres)*

New Haven, CT

June 2020-August 2021

- Provided research assistance for projects in corporate finance, economic analysis of crime, and behavioral economics
- Formulated identification strategies, collected and structured datasets, and carried out econometric analysis
- Audited second-year PhD sequence in Industrial Organization at the Economics Department.

### Grinnell College Economics Department

*Research Assistant (Håle Utar, Eric Ohrn and Logan Lee)*

Grinnell, IA

2016 - 2020

- Clean administrative employee-employer matched data from Denmark to analyze the effects of IT adoption
- Prepared an industry-country-year panel using raw IFR data and performed descriptive analysis
- Cleaned raw county level corrections data and categorized crimes to analyze inmate responses to incentives

### The Brattle Group

*Summer Analyst*

Washington, DC

Summer 2019

- Employed theory and quantitative methods to support expert testimony in matters involving antitrust litigation
- Estimated a demand system in Matlab and performed counterfactual analysis for the Sprint/T-Mobile merger
- Developed a nested discrete choice model to predict consumer behavior in the flood insurance market

### The Brookings Institution

*Remote Research Assistant (Governance Studies)*

Washington, D.C.

2018-2019

- Performed empirical analysis for a forthcoming book about the broadband gap in under-served communities

### American Action Forum

*Technology and Innovation Policy Intern*

Washington, D.C.

Summer 2018

- Contributed to FCC public comments on the Sprint T-Mobile merger and media concentration issues
- Co-authored white papers on *Ohio v. Amex*, improving tech resources for Congress, and space policy

## RESEARCH

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Land Misallocation and Structural Change: Evidence from The Great Depression ([Draft](#))

Can Supply Shocks Facilitate Collusion? Evidence from the Boeing 737 MAX Grounding ([Draft](#))

**Best Undergraduate Paper Award - Midwest Economics Association (2020)**

Racial and Gender Bias in Child Maltreatment Reporting Decisions; with Ian Ayres and Sonia Qin

The Impact of Involuntary Outpatient Commitment Laws on Mental Health; with Ian Ayres

Public Commemoration and Hate Crimes: Evidence from Juneteenth Adoption

Guns and Property Preference: Testing the Impact of Gilles and Cynicism Conjectures Using Survey Data ([pdf](#))

Published at *Quinnipiac Law Review* (2021); with Ian Ayres, Spurthi Jonnalagadda and Frederick Vars

## POLICY AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### TechFreedom

*Policy Fellow*

**Washington, D.C.**

*May - August 2017*

- Performed research on a wide variety of telecommunication and technology policy issues
- Contributed to memos for congressional staff, public comments, and regulatory filings before the FCC

### Young Voices

*Contributor (Remote)*

**Washington, DC**

*July 2017 - May 2019*

- Wrote op-eds on the law and economics of platforms, antitrust, telecommunications policy, and privacy
- Received mentoring and formal training to improve writing, communication, and advocacy skills

### Grinnell College Economics and Math Department

*Teaching Assistant and Tutor*

**Grinnell, IA**

*January 2018 - May 2020*

- Sole Teaching Assistant for Econometrics: conducted review sessions and worked with students on empirical projects
- Tutored students in Econometrics and Microeconomics in a one-on-one setting
- Graded homework for Calculus I & II, Physics I & II, Banking and Finance, and Labor Economics

### Data Analysis and Social Inquiry Lab (DASIL)

*Peer Mentor*

**Grinnell, IA**

*January 2018 - May 2020*

- Mentored students as they learned to work with data and various statistical software (R, Stata, Python, Matlab)
- Assist students and faculty with cleaning datasets, performing analysis, and producing visualizations

### Economics Student Educational Policy Committee (SEPC)

*Elected Member*

**Grinnell, IA**

*August 2018 - May 2020*

- Interviewed 12 job market candidates for open positions and conducted 4 faculty reviews for tenure-track positions
- Surveyed students to provide the Economics department with feedback and address issues arising in the major

## PRESENTATIONS

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University of Chicago Predoc Workshop (2022 x2)

Midwest Economics Association (2019, 2020)

Western Economics Association International's Conference (2019)

Harvard NCRC ([2019 & 2020](#))

World Bank Youth Summit ([2019](#))

Georgetown Law's Workshop on Improving Tech Resources for Congress ([2018](#))

## SELECTED POLICY PUBLICATIONS

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The Unpersuasive Empiricism Regarding Universal Mail-in Voting Fraud (with Ian Ayres) ([Link](#))

Platform Competition and the Implications of *Ohio v. Amex* (Prepared for the FTC's Platform Competition Hearings) ([Link](#))

Should Congress Revive The Office of Technology Assessment (with Will Rinehart) ([Link](#))

California's New Net-Neutrality Law Hurts Consumers ([Link](#))

## ADDITIONAL INVOLVEMENT

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- Grinnell College (Division III) Tennis Team (2016-20), Captain (senior year); ~25 hour commitment per week
- Reviewer (x2), Yale Undergraduate Research Journal
- Science Editor, Grinnell Undergraduate Research Journal
- Writing Fellow, America's Future Foundation (Summer 2018)
- Vivero Fellow ([2018 Cohort](#))
- Senator, Student Government Association (Spring 2017)
- Tutor, Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center (2016-18)