

# Conor Walsh

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## Fields

Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, Spatial Economics

## Current Employment

### Columbia Business School

Assistant Professor

2021-

## Previous Employment

### Minneapolis Federal Reserve

Visiting Scholar (Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute)

2023-2024

### Princeton University

Postdoctoral Associate (International Economics Section)

2020-2021

## Education

### Yale University

Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Economics (with Distinction)

2020

Master of Philosophy, Department of Economics (with Distinction)

2017

Master of Arts, Department of Economics

2016

### Sydney University

Bachelor of International Studies (First Class Honours in Economics)

2011

## Working Papers

### Urban-Biased Growth: A Macroeconomic Analysis

2025

Joint with Fabian Eckert and Sharat Ganapati

*Submitted*

### Growth, Firm Scale, and the Energy Intensity of Production

Joint with Kathryn McDonald and Noémie Pinardon-Touati

2025

### Growth and Degrowth in the Theory of Material Resources

2025

### Local Growth Policy

2021

## Under Revision

### Clean Growth

2023

Joint with Costas Arkolakis

*Journal of Political Economy, Revise and Resubmit*

### The Entry Multiplier

2025

*Review of Economic Studies, Revise and Resubmit*

## Publications

- Carbon Pricing and Inequality: A Normative Perspective** 2025  
Joint with Saki Bigio, Diego Kanzig and Pablo Sanchez  
*Economic Journal*, *Conditionally Accepted*
- Are Inflationary Shocks Regressive? A Feasible Set Approach** 2025  
Joint with Felipe Del Canto, John Grigsby, Eric Qian  
*Quarterly Journal of Economics*
- Population Growth and Firm Dynamics** 2025  
Joint with Michael Peters  
*Journal of Political Economy: Macroeconomics*, *Accepted*
- The Economic Impacts of Clean Power** 2024  
Joint with Costas Arkolakis  
*Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*
- Demand, Growth and Deleveraging** 2023  
Joint with Brian Greaney  
*Review of Economic Dynamics*
- The Return to Big City Experience: Evidence from Refugees in Denmark** 2022  
Joint with Mads Hejlesen and Fabian Eckert  
*Journal of Urban Economics*
- The Geography of Remote Work** 2022  
Joint with Lukas Althoff, Fabian Eckert, Sharat Ganapati  
*Regional Science and Urban Economics*

## Work In Progress

- Evaluating the Welfare Cost of Recessions**  
Joint with John Grigsby and Christian Wolf
- Local and Global Ideas**  
Joint with Benny Kleinman

## Notes and Comments

- Hysteresis Implies Scale Effects** 2020

## Professional Activities:

### **Referee for:**

*Econometrica*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *American Economic Review*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *AER: Insights*, *AEJ: Macro*, *AEJ: Micro*, *JPE: Macro*, *Management Science*, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Theoretical Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *Economic Journal*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*, *Economica*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics*, *IMF Economic Review*, *Journal of Aging*

### **Committees:**

**2026:** Scientific Committee Member for the Society of Economic Dynamics (Athens), E-axes Young Scholar Organizing Committee, Conference on Urban and Regional Dynamics Lead Organizer, NYC Macro Day Organizer

**2025:** Scientific Committee Member for the Society of Economic Dynamics (Copenhagen), E-axes Young Scholar Organizing Committee, NYC Macro Day Organizer

**2024:** E-axes Young Scholar Organizing Committee, Scientific Committee Member for the Conference on Urban and Regional Economics, Scientific Committee Member for the Society of Economic Dynamics Winter Meeting (Buenos Aires), Scientific Committee Member for the Society of Economic Dynamics (Barcelona)

**2023:** Scientific Committee Member for the Urban Economics Association

**2022:** Scientific Committee Member for the Conference on Urban and Regional Economics

**2021:** Scientific Committee Member for the PhD Student Workshop of the Urban Economics Association, Quantitative Spatial Economics Junior Workshop

### **Grants and Clearances:**

#### **Grants:**

- National Science Foundation, PI, \$189K, *Economic Growth & the Use of Material Resources*, 2025-2028
- National Science Foundation, Co-PI, \$250K, *Clean Growth & Comparative Advantage*, 2021-2024

#### **Data Clearances:**

- US Census Bureau Special Sworn Status

### **Invited Seminars and Conferences**

**2026:** Georgetown University\*, Winter Business Economics Conference (Utah)\*, University of Tennessee\*, Minneapolis Federal Reserve\*, INSEAD Singapore\*, Society for Economic Dynamics (Athens)\*, Federal Reserve Board\*

**2025:** University of Utah, IFC Annual Research Conference, University of Michigan, SUNY Buffalo, M.I.T, Wilkes Climate Summit (Keynote), University of Toronto, "Energy Transitions at a Crossroads" (Snowmass), Utah State Legislature, Society for Economic Dynamics (Copenhagen), Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (Ischia), University of Queensland, Econometric Society World Congress (Seoul), University of Connecticut, New York Federal Reserve, Middlebury College, Junior Workshop in Macroeconomics NYU (City LAEF), University of Pittsburgh, International Monetary Fund, University of California Berkeley, Ozmac (Brisbane, Keynote)

**2024:** American Economic Association, Econometric Society (Asia), CRED Workshop on Urban and Regional Economics, Arizona State University, Stanford University, Sciences Po, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, White House Council of Economic Advisors, Renmin University, UC San Diego, Society for Economic Dynamics (Barcelona), Rome Workshop on Macroeconomics, NBER SI Economic Fluctuations and Growth, Sydney University, Princeton-Chicago Spatial Conference, Cornell, NBER Distributional Consequences of New Energy Policies, HEC Montreal, Brookings Papers on Economic Activity, North Carolina State University, Washington University St Louis, University of Chicago, Macroeconomics of Inequality Conference (St Louis Federal Reserve), Goldman Sachs Economic Research, Society for Economic Dynamics (Buenos Aires), Reserve Bank of Australia

**2023:** Yale ENRE, University of California Berkeley, Toronto Metropolitan University, CFM-Warwick-Vienna Macro Conference, University of Chicago, London School of Economics, Bristol University, Harvard University, University of British Columbia, Junior Growth Conference LBS, UCLA, Barcelona Summer Forum, CESifo Venice, Society for Economic Dynamics (Cartagena), NBER Summer Institute (ITI and MDM), Econometric Society (Australia), Lisbon Macro Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, European Central Bank, Urban Economics Association Toronto, University of Minnesota, NBER DSGE Conference, NBER EFG Fall Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, World Bank, Reserve Bank of Australia

**2022:** Washington University, Society for Economic Dynamics (Madison), Princeton-Chicago Spatial Conference, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Queens University, Sciences Po, Boston University, UT Austin, Sydney University

**2021:** Stanford University, Society for Economic Dynamics (online), Urban Economics Association, Southern Economic Association, Sydney University, University of Southern California, University of Groningen, Central Bank of Chile

\* =scheduled

## Discussions

**2025:** NC State International Economics: “The Geographical Leakage of Environmental Regulation” (Curtis et al)

**2024:** NBER SI Economic Growth: “The Network Origins of Firm Dynamics” (Boehm et al), Dallas Federal Reserve: “The Effects of ‘Buy American’ Restrictions” (Cox)

**2023:** Minneapolis Federal Reserve OIGI Conference: “Monetary Policy under Okun’s Hypothesis” (Alves and Violante), Japan Economic Conference Columbia: “Automation and Comparative Advantage” (Kikuchi)

**2022:** Becker Friedman Institute: “This Town Ain’t Big Enough” (Sotura)

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