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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, Vanderbilt University, 2019–present

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University, 2019

Dissertation: “Essays on Macroeconomics and Housing”

Committee: Christopher Huckfeldt (co-chair), Kristoffer Nimark (co-chair), Karel Mertens

M.A., Economics, Cornell University, 2017

B.S.F.S., International Political Economy (*magna cum laude*), Georgetown University, 2011

Research

Working Papers

“Default Risk Heterogeneity and Borrower Selection in the Mortgage Market”

“Lending by Servicing: How Shadow Banks Dampen Monetary Policy Transmission” (with Isha Agarwal and Keling Zheng)

“Sovereign Debt Composition in Advanced Economies: A Historical Perspective” (with S. M. Ali Abbas, Laura Blattner, Mark De Broeck, and Asmaa El-Ganainy), *IMF Working Paper No. 14/162*

Works in Progress

“The Selling Constraint on Shadow Bank Mortgage Lending” (with Isha Agarwal)

“The Consumption Insurance Role of Homeownership”

Invited Seminars

2021 Baruch College Zicklin School of Business, South East Asian Central Banks Research and Training Centre

2019 Binghamton University, Union College, Colgate University, Hamilton College, Vanderbilt University, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Seattle University, University of Houston, U.S. Naval Academy, Temple University

2013 International Monetary Fund

Conference Presentations

- 2022 SEA Annual Meetings (scheduled), LAEF/USCB “Labor Markets and Macroeconomic Outcomes” Conference
- 2021 SEA Annual Meetings, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis OIGI Fall Research Conference, SED Annual Meeting, Spring Meeting of Young Economists
- 2020 I-85 Macroeconomics Workshop
- 2019 Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, SEA Annual Meetings

Discussions

- 2021 “The pass-through of loan-loss-provisioning on mortgage lending: Evidence from a regulatory change” by Mauricio Calani and Manuel Paillacar (Spring Meeting of Young Economists)

Teaching

Instructor, Vanderbilt University

- ECON 3020 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (undergraduate), Spring 2020
- ECON 3022 Macroeconomics (undergraduate), Fall 2020–Fall 2021
- ECON 8210 Macroeconomic Theory II (Ph.D.), Spring 2022
- ECON 9210 Topics in Macroeconomics (Ph.D.), Fall 2019

Research and Work Experience

- Research Assistant to Karel Mertens, Cornell University, 2016–2017
- Research Assistant to Christopher Huckfeldt, Cornell University, 2015
- Research Analyst, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund, 2011–2013

Honors & Awards

- Anindya (Bappu) Majumdar '98 Memorial Prize for Excellence in Teaching, Cornell University, 2018
- Louis Walinsky Fund in Economics in Honor of Professor Herbert Joseph Davenport Outstanding Teaching Award, Cornell University, 2015
- Fundwide Recognition Award, International Monetary Fund, 2013
- Departmental Award, International Monetary Fund, 2013
- Honors in International Political Economy, Georgetown University, 2011

Professional Activities

Referee

Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization

Service to the Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University

Co-organizer, Macro/International Brown Bag, 2020–present

Member, Graduate Awards/Honors Committee, 2020–present

Service to the Profession

Reviewer, Spring Meeting of Young Economists, 2022

Faculty Mentor, “Successfully Navigating Your Economics PhD: A Mentoring Workshop for 3rd and 4th Year Women/Non-Binary Economics PhD Students,” SEA Annual Meetings, 2021

Graduate Advising

Committee member: Hanjo Terry Kim (current), Thu Tran (current)

Skills

Programming: Fortran (with OpenMP), Julia, L^AT_EX, MATLAB, Python, Stata

Languages: English (native), Chinese (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)

Personal Information

Citizenship: United States of America, Canada

Date of birth: August 27, 1989