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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Political economy, development and growth, economic history, urban economics, public economics, economic theory.	
EMPLOYMENT	Tulane University , New Orleans, LA Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics Faculty Affiliate, Murphy Institute	2019 – Present 2019 – Present
EDUCATION	University of California, Irvine , Irvine, CA Ph.D., Economics Dissertation: <i>Essays in the Political Economy of Development</i> Committee: Stergios Skaperdas, Daniel Bogart, and Jean-Paul Carvalho M.A., Economics Loyola University , New Orleans, LA B.B.A., Economics Minor in Mathematics	2019 2015 2014
PUBLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The economic legacy of expulsion: Lessons from postwar Czechoslovakia,” <i>The Economic Journal</i>, 2020. • “Shocks and the spatial distribution of economic activity: The role of institutions,” <i>Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization</i>, 2020. • “Education and propaganda: Tradeoffs to public education provision in nondemocracies,” <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, 2018. 	
WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Resource blessing? Oil, risk, and religious communities as social insurance in the U.S. South” (with Andreas Ferrara), <i>Under Review</i>. 	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Agglomeration politics: National identity, public goods, and political constraints” (with Stergios Skaperdas). 	
PRESENTATIONS	<p>2021: ASSA Meeting (virtual, upcoming).</p> <p>2020: 19th ASREC Meeting* (Chapman), 95th WEAI Meeting* (Denver), LSU-Tulane Mini-Conference (virtual), Theory, History, and Development Seminar at UCI (virtual), ASREC 24h (virtual), Historical Political Economy Session at the 90th SEA Meeting* (New Orleans), Economic Growth Conference at the 90th SEA Meeting (virtual).</p> <p>2019: Tulane University (New Orleans), Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge), University of Utah (Salt Lake City), George Mason University (Fairfax, VA), University of Alberta (Edmonton).</p> <p>2018: EHA Annual Meeting (Montréal), CAGE Workshop (Warwick), 17th ASREC Meeting (Chapman), 11th Conference on Migration and Development (Stanford), 13th UEA Meeting (Colombia), CGPACS Seminar (UC Irvine), Economic History Workshop (UC Irvine), All-UC Workshop (UC Berkeley), Graduate Poster Session (UC Irvine), Urban and Transport Seminar at UCI (Irvine), IRES Workshop (Chapman).</p> <p>*cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	

2017: Graduate Poster Session (**UC Irvine**), 54th Public Choice Society Meeting (**New Orleans**), 16th ASREC Meeting (**Boston**), THPE Workshop (**UC Irvine**), Economic History Workshop (**UC Irvine**), Economics Computing Lunch Workshop (**UC Irvine**).

2016: Graduate Poster Session (**UC Irvine**), 11th Economics Graduate Students Conference (**Washington University in St. Louis**), 13th IMBS Graduate Student Conference (**UC Irvine**), THPE Workshop (**UC Irvine**).

CONFERENCE
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Discussant

- 2019:** Economic History Association Meeting (**Atlanta**)
- 2018:** Urban Economics Association Meeting (**Colombia**)
- 2018:** Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society Workshop (**Chapman**)
- 2018:** Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture Meeting (**Chapman**)
- 2017:** Public Choice Society Meeting (**New Orleans**)
- 2017:** Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture Meeting (**Boston**)

UNIVERSITY
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Tulane University

- Faculty Board Member, Tulane Journal of Policy and Political Economy (2020 – Present)
- Interviewer, Director Search, Murphy Institute (2020)
- Exam Coordinator, Ph.D. Qualifying Exams, Department of Economics (2020)
- Mock Interviewer, Academic Job Market, Department of Economics (2019)

University of California, Irvine

- Lead Organizer, Theory, History, & Political Economy Workshop (2017 – 2018)
- Graduate Student Tutor, Economics Learning Center (2015 – 2019)

THESES
CHAired

Tulane University

- Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Elsa Rothenberg (2021), Grace Slapak (2021).

REFEREEING

Czech Science Foundation, Economics of Governance, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economic History (2), Journal of Population Economics, Tulane Journal of Policy and Political Economy.

TEACHING

Instructor

- Tulane:** Graduate Microeconomics I (Ph.D.), Game Theory (Undergraduate and Masters), Positive Political Economy, Political Economy of Nondemocracy.

Teaching Assistant

- UC Irvine:** Graduate Microeconomics I-III (Ph.D.), Intermediate Microeconomics II, Basic Microeconomics, Basic Macroeconomics, Global Economy, Game Theory & Politics.

AWARDS

- Romney Award for Outstanding Research Paper, *UCI School of Social Sciences* 2019
“The economic legacy of expulsion: Lessons from postwar Czechoslovakia”
- Kassouf Fellowship for Excellence in Research, *UCI Department of Economics* 2018
- Christian Werner Fellowship, *UCI School of Social Sciences* 2018
- Art DeVany Best Poster Award, *UCI Department of Economics* 2016
- Economics Merit Fellowship, *UCI Department of Economics* 2016, 2018
- Summer Research Fellowship, *UCI Department of Economics* 2016 – 2018
- Distinction in Microeconomics, *UCI Department of Economics* 2015
- Humane Studies Fellowship, *Institute for Humane Studies* 2014 – 2018
- Merit Fellowship in Economics, *UCI Department of Economics* 2014 – 2019