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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania <i>Ph.D. – Economics</i>	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 2020–2026 (<i>Expected</i>)
University of Georgia <i>M.A. – Economics</i>	Athens, Georgia 2016–2020
University of Georgia <i>B.A. – Economics (magna cum laude with high honors)</i>	Athens, Georgia 2016–2020

RESEARCH AREAS

Labor, education, child development, industrial organization

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. “Information Frictions and Teacher Turnover” – joint with Kristen Shure
Under Review
2. “The Unintended Consequences of Academic Leniency” – joint with A. Brooks Bowden and Viviana Rodriguez
Under Review · Featured in *The New York Times*, *The Economist*, and *The74*
3. “The Impact of Admissions Criteria with Endogenous Peer Effects” – joint with Sherrie Cheng
4. “The Genetic and Social Determinants of Learning Disabilities” – joint with Francesco Agostinelli

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Paul Taubman Memorial Prize for Empirical Economics Research (*best empirical study by a graduate student in the past year*)
- Teece Dissertation Research Award, Penn School of Arts and Sciences
- Robert and Anita Summers Graduate Research Award in Economics
- Institute of Education Sciences Predoctoral Training Fellowship (*two years of full funding*)
- Best Performance in Macroeconomics First-Year Sequence
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (*three years of full funding*)

CONFERENCES & INVITED SEMINARS

- 2024 — Association for Education Finance & Policy (Baltimore, Maryland) · Godfrey Conference at the University of Georgia (Athens, Georgia)
- 2023 — Association for Education Finance & Policy (Denver, Colorado) · University of Michigan Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar (Virtual) · Advanced Quantitative Methods and Analytics for Public Policy Support (Milan, Italy)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| • Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate) — Carolina Caetano | 2020 |
| • Honors Seminar (Undergraduate) — David S. Williams | 2020 |
| • Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate) — Josh Kinsler | 2019 |
| • Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate) — Farhan Majid | 2019 |

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Federal Student Aid Office, Department of Education (Washington, D.C., *Virtual*) 2022–2023
- Department of Public Instruction (Raleigh, North Carolina, *Virtual*) 2021–2022
- Governor’s Office of Student Achievement (Atlanta, Georgia) 2019

SUMMER SCHOOLS

- HCEO-briq – Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality, Bonn 2022
- University of Bergen – Industrial Organization and Education Economics (taught by Chris Neilson) 2022

SERVICE

- University of Pennsylvania Empirical Microeconomics Lunch Seminar Co-Organizer 2022–2023
- University of Pennsylvania Cohort Representative 2021–2023
- Referee – Young Economist Symposium 2021

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Matlab, Stata, R, \LaTeX