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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	University of Chicago <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Harris School of Public Policy & Mansueto Institute</i>	08/2024 – 07/2025
	Loyola Marymount University <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Economics</i>	08/2025 –
EDUCATION	Harvard University <i>Ph.D. Public Policy</i>	2024
	University of Toronto <i>M.A. Economics</i>	2016
	<i>B.A. Economics</i>	2014
RESEARCH AREAS	Urban and Real Estate Economics, Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics	
WORKING PAPERS	Quantifying the Welfare Impacts of Gentrification on Incumbent Renters (<i>with Ashwin Gandhi & Valentine Gilbert</i>)	
	Suburban Housing and Urban Affordability: Evidence from Residential Vacancy Chains (<i>with Valentine Gilbert</i>)	
PUBLICATIONS	Behavioral barriers transitioning to college <i>Labour Economics</i> , 2017, 47. (<i>with Philip Oreopoulos</i>)	
	Applying behavioural economics to public policy in Canada <i>Canadian Journal of Economics</i> , 2017, 50. (<i>with Philip Oreopoulos</i>).	
SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS	Schools or Suitcases? Optimal Urban Policy and Economic Opportunity in Greater Boston	
	Barriers to Racial Residential Integration (<i>with Valentine Gilbert</i>)	
OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	New York University Visiting Researcher, Furman Center	06/2022 - 07/2022
	University of Toronto Research Assistant to Philip Oreopoulos	2016–2017
	Research Assistant to Kory Kroft	2014–2015
FELLOWSHIPS, RESEARCH AWARDS & GRANTS	Junior Scholar, American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association	AY 2024–2025
	Best Junior Paper Submitted for the 2024 AREUEA National Conference	2024
	Best Paper on Housing by a Doctoral Student, Joint Center for Housing Studies	2024

Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy	2023
Adam Smith Fellowship (Declined), Mercatus Center	2023
Research Grant (×2), Malcolm Weiner Center for Social Policy	2022, 2023
Graduate Admission Scholarship, University of Toronto	AY 2015–2016
Louis Savlov Scholarship, University of Toronto	AY 2013–2014

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Harvard University

PhD Micro Theory II (HKS), Head Teaching Fellow	Spring 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024
PhD Micro Theory I (HKS), Head Teaching Fellow	Fall 2021
Intermediate Micro Theory: Advanced, Head Teaching Fellow	Fall 2019, 2020

University of Toronto

Principles of Economics, Teaching Assistant	AY 2015–2016
Economic Thought after 1870, Teaching Assistant	Spring 2016

TEACHING
DISTINCTIONS

Derek Bok Certification of Distinction in Teaching (×3), Harvard University	Spring 2021, AY 2021–2022
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INVITED TALKS
AND CONFERENCES
Scheduled

2025: Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies

2024: AREUEA National Conference, UEA European Conference, UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate Conference on Low-Income Housing Supply and Housing Affordability, Loyola Marymount University, University of Cincinnati Finance, Texas A&M

2023 and earlier: UEA Summer School, NYU Furman Center, Harvard Kennedy School Economics and Social Policy

PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES &
SERVICE

Referee:

Quarterly Journal of Economics (×4), Journal of Urban Economics (×2), Journal of Behavioral Public Administration

Discussant:

2025: AREUEA-ASSA Annual Conference (×3)

2024: AREUEA National Conference, UEA European Conference

SKILLS

Julia, R, STATA, L^AT_EX

PERSONAL

UK and Canadian Citizen

US Census Bureau Special Sworn Status