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Appointments

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

3M Career Development Assistant Professor of Economics 2027-

University of California, Berkeley

S.V. Ciriacy-Wantrup & Gilbert Center Postdoctoral Fellow 2026-2027

Education

Stanford Graduate School of Business

PhD in Economics 2021-2026
Dissertation: Essays in Local Public Economics
Committee: Rebecca Diamond, Matthew Gentzkow, Shoshana Vasserman, Hunt Allcott

Stanford University

BA in Economics 2020
minors in Mathematics and Computer Science
with Honors and Distinction

Working papers

Building with Externalities: Local Governments and Wind Farms
January 2026

Measuring and Mitigating Traffic Externalities
with Brad Ross. November 2025

Local Control over Trade: Evidence from Water Markets
with Billy Ferguson. November 2026

Churches and Local Economies
with Max Pienkny. September 2026

The Effect of Jury Selection on Convictions by Race
with Jamie Halper. March 2025

Works in progress

Path Dependence in Scientific Research
with Maya Durvasula. October 2025

Federalism on the Road: Local Control and Traffic Externalities
with Brad Ross. June 2025

Other publications

Phase Offsets and the Energy Budgets of Hot Jupiters
with Joel Schwartz, Diana Jovmir, and Nicolas Cowan
The Astrophysical Journal, 850(2), 154. 2017

Teaching Experience

TA for Hunt Allcott and Guido Imbens, *Data Science for Environmental Business* 2024
TA for Paul Oyer, *Economics of Labor: Strategy, Policy, & the Future of Work* 2024
Section Leader, *Programming Fundamentals; Programming Abstractions* 2017-2019

Past positions

Research Assistant for Ali Yurukoglu 2024-2025
Research Assistant for Matthew Gentzkow 2020-2021
Undergraduate Research Assistant for Matthew Gentzkow 2018-2020
Lyft Economics Intern for John List 2019
Bloomberg Software Engineer Intern 2018

Awards & Fellowships

China Star Tour 2026
Restud Tour 2026
Best Student Paper Prize, Urban Economics Association 2025
Academic Career Advancement Fellowship, Stanford University 2025
The Robert H. Litzenberger Fellowship, Stanford University 2024
The Herbert Hoover Fellowship in Business, Stanford University 2023
The George and Mary Lou Shott Fellowship, Stanford University 2022, 2023
The W.K. and E.L. Bowes Scholarship, Stanford University 2021
Phi Beta Kappa, Stanford University 2020
John G. Sobieski Award for Creative Thinking, Stanford Economics 2020
Intel Science Talent Search Semi-Finalist 2016

Refereeing

Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Review: Insights, Journal of Urban Economics

Service

Discussant: NBER Service Provision by State and Local Governments (Winter 2027)
Organizer: Stanford IO Workshop, Stanford EEE Workshop
Mentor: Stanford-Spelman-Sloan Program, Stanford IDDEAS Workshop

Seminars & conferences

2027: ASSA Conference; NYU (IO); Carnegie Mellon Tepper (Applied Micro); UC Berkeley (Public); Columbia (Sustainable Development; IO); Cornell (Public; IO)

2026: Columbia Business School (Finance); Northwestern Kellogg (MEDS); University of Pennsylvania Wharton (Real Estate; BEPP); MIT (Economics); Yale (Economics); University of Chicago (Economics); University of Chicago Booth (Microeconomics); LSE (Economics); Becker-Friedman Institute (Institutions, Organizations, and Growth); Restud Tour (University of Nottingham, UZH, LUISS); EIEF Rome Junior Conference on Applied Microeconomics; Chicago Market Design Conference; China Star Tour (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Fudan University, Peking University); Harvard Cities, Housing, & Society Conference; UC Berkeley (EEE); Yale Law School (Law, Economics, & Organization; Government Effectiveness); Northwestern Kellogg (Strategy); E-Axes Forum; University of Arizona (Economics); National Tax Association Annual Conference; UW-Madison (IO)

2025: Urban Economics Association Summer School; Urban Economics Association North American Meeting; UC Berkeley Haas (Marketing)

2023: UC Berkeley Energy Camp

Other

Languages: English (native), Spanish (fluent)
Citizenship: USA
Born: 1997