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Education

<i>Ph.D.</i> , Economics (<i>expected</i>)	2026
University of Colorado Boulder	
<i>M.A.</i> , Economics	2023
University of Colorado Boulder	
<i>B.S.</i> , Mathematics and Economics with Honors, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2021
Sewanee: The University of the South	

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Immigration, Public Policy

Publications

Immigrant Ethnic Enclaves: Causes and Consequences. 2024. In *Migration and Forced Displacement: Vulnerability and Resilience*, Vol. 1 (Samson Maekele Tsegay, ed.). With Tao Song.

Job Market Paper

Uncertain Futures: How Did the Threat of Rescinding DACA Affect Eligible Immigrants' Outcomes?

Since its introduction in 2012, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) has been one of the most contested U.S. immigration policies. This article examines how the uncertainty arising from the 2017 attempted rescission of the policy impacted the labor market outcomes of eligible immigrants. Using American Community Survey data, I implement a difference-in-differences research design that exploits the sharp eligibility cutoffs of the policy to define treatment and comparison groups. I find that the threat to end the program had statistically significant negative effects on eligible immigrants' employment, labor force participation, and total income. I further investigate how state-level support for DACA recipients mitigated these effects and explore heterogeneity by sex, age, and education. My results are robust across a range of different specifications, samples, and undocumented proxies, and pass placebo tests. My paper demonstrates that the outcomes of DACA-eligible workers respond to legislative uncertainty, strengthening the argument for a more permanent legal structure.

Working Papers

Comparing the Effects of Temporary Versus Permanent Amnesty Policies on Immigrants' Outcomes

Immigration policies generally either follow a full amnesty or a temporary authorization framework. Despite key legal differences between the two approaches, it is unclear if their short- and long-run effects on eligible immigrants' labor market outcomes also differ, as the number of studies comparing their relative impacts is limited. This paper uses Census data to present one of the first direct comparisons of the two policy tools, exploiting the virtually simultaneous implementations of the Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Nicaraguan and Salvadoran immigrants during the 1990s. While my results demonstrate that both policy tools increase eligible immigrants' labor force participation, employment, and income comparably in the short run, I find evidence suggesting that only the effects of NACARA persist in the long run. My main results are supported by a number of robustness checks and extensions, including a detailed analysis of the long-run effects of each policy on a range of quality of life indicators.

Works in Progress

The Effects of Immigration Enforcement on Immigrant Workers' Commuting Behavior
Young Immigrants' Post-Secondary Education Attainment: The Role of Enclaves. With Tao Song.
The Effects of Immigration Enforcement in Ethnic Enclaves. With Tao Song.

Presentations

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (scheduled) 2025
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium Boulder Meeting
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting 2024
Georgescu-Roegen Lecture at The University of the South
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting 2021
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting 2020

Research Experience

Research Assistant to Prof. Francisca Antman 2024
Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado Boulder
Research Assistant to Prof. Tao Song 2018 – 2021
Department of Economics, Sewanee: The University of the South

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder
Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory Summer 2025
Principles of Macroeconomics Spring 2024 & Fall 2024
Principles of Microeconomics Summer 2023 & Fall 2023
Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado Boulder
Principles of Microeconomics (Summer Program for EXCEL Scholars) Summer 2025

Teaching Assistant

Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory Fall 2025
Principles of Macroeconomics Spring 2022 & Spring 2025
Principles of Microeconomics Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring & Fall 2023, & Summer 2024
Department of Economics, Sewanee: The University of the South
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory Fall 2019 – Spring 2021
Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory Fall 2019 – Spring 2021
Department of Mathematics, Sewanee: The University of the South
Calculus I – III Fall 2019 – Spring 2021

Professional Service

Founder & Program Lead, International English Training Program 2025 – 2026
Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder

Certificates

Certificate in College Teaching (expected) 2025
Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Colorado Boulder
Business for Arts, Sciences and Engineering 2018
Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley

Fellowships, Awards, and Honors

Mercatus Center, George Mason University:

Bastiat Fellowship 2025 – 2026

Department of Economics, University of Colorado Boulder:

Graduate Award for Public Policy Research 2025

Stanford Calderwood Student Teaching Award 2024

Paula M. Hildebrandt Graduate Student Award 2023

Yordon Prize in Microeconomics 2022

Sewanee: The University of the South:

Kayden Scholarship for Graduate Study 2021

Eugene Mark Kayden Prize in Economics 2021

Phi Beta Kappa (junior year inductee) 2020

Atlee Henkel Hoff Memorial Scholarship for Attainment in Economics 2020

Omicron Delta Kappa (junior year inductee) 2019

Robert Hooke Prize for Achievement in Calculus 2019

Stephen Elliott Puckette II Award 2018

Institute of International Education:

Klein Family Scholarship 2017

Affiliations and Professional Memberships

Affiliate, Population Program, Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado Boulder

Bastiat Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University

Member, Southern Economic Association

Skills

Software: Stata, R, ArcGIS, LaTeX, Microsoft Suite, Google Suite

Languages: Hungarian, English

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