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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Brown University, *Current (Expected 2026)*
Economics
Advisors: Matthew Turner, John Friedman, Peter Hull, Jesse Bruhn
A.M. Brown University, 2020-21
Economics
B.S. Brigham Young University, 2015-18
Applied & Computational Mathematics (*magna cum laude*)
Economics

AREAS OF INTEREST

Education: standardized testing; gender, racial and socioeconomic inequality; text analysis methods
Urban: housing, land use regulation, inequality

RESEARCH

Working Papers

2025 “Content Relatability and Standardized Testing: Evidence from Texas.”
With Steven Lee.
Revise & Resubmit at *American Economic Review*. ([link](#))
Presented at (by coauthor)
2024 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (Washington, DC)
2024 Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness (Baltimore, MD)
2024 BYU Economics Graduate Student Conference (Provo, UT)
2024 Society of Labor Economists (Portland, OR)
2024 Population Association of America (Columbus, OH)

2025 “Sewers and Urbanization in the Developing World.”
 With Sean McCulloch, Matthew Turner, and Toru Kitagawa.
 NBER Working Paper #33597. ([link](#))
 Presented at (by coauthor)
 2025 NBER Summer Institute, Urban Economics (Cambridge, MA)
 2024 Urban Economics Association North American Meeting (Washington, DC)

Works in Progress

2025 “What are the welfare effects of removing single-family zoning? Evidence from Oregon.”
 Presented at
 2025 Population Association of America (Washington, DC)
 2025 Brown University Economics Regional Graduate Student Conference (Providence, RI)
 2025 “The builder’s remedy effects on developer and municipal behavior: Evidence from Massachusetts’ Chapter 40B.”
 With Aja Kennedy.

Instructional Guides

2021 “Computational Applications to Behavioral Science.”
 With Rachel Rosenberg, Rebecca Nissan, Octavio Medina, Josh Wright, Vitor Hadad, Niall Keleher, Susan Athey, Jann Spiess. ([link](#))
 2020 “Estimation of Heterogeneous Treatment Effects.”
 With Susan Athey, Stefan Wager, Vitor Hadad, Sylvia Klosin, Nicolaj Muhelbach, Xinkun Nie.
 (integrated into: [link](#))

TEACHING

Courses

2025 *Brown University*
 ECON 1130: Intermediate Microeconomics (Teaching Assistant to Prof. Jack Fanning)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Awards and Honors

2020 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships Program, Honorable Mention

Grants and Fellowships

2025-26 Graduate Student Fellowship, American Institute for Boys and Men
 2025 Merit Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Economics, Brown University
 2024 Orlando Bravo Center for Economic Research Grant, Brown University
 2023-24 Graduate NICHD Fellow, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
 2023 T32 graduate fellowship grant, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
 2023 Fellow Support Grant, Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4), Brown University
 2023 Orlando Bravo Center for Economic Research Grant, Brown University
 2022-23 Graduate NICHD Fellow, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University

2022 Summer Research Award, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
2022 Orlando Bravo Center for Economic Research Grant, Brown University

SERVICE

Service to the Field

Referee: American Economic Review

Organizing Committee, Brown University Economics Regional Graduate Student Conference, 2025

Service to the University

Vice President, Brown University Department of Economics Graduate Student Association, 2024–2025

Organizer, Brown University Applied Micro Lunch Seminar, 2022

POSITIONS

2021–22 Brown University
Research Assistant to Prof. Jesse Bruhn

2018–20 Stanford University
Predoctoral Research Fellow under Prof. Susan Athey, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research

2017 Federal Reserve Bank of New York
Summer Research Assistant to Dr. Gabriele La Spada

2016–18 Brigham Young University
Research Assistant to Prof. Scott Condie, Department of Economics

MEMBERSHIPS

Population Association of America

Society of Labor Economists

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

SKILLS

Programming R, Python, Stata, SQL, LaTeX

GIS ArcGIS, QGIS, R & Python Open Source Libraries

Computing Slurm, Apache Spark

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