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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Political economy, economic history, urban economics, public economics, development and growth.	
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	2019 2015 2014
PUBLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “The economic legacy of expulsion: Lessons from post-war Czechoslovakia,” 2021, <i>The Economic Journal</i>, 131, 2233-71.</li> <li>• “Shocks and the spatial distribution of economic activity: The role of institutions,” 2021, <i>Journal of Economic Behavior &amp; Organization</i>, 183, 791-810.</li> <li>• “Education and propaganda: Tradeoffs to public education provision in nondemocracies,” 2018, <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, 160, 66-81.</li> </ul>	
WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Churches as social insurance: Oil risk and religion in the U.S. South” (with Andreas Ferrara).</li> <li>• “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).</li> </ul>	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Is nation-building necessary for modern economic growth?” (with Stergios Skaperdas).</li> <li>• “Migration and the geography of racism in the United States” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson).</li> <li>• “New area- and population-based geographic crosswalks for U.S. counties and congressional districts, 1790-2020” (with Andreas Ferrara and Liyang Zhou).</li> </ul>	
PRESENTATIONS	<p><b>2021:</b> ASSA Meeting (<b>virtual</b>), THPE Reunion Workshop (<b>virtual</b>), 91st SEA Meeting (<b>Houston</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>), ASREC 24h (<b>virtual</b>), Historical Political Economy Session at the 90th SEA Meeting* (<b>New Orleans</b>), Economic Growth Conference at the 90th SEA Meeting (<b>virtual</b>).</p> <p><i>*cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</i></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>	

**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 Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economic History* (3), *Journal of Population Economics, Economics of Governance, Economic Inquiry, Public Choice, Czech Science Foundation, Tulane Journal of Policy and Political Economy* (2).

UNIVERSITY  
SERVICE

Tulane University

- Organizer, Economics Lunch Seminar Series (2021 – Present)
- Creator (with LaPorchia Collins), [departmental internships and careers page](#) (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

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

ADVISING

Tulane University

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

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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