## ROBERT FRENCH

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ACADEMIC University of Chicago

POSITIONS Postdoctoral Fellow, Harris School of Public Policy & Mansueto Institute 08/2024 – 07/2025

Loyola Marymount University

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics 08/2025 –

EDUCATION Harvard University

Ph.D. Public Policy 2024

**University of Toronto** 

M.A. Economics 2016 B.A. Economics 2014

RESEARCH AREAS Urban and Real Estate Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics

WORKING PAPERS Quantifying the Welfare Impacts of Gentrification on Incumbent Renters (with Ashvin Gandhi &

*Valentine Gilbert*)

Suburban Housing and Urban Affordability: Evidence from Residential Vacancy Chains (with

*Valentine Gilbert*)

PUBLICATIONS Behavioral barriers transitioning to college

Labour Economics, 2017, 47. (with Philip Oreopoulos)

Applying behavioural economics to public policy in Canada *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 2017, 50. (with Philip Oreopoulos).

SELECTED WORK

IN PROGRESS

Schools or Suitcases? Optimal Urban Policy and Economic Opportunity in Greater Boston

Barriers to Racial Residential Integration (with Valentine Gilbert)

OTHER RESEARCH New York University

EXPERIENCE Visiting Researcher, Furman Center 06/2022 - 07/2022

**University of Toronto** 

Research Assistant to Philip Oreopoulos

Research Assistant to Kory Kroft

2016–2017

2014–2015

FELLOWSHIPS, Junior Scholar, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association AY 2024–2025
RESEARCH AWARDS Best Junior Paper Submitted for the 2024 AREUEA National Conference 2024
& GRANTS Best Paper on Housing by a Doctoral Student, Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies 2024

Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy	2023
Adam Smith Fellowship (Declined), Mercatus Center	2023
Research Grant (×2), Malcolm Weiner Center for Social Policy	2022, 2023
Graduate Admission Scholarship, University of Toronto	AY 2015–2016
Louis Savlov Scholarship, University of Toronto	AY 2013–2014

TEACHING **Harvard University** 

**EXPERIENCE** PhD Micro Theory II (HKS), Head Teaching Fellow Spring 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024

PhD Micro Theory I (HKS), Head Teaching Fellow Fall 2021 Fall 2019, 2020

Intermediate Micro Theory: Advanced, Head Teaching Fellow

**University of Toronto** 

Principles of Economics, Teaching Assistant AY 2015-2016

Economic Thought after 1870, Teaching Assistant Spring 2016

TEACHING **DISTINCTIONS**  Derek Bok Certification of Distinction in Teaching (×3), Harvard University Spring 2021, AY 2021–2022

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES Scheduled

2025: Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies

2024: AREUEA National Conference, UEA European Conference, UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate Conference on Low-Income Housing Supply and Housing Affordability, Loyola Marymount University,

University of Cincinnati Finance, Texas A&M

2023 and earlier: UEA Summer School, NYU Furman Center, Harvard Kennedy School Economics and Social

Policy

PROFESSIONAL

ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

Referee:

Quarterly Journal of Economics (×4), Journal of Urban Economics (×2), Journal of Behavioral Public

Administration

Discussant:

2025: AREUEA-ASSA Annual Conference (×3)

2024: AREUEA National Conference, UEA European Conference

**SKILLS** Julia, R, STATA, LATEX

PERSONAL UK and Canadian Citizen

US Census Bureau Special Sworn Status