

# Todd Lensman

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## Education

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

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

## Publications

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“Implications of Uncertainty for Optimal Policies” 2022  
with Maxim Troshkin, *Journal of Economic Theory*

## Working Papers

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“Regulating Transformative Technologies” 2023  
with Daron Acemoglu, conditional acceptance at *American Economic Review: Insights*

“Limits to Buyer Power: Pass-Through and Input Prices in Horizontal Merger Policy” 2022  
with Rebekah Dix

## Conference & Seminar Presentations

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LSE Environment Day 2023

International Industrial Organization Conference 2022

Society for Economic Dynamics 2019

## Fellowships, Grants, Honors, & Awards

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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

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*Economic Policy, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*

## Service

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Founder and Organizer, MIT AI Tea	2023
Organizer, MIT Third-Year Lunch	2022
Mentor, Harvard/MIT Application Assistance and Mentoring Program	2021

## Teaching Experience

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Teaching Assistant, MIT Department of Economics	
14.452 Economic Growth (PhD)	2023
14.471 Public Economics I (PhD)	2022
14.05 Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)	2021
14.41 Public Finance and Public Policy (Undergraduate)	2021
Course Assistant, Cornell University Department of Mathematics	
Calculus Preparation and Quantitative Methods (Undergraduate)	2018
Statistics Preparation and Quantitative Methods (Undergraduate)	2017