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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Political economy, economic history, urban economics, public economics, development and growth.	
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	2019 2015 2014
PUBLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The economic legacy of expulsion: Lessons from post-war Czechoslovakia,” 2021, <i>The Economic Journal</i>. • “Shocks and the spatial distribution of economic activity: The role of institutions,” 2021, <i>Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization</i>, 183, 791-810. • “Education and propaganda: Tradeoffs to public education provision in nondemocracies,” 2018, <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, 160, 66-81. 	
WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Churches as social insurance: Oil risk and religion in the U.S. South” (with Andreas Ferrara). 	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Is nation-building necessary for modern economic growth?” (with Stergios Skaperdas). • “The other Great Migration: White Southern migrants and right-wing politics in the U.S.” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson). • “Migration and the geography of racism in the United States” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson). 	
PRESENTATIONS	<p>2021: ASSA Meeting (virtual), THPE Reunion Workshop (virtual, upcoming), 91st SEA Meeting (Houston, 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><i>*cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</i></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>	

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**).

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
SERVICE

Discussant

- 2021:** Economic History Association Meeting (**Tucson**, invited)
- 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**)

REFEREEING

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

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE

Tulane University

- Led creation of departmental resource for economics internships and careers (2021)
- Faculty board member, Tulane Journal of Policy & Political Economy (2020 – Present)
- Interviewer, Murphy Institute director search (2020)
- Exam coordinator (with Wei Long), economics Ph.D. qualifying exams (2020)
- Mock interviewer, economics job market candidates (2019)

University of California, Irvine

- Lead organizer, Theory, History, & Political Economy Workshop (2017 – 2018)
- Graduate student tutor, Economics Learning Center (2015 – 2019)

ADVISING

Tulane University

- Ph.D. Dissertation: Lucia Kovacikova (2022).
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Grace Slapak* (2021) (awarded the Senior Scholar Award in Economics and Peery Society Membership).

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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
- 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