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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

References:

Professor Gordon Hanson (Chair)

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Professor Edward Glaeser
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Professor Matthew Weinzierl Harvard Business School mweinzierl@hbs.edu

Research and Teaching Fields

Primary: Urban, Public; Secondary: Industrial Organization, Labor

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 Research Grants

2023	Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research Grant
2022-23	Malcolm Wiener Center Research Grant (x2)
2020-22	Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (x3)
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*

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 (Invited participant)

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)

[&]quot;Schools or Suitcases? Optimal Urban Policy and Economic Opportunity in Greater Boston"

[&]quot;Understanding the Welfare Implications of Vacancy Chains" (with Valentine Gilbert) – Valentine's Job Market Paper