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Education

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

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, forthcoming at *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, 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