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| Research interests | Labor and Public Economics. Education, disability employment, inter-generational policy effects. | |
| Education | Texas A&M University | August 2021 – Present |
| | PhD in Economics, Committee: Professors Barr (<i>Chair</i>), Meer, Eckel, and Lahey | |
| | University of South Carolina | August 2017 – August 2018 |
| | MA in Economics | |
| | University of South Florida | August 2014 – August 2017 |
| | BS in Quantitative Economics | |
| Publications | “Agricultural Aid and Agricultural Production in Africa” with Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong. <i>Journal of African Development</i> , 2020. (Pre-doctoral work) “Can High School Counselors Help the Economics Pipeline?” with Danila Serra and Jonathan Meer. <i>AEA: Papers and Proceedings</i> , 2023 | |
| Working Papers | “Dynamic Sales Tax Competition: Evidence at the Border” with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley, Shawn Rohlin, Jeffrey Thompson. (Pre-doctoral work) | |
| Work in Progress | “Going the Distance: The Impact of Accessible Transportation on Disability Employment” | |
| | “Disability Employment and the Minimum Wage” with Jeffrey Clemens and Jonathan Meer | |
| | “How a More Complete Accounting of Resources Helps us Understand Income Inequality” with Timothy Smeeding and Jeffrey Thompson. (Pre-doctoral work) | |
| | “The Resilience of Local Economies: What Helps Rural Communities and Small Towns Survive Economic Shocks?” with Jeffrey Thompson. (Pre-doctoral work) | |
| Research experience at Texas A&M | Research Assistant for Dr. Andrew Barr | August 2022 – Current |
| | Research Assistant for Dr. Kalena Cortes | June 2022 – August 2023 |
| | Research Assistant for Dr. Catherine Eckel | January 2023 – May 2023 |
| | Research Assistant for Dr. Danila Serra | September 2021 – August 2022 |
| Other experience | Research Assistant at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston | |
| | Dr. Jeffrey Thompson | September 2018 – July 2021 |
| | Undergraduate Research Assistant at University of South Florida | |
| | Professor Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong | September 2015 – May 2016 |
| Honors and | Aviles-Johnson Diversity Fellowship (Texas A&M University) | 2021 |

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| scholarships | Darla Moore Fellowship (University of South Carolina) | 2017 |
| | Student Research Award (University of South Florida) | 2016 |
| | Robert H Burton Memorial Scholar (University of South Florida) | 2016 |
| | Seide Research Honors College Scholar (University of South Florida) | 2015 |
| | Chip Weiner Uncommon Scholar (University of South Florida) | 2015 |
| | Annette L Raymund Scholar (University of South Florida) | 2015 |
| | Provost's Scholar (University of South Florida) | 2014 |
| Presentations | Southern Economics Association Conference (Co-presented) | November 2023 |
| | Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop | April 2023 |
| Referee Experience | <i>Economic Development Quarterly, Feminist Economics</i> | |
| Professional Service | Public-Labor-IO Student Brown Bag Coordinator | 2023-24 |
| | Economic Graduate Student Association 2nd Year Representative | 2022-23 |
| | Economic Graduate Student Association 1st Year Representative | 2021-22 |