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EDUCATION

The University of South Carolina
Ph.D. in Economics

Expected December 2026

The University of Tennessee
Bachelor of Arts, Economics *Cum Laude*

May 2022

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Real Estate, Public Finance, Large Language Models

WORKING PAPERS

OZs & Housing Supply: Do Place-Based Tax Subsidies Create Net New Construction? (Sole-Authored)

What can LLMs tell us about the ETI? (with Jason DeBacker and Max Ghenis)

Opportunity for Affordability: Tax Incentives and Rental Housing Markets (Sole-Authored)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Effectiveness of Local Flavored E-Cigarette Bans (with Kara Jones and Danna Thomas)

PRESENTATIONS

“OZs & Housing Supply: Do Place-Based Tax Subsidies Create Net New Construction?”

– American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association International Conference (Accepted) July 2026

“Opportunity for Affordability: Tax Incentives and Rental Housing Markets”

– Southern Economics Association November 2025

– American Economic Association Summer Pipeline Conference June 2025

“The Effectiveness of Local Flavored E-Cigarette Bans”

– Association for Public Policy and Management Conference September 2024

– American Economic Association Summer Pipeline Conference June 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Economics Department, The University of South Carolina Moore School of Business

- *Research Assistant for Professor Crystal Zhan* Summer 2025
- *Research Assistant for Professor Danna Thomas* Spring 2024 - Fall 2024
- *Research Assistant for Professor Crystal Zhan* Fall 2023
- *Research Assistant for Professor Kin Blackburn* Spring 2022

Economics Department, The University of Tennessee Haslam School of Business

- *Research Assistant for Professor Maria Padilla-Romo* Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Economics Department, The University of South Carolina Moore School of Business

- *Teaching Assistant for Professor Sang Min Lee* Spring 2025
- *Teaching Assistant for Professor Danna Thomas* Spring - Fall 2024
- *Teaching Assistant for Professor Tamara Sheldon* Fall 2023

AWARDS AND HONORS

Melayne Morgan McInnes Memorial Award for Best Third-Year Paper, *The University of South Carolina Moore School of Business Economics Department* 2025

Summer Program Scholar, *American Economic Association* 2022

Pledge Scholar, *The University of Tennessee* 2018-2022

SERVICE

First-Generation Graduate Mentor, *The University of South Carolina* 2024–2025

SKILLS SUMMARY

Software/Languages: Python, SQL, Stata, R

Methodological Skills: Causal inference, Machine learning, Agentic AI

Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Workforce Data Scientist (part-time), *SC Department of Employment and Workforce* Aug 2025–present

Office of Compensation and Working Conditions Intern, *Bureau of Labor Statistics* May–July 2022

REFERENCES

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