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Employment	University of South Florida Assistant Professor	August 2026 – Present
Education	Texas A&M University PhD in Economics, Committee: Professors Barr (<i>Chair</i>), Meer, Eckel, and Lahey	August 2021 – May 2026
	University of South Carolina MA in Economics, Graduate Certificate in Applied Statistics	August 2017 – August 2018
	University of South Florida BS in Quantitative Economics and Econometrics	August 2014 – August 2017
Publications	“Digital Incentives in Surveys: Response Rates and Sociodemographic Effects in a Large-Scale Parental Nudge Intervention” with Kalena Cortes, Brian Holzman, and Miranda Lambert <i>AEA: Papers and Proceedings</i> , 2026	
	“Divergent Paths: Differential Impacts of Minimum Wage Increases on Individuals with Disabilities” with Jeffrey Clemens and Jonathan Meer. <i>National Tax Journal</i> , 2026	
	“Can High School Counselors Help the Economics Pipeline?” with Danila Serra and Jonathan Meer. <i>AEA: Papers and Proceedings</i> , 2023	
Working Papers	“Driving Inclusion: The Effect of Improved Transportation for People with Disabilities” <i>Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Human Resources (funded by NBER RDRC Fellowship)</i>	
Work in Progress	“Going the Distance: The Contemporaneous and Intergenerational Effects of Accessible Transportation” (<i>funded by NBER RDRC Fellowship</i>)	
	“No Time Like the Present: The Effects of On-Demand Trips for Paratransit Customers on Rider Mobility, Well-being, and Health” with Michael Cassidy and Ludovica Gazze (<i>funded by JPAL</i>)	
	“Remote Work and Employment at the Margins: Evidence from Older and Disabled Adults in the UK” with Ian Burn and Joanna Lahey	
	“Beyond the Text: Understanding Opt-Out, Dosage, and Response Disparities in an SMS Intervention” with Miranda Lambert, Kalena Cortes, and Brian Holzman	
Pre-doctoral Work	“Lifetime Earnings, Income Or Wealth. How Alternative Resource Measures Affect The Location And Composition Of The Very Top Of The Distribution” with Jeffrey Thompson. <i>Journal of Income Distribution</i> , 2026.	
	“Agricultural Aid and Agricultural Production in Africa” with Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong. <i>Journal of African Development</i> , 2020.	

	“Dynamic Sales Tax Competition: Evidence at the Border” with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley, Shawn Rohlin, Jeffrey Thompson. (Pre-doctoral work)	
Research experience	Research Assistant at Texas A&M University Andrew Barr, Kalena Cortes, Catherine Eckel, and Danila Serra 2021 –2026 Research Assistant at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Jeffrey Thompson 2018 – 2021	
Honors and scholarships	S. Charles Maurice Graduate Fellowship (Texas A&M University) 2025 Gail Frey Monson Memorial Scholarship (Texas A&M University) 2025 Retirement and Disability Policy Research Graduate Fellow (NBER) 2024 Retirement and Disability Dissertation Grant (UMBC and SSA, <i>declined</i>) 2024 MJ Grove Scholarship (Texas A&M University, PERC) 2024 Aviles-Johnson Diversity Fellowship (Texas A&M University) 2021 Darla Moore Fellowship (University of South Carolina) 2017	
Teaching experience	Public Economics (ECON412), Texas A&M Spring 2025 Two guest lectures on social insurance. <i>Average student rating: 4.7/5.</i> Personnel Economics (ECON419), Texas A&M Spring 2025 One guest lecture on disability topics. <i>Average student rating: 3.8/4.</i> Labor Economics (ECON418), Texas A&M Summer 2024 Instructor of Record. <i>Average student rating: 4.9/5.</i> Hullabaloo U (ECON285), Texas A&M Fall 2023 Instructor of Record. <i>Average student rating: 4.2/5.</i>	
Presentations	2026: Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) 2025: Eastern Economics Association, Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA), Home and Community Based Services Annual Conference, Southern Economics Association (<i>expected</i>) 2024: Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop, STATA Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference, APPAM Fall Research Conference 2023: Texas Applied Microeconomics Student Workshop, Southern Economic Association Annual Conference	
Referee Experience	<i>Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Economics of Education Review, American Journal of Health Economics, Educational Researcher, American Educational Research Journal, Industrial Relations, Economic Development Quarterly, Feminist Economics, Journal of Behavioral Public Administration</i>	
Professional Service	Texas Applied Microeconomics Student (TEAMS) Workshop Coordinator 2025 Public-Labor-IO PhD Student Brown Bag Coordinator 2023-24 Economic Graduate Student Association 2nd Year Representative 2022-23 Economic Graduate Student Association 1st Year Representative 2021-22	