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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Ph.D. Economics

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Expected May 2026

Dissertation: Essays on Parental Co-Residence, Wealth, and Family Formation

Related Courses: Household Finance: Theory, Household Finance: Empirics, Cross-Section and Panel Data, Time Series Econometrics, Topics in Dynamic Modeling, Topics in Labor Economics, Workshop in Finance: Empirical, Benefit-Cost Analysis

### M.S. Economics and Applied Econometrics

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

May 2022

### B.A. Economics and Psychology

CUNY Baruch College, New York, NY, Summa Cum Laude

May 2020

### **FIELDS**

Household Finance, Housing Economics, Family Economics, Consumption

#### RESEARCH

### "The Dynamics of Co-Residence, Wealth, and Family Formation" (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: Parental co-residence has become an increasingly popular choice for young adults. This paper examines how co-residence status influences net worth and family formation decisions. Using dynamic event studies, I analyze outcomes around a move into and out of the parental home. An instrumental variable (IV) approach is employed to estimate the causal effects of co-residence on expected household formation. While the event studies reveal no significant net worth differences between co-residing and non-co-residing young adults, moving out is positively associated with a higher likelihood of marriage and larger family sizes. For the IV analysis, predicted state unaffordability is used as an instrument for co-residence. The findings offer insights into the complex relationship between living arrangements, financial well-being, and household formation.

# "Parental Co-Residence and Asset Accumulation"

Abstract: This paper develops and solves a model to examine how young adults' savings decisions are affected by co-residence and student loan payments. Co-residence is generally chosen when individuals are poorer and younger, making it difficult in general to save as much as those who do not co-reside. Young adults are also more likely to choose co-residence when housing costs are high and the preference for independent living is low. The model predicts that without the obligation of rental payments, the extra savings during co-residence are used to pay off student loans.

### "Parental Co-Residence and Marital Transitions" (In Progress)

Abstract: A structural model is built to examine the relationship between parental co-residence and marriage timing. I study how living arrangements may delay marriage, incorporating housing costs, preferences for independence, and match quality.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ECON 101: Introduction to Microeconomics, University of Delaware, Teaching Assistant	Spring 2025
ECON 306: Introduction to Econometrics, University of Delaware, Teaching Assistant	Fall 2023/2020,
	Spring 2021
ECON 823: Econometric Theory II, University of Delaware, Teaching Assistant	Spring 2022
ECON 822: Econometric Theory I, University of Delaware, Teaching Assistant	Fall 2021

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant,	University of Delaware, Professor Tom Eisenber	g 2024, Spring 2023
Research Assistant,	University of Delaware, Professor Olga Gorbach	ev Fall 2022

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata, GitHub, LATEX, Python, Julia

# ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Innovative Teaching Strategies, IT-Academic Technology Services, University of Delaware 2025

# REFERENCES

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