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Current Employment

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Financial Economist 2021 – present

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC)

Ph.D. in Economics

2021

M.S. in Economics

2018

University of Chicago

B.A. in Economics & B.S. in Mathematics 2011

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Consumer Finance

Working Papers

"Federal Student Loans, College Choice, and Student Welfare"

Work in Progress

"General Equilibrium Effects of Student Loans on the U.S. College Market"

"The Effect of Student Loan Borrowing and Early Career Debt on Mental Health"

Publications

"The COVID-19 Pandemic and Mental Health of First-Year College Students: Examining the Effect of COVID-19 Stressors Using Longitudinal Data." 2021, **PLoS One**, 16(3): e0247999, with Jane Cooley Fruehwirth and Krista Perreira

"Bubbly Recessions." 2020, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, 12(4): 33–70, with Andrew Hanson and Toan Phan

"Income Inequality, Tax Policy, and Economic Growth." 2017, *Economic Journal*, 127(601): 688–727, with Indraneel Chakraborty and Rong Hai

Previous Employment

Department of Economics, UNC

Research Assistant for Jane Cooley Fruehwirth & Donna Gilleskie 2016 – 2017

Center for the Economics of Human Development, University of Chicago

Research Professional for Rong Hai & James Heckman 2013 – 2015

Kearney (formerly A.T. Kearney), Procurement & Analytic Solutions

Senior Analyst 2013 - 2013Analyst 2011 - 2013

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2020 Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference, UNC Education Inequality Seminar

2019 SEA Annual Meeting, National Academy of Education (NAEd) Fellows Retreat & Annual Meeting*, Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day (UNC)

2017 HCEO Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality* (University of Chicago)

Honors and Awards

2020 Thomas S. & Helen Borda Royster and Snowden & Elspeth Merck Henry Dissertation Fellowship, UNC Graduate School (2020 – 2021)

Best Graduate Student Instructor, UNC Department of Economics

William R. Parke Graduate Student Award, UNC Department of Economics

2019 Research Development Award, NAEd/Spencer Foundation

Dean's Graduate Fellowship, UNC Graduate School

Summer Research Fellowship, UNC Graduate School

Georges Lurcy Fellowship in Economics, UNC Graduate School

2018 Robert Gallman Graduate Scholarship, UNC Department of Economics

2017 Travel Grant, HCEO Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality

Kampf Summer Research Fellowship, UNC Department of Economics (2016 & 2017)

Teaching Experience

Department of Economics, UNC

Instructor: Labor Economics, Introduction to Economics

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Economics, Graduate Econometric Theory, Graduate

Econometrics

Professional Service

Referee Service: Education Finance and Policy, Economics Bulletin

Other: Graduate Assistant to 2018 SEA President-elect and Program Chair

Skills

Software: (Fluent) Stata, Matlab; (Proficient) Fortran, Mathematica, SQL, R, Tableau

Languages: (Fluent) Bengali; (Proficient) Hindi, Spanish

^{*} poster presentation