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Employment

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| 2025– | University of Virginia
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics |
| 2024–25 | Stanford Digital Economy Lab
Postdoctoral Fellow |
| 2017–18 | Uber
Data Scientist, Ubernomics |
| 2015–16 | AQR Capital Management
Quantitative Research Analyst |

Education

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| 2024 | Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Economics
Thesis: Essays in Monetary Policy and Growth
Committee: George-Marios Angeletos, Iván Werning, Christian Wolf |
| 2015 | B.S., University of Chicago
Mathematics, Economics, Chinese |

Peer-reviewed publications

1. [“Toward an understanding of the economics of apologies: evidence from a large-scale natural field experiment”](#). With Ben Ho, John A. List, and Ian Muir. *The Economic Journal*, 132(641), 273-298, 2022.

Working papers

1. [“Optimal monetary policy under menu costs”](#). With Daniele Caratelli.
2. [“Transformative AI, existential risk, and real interest rates”](#). With Trevor Chow and J. Zachary Mazlish.
3. [“Reexamining optimal policy in the New Keynesian ‘liquidity trap’”](#).
4. [“Overreaction and forecast horizon”](#). With J. Zachary Mazlish.

Teaching

<i>MIT</i>	Teaching assistant for the following courses: Undergraduate intro macro 14.02 (fall 2020, fall 2021, fall 2022) Undergraduate intermediate micro 14.03 (spring 2021, spring 2024) Undergraduate micro theory 14.04 (fall 2022) Graduate monetary economics 14.453 (spring 2021)
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Professional activities

Presentations and seminars (including scheduled)

2025	San Francisco Fed; Touro Law; Hong Kong Institute for Monetary and Financial Research; HKU Business School; UC Berkeley; Richmond Fed
2024	University of Virginia; Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance; Office of Financial Research (US Treasury); Global Priorities Institute (Oxford); Carnegie Mellon University – Tepper; Midwest Macro Spring (Richmond Fed); Euro Area Business Cycle Network Conference (Mannheim); Southern Economic Association
Pre-2024	Global Priorities Institute (Oxford); Equitable Growth conference 2022; Economics Graduate Student Conference 2021 (WashU); Advances with Field Experiments 2019 (UChicago); AEAs 2018; Université Paris-Sud; Advances with Field Experiments 2017 (UChicago)

Refereeing

Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics, Journal of Monetary Economics, National Science Foundation, The Yale Law Journal, Macroeconomic Dynamics

Honors, Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants

2023	AI Worldviews Contest, first prize (Open Philanthropy)
2022	Global Priorities Fellowship (Global Priorities Institute)
2021	Emergent Ventures Fellow (Mercatus Center)
2021	Doctoral Grant (Washington Center for Equitable Growth)
2021	Humane Studies Fellow (Institute for Humane Studies)
2021	Oskar Morgenstern Fellow (Mercatus Center)
2018–24	Avanessians Fellowship (MIT)
2015	Phi Beta Kappa (UChicago)
2015	Becker-Friedman Institute Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Service (UChicago)

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