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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”	
	“Driving Inclusion: The Impact of Uber on Quality of Life for People with Disabilities”	
	“Disability Employment and the Minimum Wage” with Jeffrey Clemens and Jonathan Meer	
	“Beyond the Text: Understanding Opt-Out, Dosage, and Response Disparities in an SMS Intervention” with Miranda Lambert, Kalena Cortes, and Brian Holzman	
	“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 scholarships	Aviles-Johnson Diversity Fellowship (Texas A&M University)	2021
	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
Teaching experience	Labor Economics (ECON418), Texas A&M	Summer 2024
	Hullabaloo U (ECON285), Texas A&M	Fall 2023
	<i>Average student rating: 4.2/5.</i>	
Presentations	Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop	April 2024
	Association for Education Finance and Policy	March 2024
	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