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OBJECTIVE

Economics PhD student with a strong background in applied econometrics, development economics, and environmental policy. Experienced in causal inference, program evaluation, and machine learning. Seeking data-driven roles in economic consulting, applied research, or data science to inform strategic decisions and improve economic outcomes.

EDUCATION

University of Washington

Seattle, WA Ph.D. in Economics 2023 - Present **University of Colorado** Boulder, CO B.A. in Economics and Mathematics May 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: R (advanced), Stata (advanced), Python (intermediate), Matlab (intermediate), SQL (basic)

Tools: LATEX, Git, Quarto, Excel

Econometrics: MLE, limited dependent variable models (probit, tobit), regression discontinuity, difference-in-differences, fixed and random effects panel models

Machine Learning: Decision trees, random forests, gradient boosting, LASSO, Ridge, clustering, PCA, model validation, introductory NLP, and CNNs

Development and Policy Analysis: Program evaluation using microdata, education and labor market interventions, household-level decision-making, NGO program de-

Economics Theory: Microeconomics, general equilibrium, game theory, contract theory, auction theory

Work EXPERIENCE

University of Washington, Department of Economics

Seattle, WA Sep 2023 – Present

 Evaluated writing samples for graduate admissions to assess analytical and writing skills.

Grader, ECON 423: Topics in Financial Economics

Spring 2025

Graded problem sets and exams in asset pricing and financial markets.

University of Colorado, Department of Economics

Boulder, CO

Research Assistant to Prof. Miles Kimball

May 2022 – Dec 2022

 Analyzed survey data on well-being using utility-based frameworks; cleaned large subjective data sets.

University of Colorado, Department of Mathematics

Boulder, CO

Math Tutor and Learning Assistant

Jan 2022 – Aug 2023

 Provided academic support in calculus and linear algebra; emphasized proof techniques and conceptual reasoning.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington

RTW Grader

- QSCI 381: Intro to Probability and Statistics (2025)
- ECON 201: Intro to Macroeconomics (Spring 2024)
- ECON 200: Intro to Microeconomics (Winter 2024)

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE University of Washington, Department of Economics

• Economics Graduate Student Committee Autumn 2023 – Present Elected PhD representative organizing events and advising department decisions

Women in Economics
 Lead initiatives to promote diversity and inclusion

 PhD Mentor Autumn 2024 – Present Support incoming PhD students with academic and career mentoring

Autumn 2023 – Present

University of Colorado Boulder

• Finance Board Member Autumn 2020 – Autumn 2022 Allocated funding for campus-wide programs through budget review and proposal evaluation

AWARDS AND James K. Viola M. Hall Fellowship, UW Autumn 2023 HONORS Magna Cum Laude in Economics, CU Boulder Spring 2023

GRADUATE Fields: Microeconomics, Development Economics

COURSEWORK Methods: Applied Microeconometrics, Econometric Theory, ML for Economists

Other: Contract Theory, Auction Theory

REFERENCES Available upon request

OTHER Languages: English (native)
INFORMATION Citizenship: United States