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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Expected 2027
Dissertation Committee: Dan Bernhardt (Chair), Alexander Bartik, Jorge Lemus, Lena Song.
M.S. in Economics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 2024
B.A. in Quantitative Economics & Mathematics, Beloit College 2021
Full Tuition Scholarship (\$200,000); Dean's List (8 semesters).

RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Economic History, Media Economics.

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Disruption Without Destruction: Television Entry and the Reorganization of Commercial Radio.”
I study how the entry of television reorganized the commercial radio industry, using the FCC's 1948–1952 television licensing freeze as a natural experiment. Exploiting geographic variation in television entry, I document vertical disintegration in radio as national networks migrated to television: network compensation declined while local advertising revenue rose, with effects heterogeneous by market size.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “The Diffusion of Workplace Organization: Evidence from Victorian Railways” (with Keitaro Ninomiya). Examines how new forms of workplace organization spread across Britain's Victorian railways and shaped firm outcomes.
- “Special Economic Zones and Local Development: Evidence from India.” Studies how India's Special Economic Zones affected economic development in the areas surrounding them.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 2024–Present
Built large-scale firm-level panels from unstructured archival records using Python and AI-assisted extraction; conducted econometric analysis in Stata.

Economist / Consultant, New York State Attorney General's Office 2025
Built quasi-experimental cost-benefit models estimating the causal impact of algorithmic regulation; findings incorporated into official regulatory documents.

Data Analytics Intern, PepsiCo, Consumer Insights 2023
Demand-elasticity and market-share forecasting across a national portfolio.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 2022–Present

- Head Teaching Assistant, Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 102) — Fall 2023–Present
- Teaching Assistant, Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 102) — Spring 2023 (head TA in training)
- Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics Theory (ECON 500), M.S. in Policy Economics (MSPE) — Fall 2022

Named to the List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent (6 semesters).¹

Beloit College 2018–2021
Teaching Assistant; managed office hours for the following courses:

- Principles of Economics — SP2020 (2 sections), FA2019, SP2019, FA2018, SP2018

¹The University of Illinois has since discontinued the List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent; the recognition was received in every eligible semester it was offered.

- Economic Theory: Microeconomics — SP2020, FA2019, SP2019
- Seminar: Energy and Environmental Economics — SP2020, FA2020
- Quantitative Methods — FA2019, FA2020, SP2021
- Game Theory — FA2019
- Sustainable Agricultural Management — SP2019

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 1. Bridge to BCG, Boston Consulting Group (selected) | 2026 |
| 2. Robert E. Demarest Memorial Teaching Award (\$5,000) | <i>University of Illinois</i> |
| 3. Morris & Sally Kleiner Labor Economics Prize (\$3,000) | <i>University of Illinois</i> |
| 4. Albert R. Topps Economics Award | <i>Beloit College</i> |
| 5. McAllister Award | <i>Beloit College</i> |
| 6. Alexander Award | <i>Beloit College</i> |
| 7. Full Tuition Scholarship (\$200,000); Dean's List (8 semesters) | <i>Beloit College</i> |

PRESENTATIONS

1. Applied Microeconomics Research Seminar, University of Illinois (7 presentations).
2. "AI-Assisted Digitization of Archival Records," lightning talk, University of Illinois workshop (2026).

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Reviewer, Midwest International Economic Development Conference (2025).
 Secretary, Illini Glider Club. FAA private glider pilot certificate (in progress).

REFERENCES

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