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Fields

Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, Spatial Economics

Current Appointments

Columbia Business School

Associate Professor (untenured)

2026-

Assistant Professor

2021-2026

National Bureau of Economic Research

Faculty Research Fellow (EFG)

2026-

Previous Appointments

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

Growth, Firm Scale, and the Energy Intensity of Production

Joint with Kathryn McDonald and Noémie Pinardon-Touati

2026

Growth, Degrowth, and the Use of Material Resources

2026

Under Revision

Urban-Biased Growth: A Macroeconomic Analysis

2025

Joint with Fabian Eckert and Sharat Ganapati

Journal of Political Economy, *Revise and Resubmit*

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** 2026
Joint with Saki Bigio, Diego Kanzig and Pablo Sanchez
Economic Journal
- Population Growth and Firm Dynamics** 2026
Joint with Michael Peters
Journal of Political Economy: Macroeconomics
- Are Inflationary Shocks Regressive? A Feasible Set Approach** 2025
Joint with Felipe Del Canto, John Grigsby, Eric Qian
Quarterly Journal of Economics
- The Economic Impacts of Clean Energy** 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: Conference on Urban and Regional Dynamics (CURE) Lead Organizer, Scientific Committee Member for the Society of Economic Dynamics (Athens), E-axes Young Scholar Organizing Committee

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

2027: London School of Economics*

2026: Winter Business Economics Conference (Utah), Richmond Federal Reserve, Minneapolis Federal Reserve, Georgetown University, University of Tennessee, Boston University Junior Macro Conference, Society for Economic Dynamics (Athens), NBER SI Economic Growth*, Australian National University*, Federal Reserve Board*, Yale*, CUNY Graduate Center*

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

Students

Yuqi Zhang (Current), Kathryn McDonald (Current), Eshaan Patel (Current), Will Nober (Jane Street), Matthew Easton (Cornerstone), Aime Berdel (Bain)

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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