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Employment

Tampere University

Assistant Professor, 2025-

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2023-2024

Education

Brown University

Ph.D., Economics, 2023

M.A., Economics, 2018

University of Helsinki

M.Sc., Mathematics, 2022

University of Oulu

M.Sc., Economics, 2016

B.Sc., Economics, 2014

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Tampere University

Advanced macroeconomics, 2024-2025

Master's thesis seminar, 2024-2025

Teaching Assistant, Brown University

Intermediate Microeconomics (Mathematical), Professor Rajiv Vohra, Spring 2023

Mathematics for Economists (graduate course), Lecturer Alex Poterack, Fall 2018 and Fall 2022

Economic Growth, Professor David Weil, Fall 2021

Essential Mathematics for Economics, Lecturer Alex Poterack, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Summer 2021

Economania (Summer course for high school students), Summer 2019

Economic Development, Professor Louis Putterman, Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant, University of Oulu

Economic Theory II (macro), Professor Mikko Puhakka, Fall 2014 and Fall 2015

Presentations

2026: Finnish Economic Association Annual Meeting

2025: Finnish Economic Association Annual Meeting, INTEDU Conference, Inequalities and Opportunities Conference in Bari, ETLA

2024: Tampere University, Finnish Economic Association Annual Meeting, ZEW Public Finance Conference, Helsinki GSE Labor & Public Economics Seminar, Helsinki Macro Research Away Day, International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress[†], 38th meeting of the European Economic Association, European Association for Labour Economists Conference, Helsinki GSE Macro Seminar
2023: Population Association of America Annual Meeting[†], ECINEQ Meeting, Tampere University
2022: Brown University Growth lab, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Brown University Theory seminar
2021: Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality at City University of New York[†], Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research[†], Brown University Growth breakfast
2020: Brown University Macro lunch, Brown University Growth lab

Professional Activities

Referee

Empirical Economics, Finnish Journal of Social Research, Journal of Econometrics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Inequality, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Design

Organizer

FIT seminar 2024-

Co-organizer of Workshop on Wealth Inequality, Wealth Accumulation, and Public Policy at Tampere University, January 2025

Awards and Fellowships

Brown University Merit Dissertation Fellowship

Spring 2022

James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Wealth and Income Inequality Project Fellowship

Spring 2021

Stephen R. Ehrlich Fellowship Fund

2017-2018

Languages and Skills

Finnish (native), English (fluent)

Matlab, R, Stata, Python, L^AT_EX

Publications

Heikkuri and Schief, “Subgroup Decomposition of the Gini Coefficient: A New Solution to an Old Problem”, *Econometrica*, 2026, 94(1): 169–192.

[†]Presentation by co-author