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EDUCATION

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Ph.D. in Economics

Fields: Public Finance, Labor Economics

Ann Arbor, MI

Aug 2022 - Present

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

B.S. in Economics (Highest Honors) and Mathematics

Ann Arbor, MI

May 2022

RESEARCH PROJECTS

“How Does Remote Work Change the Incidence of State Corporate Income Taxes?”

“How State Income Taxes Affect Workers’ Residential Location: Evidence from a *Pilot Study*”

“Effects of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on Orphan Drug R&D Activity” (with Camila Bratten and Catherine Cox)

“[State and Local Tax Policy in a Time of Telework](#)” (with David R. Agrawal)

PUBLICATION

“[Are Capital Gains the Achilles’ Heel of Taxing the Rich?](#)” (with Joel Slemrod). *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, Vol. 39, Issue 3 (August 2023), 592-603.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Phi Beta Kappa 2022

Ferrando Prize in Economics, University of Michigan 2022
- *Joint best graduating honors student*

Sims Prize in Economics, University of Michigan 2022

Henry Carter Adams Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Writing, University of Michigan 2021

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Departmental Fellowship, University of Michigan 2026

Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (\$3000), University of Michigan 2025

Spring/Summer Graduate Research Award (\$5000), University of Michigan 2025
- *Joint with Camila Bratten and Catherine Cox*

Robert V. Roosa First Year Fellowship, University of Michigan 2022

Honors Summer Fellowship (\$6000), University of Michigan 2021

TEACHING

ECON 101, Principles of Economics I, University of Michigan 2025

ECON 395, Matching and Market Design, University of Michigan 2024 - 2025

ECON 102, Principles of Economics II, University of Michigan 2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Summer research assistant, Prof. James R. Hines Jr., University of Michigan 2023

Research assistant, Prof. Joel Slemrod, University of Michigan 2021 - 2023
- *Office of Tax Policy Research, Ross School of Business*

Summer research assistant, Prof. Nirupama Rao, University of Michigan 2022

PRESENTATIONS

2025: Public Finance Free Lunch Seminar (Michigan), NTA 118th Annual Conference, Labor Lunch Seminar (Michigan), Summer Seminar (Michigan), MTAXI (Michigan), Human Capital, History, Health, Demography, & Development Seminar (Michigan)

SERVICE

Co-organizer, H2D2 Seminar, University of Michigan 2025
- *Human Capital, History, Health, Demography, & Development Seminar*

Co-organizer, Women in Economics (WIE), University of Michigan 2025

SKILLS

Programming: R, Stata, MATLAB

Languages: Chinese (native), English (fluent)

Last updated: January 2026