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Education	<p>University of Southern California Aug 2017 – May 2021 B.S. in Economics and Math B.A. in Philosophy Los Angeles, CA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded five competitive scholarships, including USC's Presidential Scholarship.Courses: Real Analysis, Probability Theory, Mathematical Statistics, Linear Algebra, Calculus III, Econometrics, Intermediate Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, Thematic Option Honors Program <p>London School of Economics and Political Science Sep 2019 – May 2020 The General Course London, U.K.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Courses: Game Theory, Public Economics, Logic and Argumentation, Philosophy of Morals and Politics
Experience	<p>Research Assistant May 2019 – present Columbia Business School New York, NY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Coauthoring working paper with Dr. Jorge Guzman, creating a theoretical paradigm of the role of identity in strategy to model how the growth of startups is constrained by the personal commitments and motivations of their founders.Designing and implementing a experiment to study how an identity-priming intervention affects entrepreneurial decision-making.Writing R code for econometric analysis and developing an R package for covariate block randomization. <p>Research Assistant Sep 2017 – May 2019 USC Viterbi School of Engineering MINERVA Lab Los Angeles, CA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Coauthored working paper, "Financing Cascades: Sequencing Public and Private Funding in University Spinoffs," with Dr. Andrea Belz and Dr. Fernando Zapatero, studying entrepreneurial finance and technology transfer to explore how innovative ideas are developed into successful technologies.Designed surveys in Qualtrics, performed econometric analysis in R, Stata, and Excel, discussed research at weekly lab meetings, and interviewed undergraduate candidates for research assistant positions. <p>Legislative Intern May 2018 – Jul 2018 U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations Washington, DC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Drafted legislative language for the Labor-Health-Education FY 19 appropriations bill and committee report, including an amendment offered by Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX 28) and accepted by the committee into H. Rept. 115-862.Conducted research, wrote memos, and performed fact-checking for the Democratic Committee Staff (Financial Services Subcommittee) at the service of Ranking Member Nita Lowey (NY 17).Assisted both Democratic and Republican Members of Congress at committee markups and attended briefings by government agencies, interest groups, and think tanks. <p>Organizing Fellow Aug 2016 – Nov 2016 Hillary for America Las Vegas, NV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed daily voter registration, phone banks, and get-out-the-vote drives at community centers across Las Vegas for the 2016 presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton.Trained hundreds of volunteers for canvassing duties and staffed events, including campaign rallies and the 3rd Presidential Debate at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
Skills	R, Python, MATLAB, Git, LaTeX, HTML/CSS, Excel
Honors	USC Presidential Scholar (present), USC Easterlin Fellow (present), USC Undergraduate Research Fellowship (2019), Lime Connect Fellow (2018), National Merit Scholar (2017)
Interests	Competitive swimming, poetry, piano, existentialism, political activism, programming, AI / machine learning