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

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  
SERVICE

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