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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	“Can High School Counselors Help the Economics Pipeline?” with Danila Serra and Jonathan Meer. <i>AEA: Papers and Proceedings</i> , 2023 “Agricultural Aid and Agricultural Production in Africa” with Kwabena Gyimah-Brempong. <i>Journal of African Development</i> , 2020. (Pre-doctoral work)
Working Papers	“Dynamic Sales Tax Competition: Evidence at the Border” with Nadia Greenhalgh-Stanley, Shawn Rohlin, Jeffrey Thompson. (Pre-doctoral work)
Work in Progress	“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 “Going the Distance: The Impact of Accessible Transportation on Disability Employment” “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	Retirement and Disability Research Center Dissertation Fellow (NBER)	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
	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
	<i>Average student rating: 4.9/5.</i>	
	Hullabaloo U (ECON285), Texas A&M	Fall 2023
	<i>Average student rating: 4.2/5.</i>	

Presentations	APPAM	November 2024
	STATA Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference	November 2024
	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, Journal of Behavioral Public Administration</i>
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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