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EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) , Cambridge, MA, United States PhD in Economics, 2022—present Brown University , Providence, RI, United States Bachelor of Science with Honors in Applied Mathematics-Economics, 2020 Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science, 2020 <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Predoctoral Research Assistant for Professor Amy Finkelstein	2020-2022
TEACHING	A Crash Course in Basics of Programming, Replication, and Numerical Methods (MIT) Instructor Mathematical Econometrics (Brown) Teaching Assistant Real Analysis (Brown) Teaching Assistant Deep Learning (Brown) Teaching Assistant Multivariable Calculus (Brown) Teaching Assistant	2025-2026 2020 2019-2020 2019 2018
WORKING PAPERS	“Racial Differences in Nursing Home Value Added” with Liran Einav, Amy Finkelstein, and Neale Mahoney, 2026	
PUBLICATIONS	“Pandemic Schooling Mode and Student Test Scores: Evidence from US School Districts” with Rebecca Jack, Clare Halloran, and Emily Oster, <i>American Economic Review: Insights</i> , 2023	
HONORS AND AWARDS	J-PAL Health Care Delivery Initiative Grant Jerry A. Hausman Graduate Dissertation Fellowship · <i>MIT Economics Department</i> Fiscal and Economic Effects of Innovation and Productivity Policies Fellowship · <i>NBER</i> Supported by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation grant G-2024-22690 Aging and Health Graduate Fellowship · <i>NBER</i> Supported by the National Institute on Aging grant T32-AG000186 MIT Graduate Fellowship · <i>MIT</i> Outstanding Thesis Award in Economics · <i>Brown University Economics Department</i> Pathfinder Scholarship in Mathematics · <i>Pathfinders</i>	2026 2025-2027 2025-2026 2024-2025 2022-2024 2020 2016
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	<i>Conference Presentations and Discussions</i> ASSA	2024

Service

Organizer, MIT Industrial Organization Tea/Lunch	2024-2026
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Treasurer, MIT Graduate Economics Association	2023-2024

Refereeing

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