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Employment

2022 - Chief Economist, International Center for Law & Economics
2020 - 2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Finance, and Quantitative Analysis,
Kennesaw State University

Education

Degree	Field	Institution	Year
Ph.D.	Economics	University of Minnesota	2020
M.A.	Economics	University of Minnesota	2017
M.Sc.	Economics of Public Policy	Barcelona Graduate School of Economics	2014
B.A.	Physics and Political Science	St. Olaf College	2012

Publications

“[Markups and Business Dynamism across Industries](#)“ with Ryan A. Decker, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, Forthcoming

“[Inframarginal Externalities: COVID-19, Vaccines, and Collective Action](#)“ with Shruti Rajagopalan, *Public Choice*, 2022

“[Testing the Hayek Hypothesis: Recent Theoretical and Field Experimental Evidence](#)“ with Omar Al-Ubaydli and Peter Boettke, *PLoS ONE*, 2022

“[Evolution, Uncertainty, and the Asymptotic Efficiency of Policy](#)“ with Joshua Hendrickson and Alexander Salter, *Public Choice*, 2022.

“[Price Stability and the Job Guarantee](#)“ with Jackson Mejia, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 2022.

“[Preventing Plunder: Military Technology, Capital Accumulation, and Economic Growth](#)“ with Joshua Hendrickson and Alexander Salter, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 2018.

“[Positive Public Economics: Reinterpreting ‘Optimal’ Policies](#),” *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 2017.

Working Papers

“[Pass-through with Price Dispersion](#),” with Mark Whitmeyer, January 2026

“[Market Microstructure and Informational Complexity](#)“ with Rafael R. Guthmann, October 2025 (*Resubmitted, Journal of Public Economic Theory*)

“A Kirznerian Approach to Competitive Equilibrium” (title redacted) with Rafael R. Guthmann, June 2025 (*Revise & Resubmit, Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal*)

“[Efficient Learning under Competition](#)“ with Mark Whitmeyer, April 2025 (*Revise & Resubmit, Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics*)

“[Time Use and the Efficiency of Heterogeneous Markups](#)“ with Thomas Phelan and Nick Pretnar, January 2025 (*Revise & Resubmit, Journal of Economic Theory*)

“[Investment without Coordination Failures](#),” December 2021

“Bargaining with Opportunity Discovery” (title redacted for entrepreneurship journal) with Mohammad Keyhani and Moren Lévesque, January 2021

“[Price Competition and the Use of Consumer Data](#),” July 2020

“[Coarse Causal Inference: Using Models as Foils](#)“ with Brian Kogelmann, August 2020

“[Political Persuasion](#),” September 2017

“[Entrepreneurship as Coordination](#),” May 2016

Other Publications

[“Labor Monopsony and Antitrust Enforcement: A Distorting Mirror”](#) with Dirk Auer and Geoffrey A Manne, *DePaul Law Review*, 2025

[“The Under-Appreciated Thomas Sowell,”](#) with Art Carden, *The Independent Review*, (2024)

[“Exchange, Search Theory, and Buchanan’s Foundations of Politics,”](#) in *Exploring the Political Economy and Social Philosophy of James M. Buchanan*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2018

[“The Breakdown of Spontaneous Order: Smith and Hayek Diverge,”](#) *NYU Journal of Law & Liberty*, 2017

Selected Recent Popular Writing

[“Trump Was Right About Price Controls, Until He Embraced Them,”](#) *Washington Post*, 1/19/2026

[“The only number that really matters,”](#) *Vox*, 12/15/2025

[“How to Spot a Monopoly,”](#) *Works in Progress*, 12/4/2025

[“You Can’t Break the Laws of Economics,”](#) *Wall Street Journal*, 8/18/2025

[“How Trump should impose tariffs,”](#) *Financial Times*, 11/26/2024

Other Popular Writing

[“Let’s Learn From Meta’s Antitrust Case What Not To Do With AI,”](#) *Real Clear Markets*, 11/21/25

[“Don’t Break Up the NFL’s Sunday Ticket Package,”](#) *City Journal*, 7/9/2025

[“Tariffs Didn’t Drive America’s Nineteenth-Century Growth. They Won’t Today, Either,”](#) *City Journal*, 4/8/2025

[“Who’s to Blame for High Egg Prices? Ask the Economists,”](#) *Barron’s*, 3/11/2025

[“DeepSeek Shows There’s No AI Monopoly,”](#) *City Journal*, 2/20/2025

[“The Catch-22 of Big Tech Antitrust,”](#) *The Dispatch*, 12/5/2024

[“Ranking the Big Tech Monopolization Cases in the Wake of the Google Search Decision: Perspectives of Some Economists and Legal Scholars,”](#) *Yale Journal on Regulation*, 9/19/2024 (with Daniel J. Gilman)

[“Perilous Remedies,”](#) *City Journal*, 8/29/2024

[“When Protection Becomes Overreach,”](#) *City Journal*, 5/13/2024

[“Net neutrality is an idea that should have stayed dead,”](#) *Boston Globe*, 5/6/2024 (with Jonathan W. Williams)

[“Ranking the Big Tech Monopolization Cases: Some Economists’ Perspectives,”](#) *Yale Journal on Regulation*, 4/9/2024 (with Daniel J. Gilman)

[“Overzealous antitrust may prove anti-consumer,”](#) *Star Tribune*, 7/27/2023

[“Leave the Golf Leagues Alone,”](#) *City Journal*, 6/15/2023

[“Separating Facts from Fear in Merger Enforcement,”](#) *National Review Online*, 4/14/23

[“FTC Proposal Jumps The Gun On Banning Noncompetes,”](#) *Law360*, 1/19/23 (with Daniel Gilman)

[“The FTC’s Misguided Case Against Meta,”](#) *The Dispatch*, 12/23/22

[“FTC Claims Sweeping Powers against 'Unfair' Competition,”](#) *National Review Online*, 12/1/22

[“Business As Usual for Antitrust,”](#) *City Journal*, 11/22/2022

[“Confusion Can Make for Good Politics, but Bad Economics,”](#) *Inside Sources*, 7/20/2022

[“A new bill for Big Tech, with the same flaws,”](#) *Star Tribune*, 6/16/2022 (with Geoffrey Manne)

[“Lina Kahn won’t solve inflation,”](#) *The Hill*, 2/14/2022 (with Alexander Salter)

[“The American Innovation and Choice Online Act Would Foster Neither Innovation Nor Choice,”](#) *The Dispatch*, 2/2/2022

[“Corporate Greed Isn’t Driving Inflation,”](#) *City Journal*, 1/28/2022 (with Joshua Hendrickson)

[“A Big Tech crackdown could just make the internet worse,”](#) *Boston Globe*, 11/5/2021 (with Sam Bowman)

[“Behavioral Economics Is Fine. Just Keep It Away from Our Kids,”](#) *National Review*, 10/4/2021

[“Antitrust Is Happily Dying Before Our Eyes, and Judges Are the Reason,”](#) *RealClearMarkets*, 9/20/2021

[“The FTC Is Driving Away Good Economists In Favor Of Political Henchmen,”](#) *TechDirt*, 7/28/2021

Honors and Awards

- 2019 - 2020 *Visiting Dissertation Fellow*, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
2015 - 2020 *Humane Studies Fellow*, Institute for Humane Studies
2018 - 2019 *Oskar Morgenstern Fellow*, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
2018 *Thank a Teacher Certificate*, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota
2014 - 2017 *Adam Smith Fellow*, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
Summer 2015 *Graduate Research Partners Program Fellow*, University of Minnesota
2014 - 2015 *Distinguished Teaching Assistant*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota.
Received the award twice.
2014 - 2015 *John S. Chipman Fellow*, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota
2008 - 2012 *Presidential Academic Scholarship*, St. Olaf College

Teaching Experience

- 2020 - 2022 *Professor*, Principles of Macroeconomic, Kennesaw State University
2018 - 2020 *Online Instructor*, Principles of Microeconomics, University of Minnesota
2017 - 2018 *Instructor*, Comparative Economic Systems, University of Minnesota
2016 - 2017 *Large Lecture Instructor (~500 students) and Course Co-Lead*, Principles of Microeconomics, University of Minnesota
2015 - 2016 *Instructor*, Principles of Microeconomics, University of Minnesota
Spring 2015 *Teaching Assistant*, Principles of Macroeconomics, University of Minnesota
2014 *Teaching Assistant*, Principles of Microeconomics, University of Minnesota
2010 *Teaching Assistant*, Analytical Physics I, St. Olaf College
2009 *Teaching Assistant*, Introductory Astronomy, St. Olaf College

Invited Talks

- 2021 Middle Tennessee State University (departmental)
2020 Kennesaw State University (departmental), University of Oslo (ESOP)
2019 University of Mississippi (departmental), George Mason University (experimental brown bag),
Clemson University (departmental)
2017 New York University (law and economics workshop)

Conference Presentations

- 2021 “Comparison Shopping: Learning Before Buying from Duopolists,” *Southern Economic Association*
“Changing Capital Structure, Intangibles, and Firm Turnover,” *Southern Economic Association*
2019 “Evolution, Uncertainty, and the Asymptotic Efficiency of Policy,” *Southern Economic Association*
2018 “Consumer Data and the Limits of Price Competition,” *Summer Research Fellowship Colloquium, Institute for Humane Studies*
“Market Persuasion,” *Summer Research Fellowship Colloquium, Institute for Humane Studies*
2017 “Models as Foils,” *International Network for Economic Method*
“Political Persuasion,” *The Economics & Philosophy of James Buchanan, Duke University PPE*
2016 “Political Persuasion,” *Southern Economic Association*
“Lawless Money and Credit,” *Southern Economic Association*
“Lawless Money and Credit,” *Graduate Research Colloquium, Institute for Humane Studies*
“Positive Public Economics: Reinterpreting ‘Optimal’ Policies,” *The Philosophy, Politics & Economics of Liberty Colloquium, George Mason University*

2015 “Entrepreneurship as Coordination,” *Association for Private Enterprise Education*
“Positive Public Economics: Reinterpreting ‘Optimal’ Policies,” *Public Choice Society*
“The Breakdown of Spontaneous Order: Smith and Hayek Diverge,” *The Philosophy, Politics & Economics of Liberty Colloquium, George Mason University*