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## **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

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### **Pre-Doctoral Studies**

University of Toronto  
B.A. Economics, 2014  
M.A. Economics, 2016

### **Doctoral Studies**

Harvard University, 2017 to present  
Ph.D. Candidate in Public Policy (Economics Track)  
Expected Completion Date: May 2024

### **Research and Teaching Fields**

*Primary:* Urban Economics, Public Economics; *Secondary:* Industrial Organization

### **Teaching Experience**

2020-22	HKS PhD Micro Theory II, Pino Lopomo and Chris Avery, Head Teaching Fellow
2021	HKS PhD Micro Theory I, Arda Gitmez, Head Teaching Fellow
2019-20	Intermediate Micro Theory: Advanced, Ed Glaeser, Head Teaching Fellow
2019-21	HKS Math Camp, Instructor

### **Relevant Experience**

2016-17	Charles River Associates, Associate
2016-17	University of Toronto, Research Assistant to Philip Oreopoulos
2014-15	University of Toronto, Research Assistant to Kory Kroft

### **Selected Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships**

2023	Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research Grant
2022-23	Malcolm Wiener Center Research Grant (x2)
2020-22	Derek Bok Certificates of Distinction in Teaching
2015-16	University of Toronto Graduate Admission Scholarship

### **Research in Progress**

“Gentrification or Neighborhood Revitalization? The Welfare Impacts of Neighborhood Change on Incumbent Residents” (with Ashvin Gandhi and Valentine Gilbert) – *Job Market Paper*

“Schools or Suitcases? Optimal Urban Policy and Economic Opportunity in Greater Boston”

“Where Do Developers Build? The Effects of Market Power on Local Urban Housing Supply” (with Valentine Gilbert) – *Valentine’s Job Market Paper*

## **Publications**

“Behavioral barriers transitioning to college” 2017. (with Philip Oreopoulos). *Labour Economics* 47, 48-63.

“Applying behavioral economics to public policy in Canada” 2017 (with Philip Oreopoulos). *Canadian Journal of Economics* 50(3), 599-635

## **Other Writing**

“When behavioral economics meets randomized control trials: examples from Canadian public policy” 2016. (with Philip Oreopoulos). *CEPR Vox*.

## **Professional Activities**

Referee Service:

*Quarterly Journal of Economics* (x4), *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration* (x1)

Invited Presentations and Conferences:

Urban Economics Association Summer School, 2023

New York University (Furman Center), 2022

US Census Bureau Projects:

Co-PI, Project Number 2733: “Residential Outside Options, Households’ Residential Mobility, and the Effects of Place-Based Policies and Neighborhood Change on Residential Mobility” (2022 – present)

Researcher, Project Number 2358: “Real Estate Pass-through and Household Location Choices” (2022 – present)

## **Other**

Canadian & UK citizenship; US Census Bureau Special Sworn Status (2021-present)