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Fields

Macroeconomics, Urban, Spatial, Environmental

Employment

University of Washington	2020-
Assistant Professor	
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis	2012-2014
Research Assistant	

Education

Yale University	
Doctor of Philosophy, Economics	2020
Master of Philosophy, Economics (with distinction)	2017
Master of Arts, Economics	2016
University of Notre Dame	
Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Math (<i>magna cum laude</i>)	2012

Working Papers

The Geography of Wealth: Shocks, Mobility, and Precautionary Savings	2025
Joint with Maximiliano Dvorkin	

Under Revision

Homeownership and the Distributional Effects of Uneven Regional Growth	2026
<i>Review of Economic Studies</i> , <i>Revise and Resubmit</i>	
Dynamic Urban Economics	2026
Joint with Andrii Parkhomenko and Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh	
<i>American Economic Review</i> , <i>Revise and Resubmit</i>	

Publications

Housing Constraints and Spatial Misallocation: Comment	2026
<i>American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics</i>	

Deleveraging, Demand, and Growth

2023

Joint with Conor Walsh

Review of Economic Dynamics

Can Self-Help Groups Really be “Self-Help?”

2016

Joint with Joseph Kaboski and Eva Van Leemput

Review of Economic Studies

Work in Progress

Work from Home and the Future of Cities

Joint with Andrii Parkhomenko and Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh

Land-use Regulation, Homeownership, and the Cost of NIMBYism

Joint with Christian Hilber, Hans Koster, Gabriel Loumeau, and Andrii Parkhomenko

Are We Consuming Too Much Groundwater?

Joint with Joseph Shapiro and Katherine Wagner

Awards and Fellowships

Yale University Dissertation Fellowship

2019

Cowles Foundation Carl Arvid Anderson Prize Fellowship

2018

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2014-2019

Yale University Doctoral Fellowship

2014-2019

University of Notre Dame Bernoulli Award for Undergraduate Research

2012

Professional Activities

Referee Service

Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economic Dynamics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Urban Economics, Economics Letters, Economic Theory, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Management Science

Committees

Program Committee, European Meeting of the Urban Economic Association

2025-2026

Seminar Organization

Macroeconomics and International Seminar, University of Washington

2020-

Seminars and Conferences

2026: West Coast Workshop on International Finance,* Yale University,* Urban Economic Association European Meeting,* Rocky Mountain Urban and Real Estate Conference,* Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis*, Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting*

2025: Allied Social Science Associations; Chicago Fed Conference on Barriers to Homeownership, Land Use, and Urban Dynamics; University of Oregon; Society of Economic Dynamics; Minnesota Macro Workshop; Arizona State University; Chicago-Princeton Conference on Spatial Economics; Washington State University; University of Chicago Trade and Spatial Day; University of California, Irvine

2024: University of Southern California; Barcelona Institute of Economics Workshop in Urban Economics; Society of Economic Dynamics; NBER Summer Institute Urban Economics; University of British Columbia; Urban Economics Association; Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional; San Francisco Fed Micro Macro Labor Conference

2023: University of Notre Dame; West Coast Spatial Workshop; West Coast Trade Workshop; Western Economic Association; St. Louis Federal Reserve; Philadelphia Federal Reserve

2022: Urban Economics Association; New York Federal Reserve; University of California, Riverside; University of British Columbia

2020: Florida State University

* scheduled

Discussions

2026: Allied Social Science Associations: “Rebuild or Relocate: Recovery After Natural Disasters” (Shifrah Aron-Dine)*, West Coast Spatial Workshop: “Regulation Meets Public Infrastructure: Evidence from Environmental Water Policy in China” (Chen et al.)

2025: West Coast Spatial Workshop: “The Spatial and Distributive Implications of Working-from-home: a General Equilibrium Model” (Morgane Richard); Online Spatial and Urban Seminar: “Unpacking Moving” (Giannone et al.); IMF Workshop on Managing Migration in the Global Economy: “Mechanics of Spatial Growth” (Cai et al.)

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Teaching

University of Washington

ECON 527: Empirics and Theory in Macroeconomics	2021-
ECON 509: Macroeconomic Analysis III	2021-
ECON 412: Macroeconomics and Inequality	2021-
ECON 401: Advanced Macroeconomics	2026

Yale University

Intermediate Macroeconomics: T.A. for Giuseppe Moscarini	2017
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