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Education

University of Minnesota <i>Ph.D. Economics</i>	(Expected) 2026
University of Western Ontario <i>M.A. Economics</i>	2020
McMaster University <i>B.A. Economics</i>	2019

Research Fields

Primary: macro labor, education economics, spatial economics.

Secondary: international macro.

Working Papers

- “Quality, Inequality, and Mobility: American vs. Canadian Systems of Higher Education”, 2023, *(submitted)*
- “On the Changing Relationship between Public Net Foreign Assets and Growth”, 2023, (with J. Gamboa-Arbelaez). *(submitted)*
- “From Preschool to College: The Impact of Education Policies over the Lifecycle”, 2024, (with A. Zheng).
- “Declining Teen Employment: Causes and Consequences”, 2024, (with A. Wurdinger).
- “On the Spatial Distribution of Colleges”, 2025

Work in Progress

- “Appropriate Management”, 2024, (with A. Wurdinger).
- “Default and Growth”, 2023, (with. J. Gamboa-Arbelaez)

Research Experience

Research Assistant <i>Department of Economics – University of Minnesota</i>	2023
Ph.D. Intern <i>Bank of Canada</i>	2023
Research Assistant <i>Department of Economics – McMaster University</i>	2019-2020
Research Analyst <i>OECD</i>	2018-2019

Teaching Experience

Instructor <i>University of Minnesota</i>	2022-Present <i>ECON 1102 (Average Rating: 5.5/6)</i>
Teaching Assistant <i>University of Minnesota</i>	2020-2022 <i>ECON 1101 (Average Rating: 5.7/6)</i>
Teaching Assistant <i>University of Western Ontario</i>	2019-2020 <i>ECON 1021 (Average Rating: 4.9/5)</i>
Teaching Assistant <i>McMaster University</i>	2017-2018 <i>ECON 1BB3 (Average Rating: 9/10)</i>

Presentations

2025: University of Ottawa, University of Toronto, Canadian Economic Association.

2024: Econometric Society European Meeting, Society for Economic Dynamics, Urban Economics Association, Minnesota-Wisconsin International Macroeconomics, University of Southern California, Laval University, McMaster University, Midwest Macro, Canadian Economic Association, Midwest Econometric, Southern Ontario Macro.

2023: McMaster University, Bank of Canada, Midwest Macro.

Awards & Honors

3rd-Year Paper Competition – 2nd Place <i>University of Minnesota</i>	2023
Thank a Teacher Award <i>Center for Educational Innovation, University of Minnesota</i>	2022
Distinguished Teaching Assistant <i>Department of Economics, University of Minnesota</i>	2021, 2022
Christopher Sims Fellowship <i>University of Minnesota</i>	2020
Ontario Graduate Scholarship <i>University of Western Ontario</i>	2019

Other

Languages: English (Native), French (Advanced), Spanish (Beginner).

Computation: Julia, Stata, C, Matlab, VBA.

References

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