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EDUCATION

Harvard Kennedy School

Ph.D. Candidate in Public Policy (Economics Track), September 2020 - present

- James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality, and Social Policy, Harvard University.
- PhD Affiliate of Harvard Environmental Economics Program, Centre for International Development (CID), and Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD)

Carleton College

B.A. *Magna Cum Laude* and distinction in Economics, June 2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labour economics, political economy, economic history

WORKING PAPERS

“The Effect of Education on Later Life Health Revisited”. FEDS Working Paper, retrievable at <https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/feds/revisiting-the-effect-of-education-on-later-life-health.htm> (with Ted Figinski and Alicia Lloro)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Paywalls” (With Desmond Ang and Benjamin Schneer)

“Black Newspapers and the Great Migration”

Teaching Mental Health: Evaluating India’s “Happiness Curriculum” (With Kevin Carney)

“Blowin’ in the Wind: The Impact of Extreme Weather on College Major Choice”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“How Does Social Distancing Affect the Spread of Covid-19 in the United States?” with Bhashkar Mazumder, *Chicago Fed Letter*, No 442, 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Economic Research, Chicago IL
Research Assistant, Microeconomic Studies, (July 2018 - August 2020)

U.S. Department of Treasury, Office of Economic Policy, Washington DC
Research Intern, (June 2017 - August 2017)

Cornerstone Research, San Francisco CA
Summer Analyst, (June 2016 - August 2016)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Harvard Kennedy School

- Race and the State: The Role of Public Policy in U.S. Racial Inequality, for Desmond Ang (September 2023 - present)

Teaching Assistant, Carleton College

- Intermediate Price Theory, for Jenny Bourne (September 2017 - March 2018)
- Introduction to Macroeconomics, for Nathan Grawe (March 2016 - June 2016)
- Introduction to Microeconomics, for Prathi Seneviratne (January 2016 - March 2016)
- Introduction to Microeconomics, for Nathan Grawe (September 2015 - December 2015)

RESEARCH GRANTS

J-PAL Post-Primary Education Initiative Grant: \$31,724 (September 2021)

Mind Brain Behaviour Initiative Graduate Student Award: \$10,000 (November 2022)

Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality, and Social Policy Research Grant: \$2,500 (March 2023)

The Weiss Fund Research Grant (with Kevin Carney): \$50,000 (April 2023)

J-PAL Learning for All Initiative (with Kevin Carney): \$43,276 (August 2023)

Fund for Innovation in Development (with Kevin Carney): \$106,051 (August 2023)

HONORS

Top Undergraduate Senior Thesis, Minnesota Economics Association, 2018

Distinction in Economics, Senior Thesis, Carleton College, 2018

Ada M. Harrison Prize in Economics, Carleton College, 2018

Phi Beta Kappa, Carleton College, 2018

Dean's List, Carleton College, 2016-2017

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

Chair of HKS PhD Student Association Wellness & Mentorship Committees (September 2020-June 2023)

Mentor for Working in the Schools (WITS) Chicago (September 2018 - March 2020)

SKILLS

- Languages: Fluent in English, proficient in French
- Coding Languages: Python, Java, Unix, \LaTeX
- Statistical Software: Stata, R, Matlab, SAS, RATS, Excel, ArcGIS

- Special Sworn Status granted by U.S. Census Bureau
- Dual U.S. and Canadian Citizenship
- Makes too many Seinfeld references

REFeree

American Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management