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Education

- 2020–2024, B.A. in Economics, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, [Middlebury College](#)
- 2022, Visiting Undergraduate Student, [Harvard College](#)
- 2017–2019, IBDP, [United World College](#) Thailand

Working Papers

- “Labor Market Implications of Grade Inflation”, with Martin Abel and Jeffrey Carpenter
- “Should Universities Smooth Faculty Hiring? Theory and Evidence” (Dec 2025) [[Draft](#)]
- “Human Capital Response to Import Competition”

Work in Progress

- “Solutions to Bruce Hansen’s *Econometrics*” [[Repository](#)]

Research Assistant Experiences

- 2024–2026, Pre-doctoral Research Associate (Jesse Shapiro Lab), Harvard University
- 2025, Research Assistant (Christopher Campos)
- 2022, Research Assistant (Paul Gompers), Harvard University
- 2022, Research Assistant (Melissa Dell), Harvard University
- 2021–2022, Research Assistant (Akhil Rao), Middlebury College

Honors, Awards, Fellowships, and Scholarships

Christian A. Johnson Prize in Economics, Middlebury College	2024
College Scholar, Middlebury College	2020–2024
PRIMO Fellowship, Harvard University	2022
Davis UWC Scholarship, Middlebury College	2020
Semester at Sea Davis Scholarship, Institute of Shipboard Education	2019

Teaching Assistant Experiences

- 2021, Positive Psychology, Catherine Sanderson, Amherst College LAISS
- 2019, The French Revolution, Ellen Boucher, Amherst College LAISS

Professional Service

- Student Advisory Council Member, Middlebury College Economics Department (2022–2023)

Additional Information

- Languages: English, Chinese
- Programming: R, Python, Stata

Last updated: December 2025