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Education

PhD Candidate, Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2019 -
– Advisors: Daron Acemoglu, Michael Whinston	
BA with Distinction, Economics & Mathematics, Cornell University	2015 - 2019
– <i>summa cum laude</i> (x2)	
– Thesis: “Nonlinear Income Taxation with General Preferences”	
Advisor: Maxim Troshkin	

Publications

“Regulating Transformative Technologies”	2024
with Daron Acemoglu, forthcoming at <i>American Economic Review: Insights</i>	
“Implications of Uncertainty for Optimal Policies”	2022
with Maxim Troshkin, <i>Journal of Economic Theory</i>	

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