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EDUCATION

PH.D. ECONOMICS, 2011
Northwestern University

M.A. ECONOMICS, 2008
Northwestern University

B.A. ECONOMICS AND EAST ASIAN STUDIES, *SUMMA CUM LAUDE,* 2005
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

AWARDS

STAR Award
FDIC, 2023 and 2024
Dean's Excellence Award
University of Toronto, 2015
Susan Bies Prize in Economics
Northwestern University, 2009
Excellence Award in Economics
Hebrew University, 2004 and 2005

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Data: Python, R, Stata, SQL, Git
Methods: Causal inference, experimental design, foundational ML
Tools: Latex, Excel, Tableau, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: U.S., Canadian, Israeli
Languages: Fluent in English and Hebrew; proficient in Spanish
Publications and media: available upon request and here

PROFILE

Strategic thinker with a deep understanding of how incentives, uncertainty, and information shape decision-making. Experienced in leading interdisciplinary teams, managing complex data projects, and navigating high-stakes environments. Known for combining analytical rigor with clear communication to drive alignment between technical findings and organizational goals. Brings a practical, collaborative approach to solving ambiguous problems at scale.

EXPERIENCE

SENIOR FINANCIAL ECONOMIST • AUGUST 2021 — PRESENT
Center for Financial Research • FDIC • Washington, D.C.
- Lead research on banking behavior, market incentives, and regulatory policy.
- Translate complex data into actionable insights for senior leadership and external stakeholders.
- Mentor junior economists and interns, fostering analytical and professional development.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR • JULY 2010 — JULY 2021
Department of Economics • University of Toronto • Toronto, Canada
- Directed multi-year empirical research initiatives on market design, behavior, and social networks.
- Secured and managed external research funding; led international academic collaborations.
- Taught graduate and undergraduate courses in economics and data analysis; supervised thesis research.

SKILLS AND LEADERSHIP

- Led cross-functional teams to deliver data-driven projects across research and policy domains
- Brought a creative, cross-disciplinary approach to economic analysis, integrating external methods and data
- Applied a political economy lens to understand incentives and forecast market and institutional responses, supporting strategic decision-making
- Made high-stakes decisions under uncertainty, informed by military and executive-level experience
- Built grassroots coalitions to address local and national challenges; developed strategy, adapted in real time, and managed logistics to drive coordinated action