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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<b>Loyola Marymount University</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Economics  <b>University of Chicago</b> Postdoctoral Fellow, Harris School of Public Policy & Mansueto Institute	08/2025 –  08/2024 – 07/2025
EDUCATION	<b>Harvard University</b> Ph.D. Public Policy  <b>University of Toronto</b> M.A. Economics B.A. Economics	2024  2016 2014
RESEARCH AREAS	Urban and Real Estate Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics	
WORKING PAPERS	Quantifying the Welfare Impacts of Gentrification on Incumbent Renters ( <i>with Ashvin Gandhi &amp; Valentine Gilbert</i> )  Suburban Housing and Urban Affordability: Evidence from Residential Vacancy Chains ( <i>with Valentine Gilbert</i> )	
PUBLICATIONS	Behavioral barriers transitioning to college <i>Labour Economics</i> , 2017, 47. ( <i>with Philip Oreopoulos</i> )  Applying behavioural economics to public policy in Canada <i>Canadian Journal of Economics</i> , 2017, 50. ( <i>with Philip Oreopoulos</i> ).	
SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS	Schools or Suitcases? Optimal Urban Policy and Economic Opportunity in Greater Boston  Taxed Out or Cashing In? Property Taxes, Home Values, and Homeowner Decisions in Gentrifying Neighborhoods ( <i>with Christopher Berry and Ashvin Gandhi</i> )  Constructing Precise Sociodemographic Tract Aggregates with Census Microdata ( <i>with Ashvin Gandhi</i> )	
OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<b>New York University</b> Visiting Researcher, Furman Center  <b>University of Toronto</b> Research Assistant to Philip Oreopoulos Research Assistant to Kory Kroft	06/2022 - 07/2022  2016–2017 2014–2015

FELLOWSHIPS, RESEARCH AWARDS & GRANTS	Junior Scholar, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association	AY 2024–2025
	Best Junior Paper Submitted for the 2024 AREUEA National Conference	2024
	Best Paper on Housing by a Doctoral Student, 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 EXPERIENCE	<b>Loyola Marymount University</b>	
	Undergraduate Econometrics, Instructor	Fall 2025
	<b>Harvard University</b>	
	PhD Micro Theory II (HKS), Head Teaching Fellow	Spring 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024
	PhD Micro Theory I (HKS), Head Teaching Fellow	Fall 2021
	Intermediate Micro Theory: Advanced, Head Teaching Fellow	Fall 2019, 2020
	<b>University of Toronto</b>	
	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 <i>Scheduled</i>	2026: AREUEA-ASSA	
	2025: Purdue University, Loyola Marymount University, Chicago Fed Urban Economics Workshop, UW-Madison Real Estate, University of North Texas, IIOC, WEA, USC Price, UEA North America, University of Utah School of Business	
	2024: UEA North America, UEA Europe, AREUEA-National, UCLA Ziman Center Conference on Low-Income Housing Supply and Housing Affordability, RUSH Online Seminar, Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, Loyola Marymount University (JM), University of Cincinnati Finance (JM), Texas A&M (JM)	
	2023 and earlier: NYU Furman Center, Harvard Kennedy School Economics and Social Policy	
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE	<i>Referee:</i>	
	Quarterly Journal of Economics (×6), Journal of Urban Economics (×2), Journal of Public Economics, Urban Affairs, Journal of Behavioral Public Administration	
	<i>Discussant:</i>	
	2025: AREUEA-ASSA (×3), IIOC, WEA	
	2024: AREUEA National, UEA Europe	
SOFTWARE	Julia, R, STATA, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X	
PERSONAL	UK and Canadian Citizen	
	US Census Bureau Special Sworn Status	