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Main Academic Positions

Princeton University
Associate Professor, 2021-
Assistant Professor, 2013-2021

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Economist, 2010-2013

Other Affiliations

Visiting Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, 2019-2020
Visiting Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2016
Visiting Scholar, New York University, Fall 2015
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2014-
CESifo Research Network Affiliate, 2014-

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Chicago, 2010
M.A., Economics, University of Chicago, 2006
B.A., Mathematics and Economics, Yale University, 2003

Refereed Publications (and Accepted)

“The Elusive Decline in the Labor Share,” with Gene Grossman
Annual Review of Economics, 2022

“Endogenous Education and Long-Run Factor Shares,” with Gene Grossman, Elhanan Helpman,
and Thomas Sampson
AER: Insights, 2021

“Learning from Coworkers,” with Gregor Jarosch and Esteban Rossi-Hansberg
Econometrica, 2021

“Micro Data and Macro Technology,” with Devesh Raval
Econometrica, 2021

“Misallocation in the Market for Inputs: Enforcement and the Organization of Production,” with Johannes Boehm
Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2020

“The Global Diffusion of Ideas,” with Paco Buera
Econometrica, 2020

“A Theory of Input-Output Architecture,”
Econometrica, 2018

“Balanced Growth Despite Uzawa,” with Gene Grossman, Elhanan Helpman, and Thomas Sampson
American Economic Review, 2017

“Productivity and Misallocation During a Crisis: Evidence from the Chilean Crisis of 1982,”
Review of Economic Dynamics, 2013

“Commodity Money with Frequent Search,” with Nicholas Trachter
Journal of Economic Theory, 2012

“Optimal Taxation over the Life Cycle,” with Aspen Gorry
Review of Economic Dynamics, 2012

Working Papers

“Inequality and Measured Growth”

“Scalable Expertise” with David Argente, Sara Moreira, and Venky Venkateswaran

“Growth and the Fragmentation of Production” with Johannes Boehm

“Plants in Space” with Esteban Rossi-Hansberg, Pierre-Daniel Sarte, and Nicholas Trachter

Grants

Washington Center for Equitable Growth, 2015

Princeton/Sciences Po Partnership Grant, 2015, 2018

Honors and Awards

John MacLean Jr. Presidential University Preceptor, Princeton University, 2016-2019

Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award, Macro, Money, and International Finance, 2014

Esther and T.W. Schultz Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2010

Fellowships Margaret G. Reid Memorial Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2009

Lee Prize, Capital Theory/Money & Banking Field Exam, University of Chicago, 2007

Lee Prize, Price Theory Core Exam, University of Chicago, 2006

Invited Seminars (and scheduled)

2022: UNC, Penn, UBC, UCLA, ASU, Toronto, Cornell
2021: Edinburgh, EUI, Autonoma, EIEF, Chicago Booth, Bank of Portugal, Georgetown, Penn State, Glasgow, Carnegie Mellon, Peking, NYU, Yale, Wisconsin
2020: Santa Cruz, Queens, UCSD, CEU
2019: Stanford, Chicago, Georgetown, BU, FRB Minneapolis, World Bank, FRB Philadelphia, UCLA, MIT, UQAM, FRB San Francisco
2018: UT Austin, IIES, Oslo, Boston College, Western, Penn State, MIT/Harvard, ITAM, Clemson, Toronto
2017: Yale, FRB St. Louis, Northwestern, Central Bank of Chile, Rutgers, Berkeley, CREI, LSE
2016: Penn, Stanford, FRB Boston, Chicago, FRB Atlanta, Ecole Polytechnique, Cornell, Brown, Rochester
2015: UBC, Chicago, BU, Drexel, Temple, NYU
2014: Utah State, Washington University in St. Louis, Harvard, MIT, Wisconsin, Carnegie Mellon, FRB Dallas, Penn, Columbia
2013: NYU Stern, Yeshiva, Purdue, Toronto, Princeton, UCL, Yale, UCLA, Cornell, Rochester, FRB Richmond, Minnesota, BU, Toulouse, Iowa, Wharton, FRB Philadelphia, Emory
2012: University of Houston
2011: Notre Dame, Penn State, UC Santa Cruz, EIEF, Chicago, FRB Minneapolis
2010: FRB Chicago
2009: Chicago

Conference Presentations

Growth and the Fragmentation of Production

Society for Economic Dynamics, Minneapolis, 2021; NBER SI: EFEG, Cambridge, 2022

Plants in Space

Aggregate Dynamics in Models with Heterogeneous Agents, Chicago, 2021; BU Trade Day, 2021; Canadian Macro Study Group, 2021; Center for Urban and Regional Economics, 2020; Society for Economic Dynamics, St. Louis, 2019; NYU Trade Jamboree, 2019

Learning From Coworkers

Macro Mini-Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, 2018; Minnesota Macro, Minneapolis, 2018; NBER SI: EFEG, Cambridge, 2018; Workshop on the Economics of Growth and Development, Rennes, 2018

The Productivity Slowdown and the Declining Labor Share: A Neoclassical Exploration

Advances in Macroeconomics: Growth, Misallocation and Factor Shares, ASU, 2019; Society for Economic Dynamics, Mexico City, 2018;

Misallocation in the Market for Inputs: Enforcement and the Organization of Production

Duke Miniconference on Firm, Industry, and Trade Dynamics, 2019; IGC/CDEP/Chazen Conference on Firms, Trade, and Development, New York, 2017; Granularity and Production Networks in Macro, Santiago, 2017; LSE Workshop on Networks in Macro & Finance, London, 2017; Cornell-Notre Dame Macroeconomic Workshop, London, 2017; Society for Economic Dynamics, Edinburgh, 2017; Rome Workshop on Macroeconomics, 2017; St. Louis Advances in Research (STLAR) Con-

ference, 2017

Balanced Growth Despite Uzawa

Minnesota Macro, Minneapolis, 2016; Society for Economic Dynamics, Warsaw 2016; ASU Growth and Development Conference, Tempe 2016

Organizing Idea Flows

Society for Economic Dynamics, Warsaw 2015

The Global Diffusion of Ideas

NYU Stern-Atlanta Fed International Workshop, 2015; NBER Summer Institute: Economic Growth, 2015; NBER Summer Institute: Macroeconomics Within and Across Borders, 2015; Princeton IES Summer Workshop, 2015; Macro Workshop at Yonsei University, Seoul, 2015; CIGS Conference on Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, Tokyo, 2015; Rome Junior Conference on Macroeconomics, Rome, 2014; Cowles Summer Conference on Macroeconomics, Trade, and Development, New Haven, 2014

Micro Data and Macro Technology

Philadelphia Macro Workshop, 2015; CIREQ Labor Workshop, Montreal, 2014; Canadian Macro Study Group, Hamilton, 2014; Minnesota Macro, Minneapolis, 2014; NBER Summer Institute: Economic Growth, Cambridge, 2014; Rome Junior Conference on Macroeconomics, Rome, 2013; Search and Matching Workshop, Chicago, 2012

Misallocation in the Market for Inputs

Society for Economic Dynamics, Toronto, 2014; LACEA/LAMES, Mexico City, 2013

A Theory of Input-Output Architecture

Second European Meeting of Network Economics, Essex, 2014; CESifo, Macro, Money, and International Finance, Munich, 2014; BFI Conference on Networks in Macroeconomics and Finance, Chicago, 2013; Society for Economic Dynamics, Seoul, 2013; Rome Junior Conference on Macroeconomics, Rome, 2012; NBER Summer Institute, Economic Growth, Cambridge, 2011

Productivity and Misallocation During a Crisis: Evidence from the Chilean Crisis of 1982

Society for Economic Dynamics, Ghent, 2011

Optimal Taxation over the Life Cycle

Society for Economic Dynamics, Istanbul, 2009; Econometric Society NASM, Pittsburgh, 2008; Midwest Macro Meetings, Bloomington, 2008

Discussions

NBER Summer Institute: EFEG, 2020

Atlanta Workshop on International Economics, 2019

Fordham Conference on Macro and International Finance, New York, 2019

AEA Annual Meetings, Atlanta, 2019

Philly Fed Trade Workshop, Philadelphia, 2018

Conference on International Economics, Dallas, 2018

AEA Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, 2018

NBER Summer Institute: ITI, Cambridge, 2017
AEA Annual Meetings, Chicago, 2017
Center for Equitable Growth, Washington DC, 2016
Banque de France Workshop on Granularity, Paris, 2016
NBER Summer Institute: ITM, Cambridge, 2015
New York Area Real Side Macroeconomics, New York, 2014
Philly Fed Trade Workshop, Philadelphia, 2014
Philadelphia Search and Matching Conference, Philadelphia, 2014
NBER Summer Institute: Macro and Productivity, Cambridge, 2014
New York Area Real Side Macroeconomics, New York, 2013
Rome Junior Conference on Macroeconomics, Rome, 2012

Professional Service

Referee for *Journal of Political Economy*, *Econometrica*, *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *AEJ: Macro*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *Theoretical Economics*, *International Economic Review*, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics*, *Economic Perspectives of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*, *Economic Letters*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of International Economics*

Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Theory*, 2021-2023

Associate Editor, *Theoretical Economics*, 2021-2024

Associate Editor, *Journal of Political Economy*, 2021-2023

Program Committee, North American Winter Meeting, Econometric Society, 2023

Co-organizer, NBER EFG Winter Meeting, 2022

Theme Leader for “Firms, Frictions and Spillovers, and Industrial Policy,” Structural Transformation and Economic Growth Program, 2020

Program Area Coordinator, World Congress of the Econometric Society, 2020

Co-organizer, NBER Growth Winter Meeting, 2018

Program Committee, Society for Economic Dynamics, 2015-2017, 2019

Co-organizer, Minnesota Macro, 2015