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Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Delaware, 2020–

Education

Ph.D., Public Policy & Economics, University of Michigan, 2020

M.A., Economics, University of Michigan, 2015

M.P.A./ID, Harvard University, 2013

B.A., Economics and International Studies, Northwestern University, 2009

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “Immigration and Business Dynamics: Evidence from U.S. Firms.” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 22(6), 2024. [[link](#)]
- “A Novel Agreement Statistic Using Data on Uncertainty in Ratings” (with Jarcy Zee, Laura H. Mariani, Laura Barisoni, and Brenda W. Gillespie). *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series C: Applied Statistics*, 72(5), 2023. [[link](#)]
- “Taken by Storm: Hurricanes, Migrant Networks, and U.S. Immigration” (with Dean Yang). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 12(2), 2020. [[link](#)]

Working Papers

- “The Impact of Immigration on Firms and Workers: Insights from the H-1B Lottery” (with Agostina Brinatti, Mingyu Chen, Nicolas Morales, and Kevin Shih). IZA Discussion Paper No. 16917, 2024. [[link](#)]
- “Bad Times, Bad Jobs? How Recessions Affect Early Career Trajectories” (with Dhiren Patki and Heiko Stüber). IZA Discussion Paper No. 16898, 2024. [Revise & Resubmit: *Journal of Labor Economics*] [[link](#)]
- “Low-Wage Jobs, Foreign-Born Workers, and Firm Performance” (with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, Esther Arenas-Arroyo, and Bernhard Schmidpeter). IZA Discussion Paper No. 16438, 2023. [[link](#)]

Other Published Works

- “Developing a National Recruiting Difficulty Index” (with Jeffrey B. Wenger, David Knapp, Bruce R. Orvis, and Tiffany Tsai). RAND Corporation Research Report RR-2637A.

Research Funding

- Upjohn Institute Early Career Research Award (2022, \$5,000)

Teaching

- Honors Undergraduate Introduction to Microeconomics (Fall 2020–2024)
- Undergraduate Introduction to Microeconomics (Fall 2023)
- Graduate Labor Economics (Fall 2020–2024)

Awards & Honors

- Excellence in Refereeing Award, *Journal of Human Resources* (2022)
- John E. Parker Memorial Dissertation Prize in Labor Economics and Human Resources (2020)

Selected Presentations

2025 (including planned): UC Merced, American University, U.S. Census Bureau, University of Richmond, Dartmouth College

2024: HUMANS LACEA Meeting, NBER Labor Studies – Spring, APPAM Fall Research Conference, SEA Annual Meetings

2023: NBER Immigrants and the U.S. Economy (discussant), SoLE Annual Conference, University of Delaware

2022: CESifo Venice Summer Institute, AREUEA National Conference (discussant), University of Delaware, SEA Annual Meetings

2021: NBER Immigrants and the U.S. Economy, University of Kentucky KRDC Workshop, SEA Annual Meetings

2020: Colby College, University of Delaware, RAND Corporation, Federal Reserve Board, University of Virginia, FDIC, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, University of Colorado—Denver, Wesleyan University, U.S. Treasury OTA, Michigan State University, CUNY—Baruch College, SEA Annual Meetings

2019: Midwest Economics Association Annual Meetings, University of Wisconsin, SoLE Annual Conference APPAM Fall Research Conference

2018: 5th User Conference of the FDZ of the BA at the IAB, U.S. Census Bureau

2017: Annual Conference of the FSRDC

Other Professional Experience

- Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (2024)

Ph.D. Advising

- **Completed:** Yiran Duan (chair, 2024, JPMorgan Chase), Zixin Yang (2023, Fifth Third Bank), Angela Golemac (2022, The Brattle Group)
- **In Progress:** Attique Ur Rehman, Madalyn Romberger, Anxhela Beluli, Stefan Nguyen

Referee Service

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Managerial Finance, Regional Science

and Urban Economics, Research in Labor Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics

Other Professional Service

- Program Reviewer, APPAM Fall Research Conference (2024)
- Session Organizer, SEA Annual Meetings (2022, 2024)

Other

Special Sworn Citizen, U.S. Census Bureau

Last updated: February 2025