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Education	Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology Economics	2018 – 2024
	B.S., University of Chicago Math, Economics, Chinese	2011 – 2015
Employment	University of Virginia Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	2025 –
	Stanford Digital Economy Lab Postdoctoral Fellow	2024 – 2025
	Uber Data scientist (Ubernomics)	2017 – 2018
	AQR Capital Management Quantitative research analyst	2015 – 2016
Publications	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) <i>The Economic Journal</i>	2022
Working papers	Optimal monetary policy under menu costs (with Daniele Caratelli)	2024
	Transformative AI, existential risk, and asset pricing (with Trevor Chow and J. Zachary Mazlish)	2024
	The ZLB is NBD: 5 theses on the New Keynesian ‘liquidity trap’	2024
	Competing fiat moneys and nominal rigidities (with Adam Baybutt and J. Zachary Mazlish)	2023
Research in progress	What to expect when forecasters are expecting: Overreaction and boom-bust business cycles (with J. Zachary Mazlish)	
	Decomposing the Great Stagnation: Baumol’s cost disease vs. ‘ideas are getting harder to find’ (with J. Zachary Mazlish)	
	Experimentally reducing menu costs: evidence from one of the world’s largest retailers (with Daniele Caratelli)	

Presentations

2024: University of Virginia; Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance; Office of Financial Research (US Treasury); Carnegie Mellon University – Tepper; Midwest Macro Spring Euro Area Business Cycle Network Conference (scheduled)

2023: Global Priorities Institute (Oxford)

2022: Equitable Growth conference

2021: Economics Graduate Student Conference (WashU)

2019: Advances with Field Experiments (UChicago)

2018: AEAs

2017: Université Paris-Sud; Advances with Field Experiments (UChicago)

Teaching experience

Teaching assistant for the following MIT courses:

Undergraduate intro macro 14.02 (2020, 2021, 2022)

Undergraduate intermediate micro 14.03 (2021, 2024)

Undergraduate micro theory 14.04 (2022)

Graduate monetary economics 14.453 (2021)

Service

Journal of Political Economy, *Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics*, *Journal of Monetary Economics*

Fellowships and honors

AI Worldviews Contest, first prize (Open Philanthropy)	2023
Global Priorities Fellowship (Global Priorities Institute)	2022
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)	2021
Avanessians Fellowship (MIT)	2018 – 2024
Phi Beta Kappa (UChicago)	2015