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Education

PhD Candidate, Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology — 2019 -
– Advisors: Daron Acemoglu, Michael Whinston, Jacob Moscona, Iván Werning

BA with Distinction, Economics & Mathematics, Cornell University — 2015 - 2019
– *summa cum laude* (x2)
– Thesis: "Nonlinear Income Taxation with General Preferences"
  Advisor: Maxim Troshkin

Publications

"Regulating Transformative Technologies" — 2024
  with Daron Acemoglu, *American Economic Review: Insights*

"Implications of Uncertainty for Optimal Policies" — 2022
  with Maxim Troshkin, *Journal of Economic Theory*

Working Papers

"Input-Price Responses to Horizontal Mergers and the Bargaining-Leverage Defense" — 2022
  with Rebekah Dix

Conference & Seminar Presentations

LSE Environment Day — 2023

International Industrial Organization Conference — 2022

Society for Economic Dynamics — 2019

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

MIT Economics Best TA Finalist — 2024

George and Obie Schultz Fund — 2021, 2022, 2023

NBER Innovation Research Boot Camp — 2022

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship — 2019

Presidential Fellowship (MIT) (declined due to NSF fellowship) — 2019

Uri M. Possen Memorial Award, Best Undergraduate Economics Thesis (Cornell) — 2019

Merrill Presidential Scholar, Top 34 in Class of 2019 (Cornell) — 2019

Phi Beta Kappa, Junior Inductee, Top 3% in College (Cornell)   2018

Omicron Delta Epsilon, Junior Inductee (Cornell)   2017

Refereeing

Economic Policy, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, *Review of Industrial Organization*

Service

Founder and Organizer, MIT AI Tea   2023

Organizer, MIT Third-Year Lunch   2022

Mentor, Harvard/MIT Application Assistance and Mentoring Program   2021

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, MIT Department of Economics

    14.452 Economic Growth (PhD, overall rating 6.8/7)   2023

    14.471 Public Economics I (PhD, overall rating 7/7)   2022

    14.05 Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate, overall rating 5.6/7)   2021

    14.41 Public Finance and Public Policy (Undergraduate, overall rating 5.8/7) 2021

Course Assistant, Cornell University Department of Mathematics

    Calculus Preparation and Quantitative Methods (Undergraduate)   2018

    Statistics Preparation and Quantitative Methods (Undergraduate)   2017