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Education

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Charlottesville, VA

B.A. with Distinction in Economics and Mathematics

Degree Expected: August 2022

- Cumulative GPA: 3.7/4.00
- Relevant Coursework: Real Analysis, Advanced Linear Algebra, Econometrics, Policy Analysis, Game Theory, Market Design, Economics of the Public Sector, Mathematical Statistics, Probability Theory, Macro Policy.

Awards:

- Distinguished Major of Economics
- Economics Department award for Best Policy Paper by an Undergraduate (2021 AY)
- Dean's List (F 2018, Spr 2019, F 2019, Spr 20), Non-Original Literary Competition winner (F 2020), Original Literary Competition winner (Spr 2021)
- Recognition for Service to UVA Mathematics Department

Working Papers

- "A Longer Look at Merit Aid, Educational Attainment and Post-Degree Migration Decisions". UVA. Spr. 2021
- "Games, Education, and Engagement: An Examination of *Game of Floods* as a Rhetorical Boundary Object and Risk Communication Artifact" (under supervision of M. McKittrick). Old Dominion University, Spr. 2019
- Distinguished Major Thesis on the impacts of variable access to child care subsidies on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participation and parental labor supply. UVA. 2021-current

Research Presentations

2019 Accepted: ODU Undergraduate Research Symposium Invited: ODU Honors College Scholars Day

Relevant Experience

University of Virginia

Charlottesville, VA

Research Assistant – Economics Department

- Jan 2022 June 2022 t Survey for economists Leora
- Cleaned data and produced relevant statistical analyses from the Heath and Retirement Survey for economists Leora Friedberg (UVA) and coauthor Tony Webb (The New School).
- Developed code to estimate Social Security benefit amounts using restricted lifetime earnings records and identified likely recipients of Surviving Spouse benefits.

Office Assistant - Mathematics Department

Jan 2022 – Jun 2022

- $\bullet \quad \hbox{Coordinated twice-weekly department-wide luncheons and maintained supply room inventories}$
- Designed department's annual newsletter for distribution to donors and display on UVA Mathematics website

Vanderbilt University

Virtual

Research Assistant - virtual

- July 2020-January 2021
- Conducted literature review for econometricians Pedro Sant'Anna (Vanderbilt) and Johnathan Roth (Microsoft)
- Performed close readings of 71 recent empirical economics papers, pulling quotations relevant to the use of difference-indifference with staggered treatment timing for use in "Efficient Estimation for Staggered Rollout Designs" (Sant'Anna & Roth, 2021).

Old Dominion University

Norfolk, VA

Research Assistant

Jan 2019 - May 2019

- completed a research assistantship in technical communication and rhetoric, under the guidance of then-PhD-candidate and Lecturer Megan McKittrick.
- Composed literature reviews of research pertaining to risk communication, rhetorical boundary objects, and game studies
- Annotated interview transcripts with game designers and FEMA experts on coastal flooding mitigation.
- Conducted UX testing of a "Game of Floods", a climate-centric tabletop decision simulation game, and presented results to the Federal Emergency Management Administration experts who employ this game as a method of public engagement

Additional Skills

Language Skills: English, Modern Hebrew (proficient but sub-fluent)

Skills: Stata, LaTeX, html, Python, creation and management of Github sites and repositories, freelance chamber musician.