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## EDUCATION

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2022 - CURRENT Ph.D. in Economics, University of South Carolina (anticipated 2027)  
2018 - 2021 B.S. in Economics, University of South Carolina  
Minor in Law and Society and Magna Cum Laude (GPA: 3.84)  
2020 - 2020 AEA Summer Training Program, Michigan State University  
Valedictorian Award in extensive training in microeconomics, econometrics,  
applied mathematics, and research methods

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Migration Economics; Economics of Health and Inequality; Applied Microeconomics; Labor & Public Economics

## RESEARCH

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### WORKING PAPERS:

1. "The Local Labor-Market Effects of Interior Immigration Enforcement: Evidence from Recent Policy Swings"
2. "The Effect of Federal Immigration Enforcement on Food Bank Utilization: The Secure Communities Program"

### WORKS IN PROGRESS:

1. "Heightened Immigration Enforcement and Hospital Utilization: Emergency Departments in Florida" with Dave Anderson
2. "The Economic Effects of Federally Non-Compliant Drivers' Licenses" with Linden McBride

## CONFERENCE ATTENDANCES AND PRESENTATIONS

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**Expected** Southern Economic Association 96th Annual Meeting, Houston, TX, November 2026

*The Local Labor-Market Effects of Interior Immigration Enforcement: Evidence from Recent Policy Swings*

**15th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists**, Minneapolis, MN, June 2026

*Session Chair*

**7th Annual South Eastern Immigration Studies Association**, Charlotte, NC, April 2026

**Southern Economic Association 95th Annual Meeting**, Tampa, FL, November 2025

*The Effect of Federal Immigration Enforcement on Food Bank Utilization: The Secure Communities Program (American Society of Hispanic Economists session)*

**The Summer School on the Economics of Migration**, CDMX, Mexico, July 2025  
*The Effect of Federal Immigration Enforcement on Food Bank Utilization: The Secure Communities Program*

**14th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists**, Nashville, TN, June 2025

*The Effect of Federal Immigration Enforcement on Food Bank Utilization: The Secure Communities Program*

**Society of Government Economists 2025 Annual Conference**, Washington DC, April 2025

*The Effect of Federal Immigration Enforcement on Food Bank Utilization: The Secure Communities Program*

**Carolinas Migration Conference**, Charlotte, NC, January 2025

*The Effect of Federal Immigration Enforcement on Food Bank Utilization: The Secure Communities Program*

**Southern Economic Association 94th Annual Meeting**, Washington DC, November 2024

**Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference**, National Harbor, MD, November 2024

**AEA Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference**, Washington DC, June 2024

**Allied Social Science Association's Annual Meeting**, San Antonio, TX, January 2024

**Southern Economic Association 93rd Annual Meeting**, New Orleans, LA, November 2023

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### PRIMARY & ONLY INSTRUCTOR:

FALL 2025 Introduction to Economics (ECON224)

### TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS:

FALL 2025	Sports Economics
SPRING 2025	PhD Econometrics
SPRING 2024, 2025 & FALL 2023	Game Theory - Honors
FALL & SPRING 2024	Introduction to Microeconomics
SPRING 2024 & FALL 2023	Introductory Econometrics
SPRING 2023 & SPRING 2022	Intermediate Microeconomics

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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MAY - AUGUST 2025	Graduate Research Assistant Dr. Sarah Waldfogel
MAY - AUGUST 2024	Graduate Research Assistant Dr. Jessica Brown
AUGUST - DECEMBER 2022	Graduate Research Assistant Dr. Tamara Sheldon
DECEMBER 2019	Undergraduate Research Assistant Dr. Orgul Ozturk

## SCHOLARSHIPS - AWARDS - GRANTS

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2026	Inaugural Cohort: Early Career Scientist Workshop on Inequality (EC-SWI), Howard University
2025	2025 Cohort: Summer School on the Economics of Migration, University of California Alianza MX and UC Davis
2025	ASHEcon Diversity Scholarship
2024	The National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families' Professional Development Grant for Emerging Scholars
2018-2021	Federal Pell Grant

## MENTORSHIP

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AUGUST 2024 - CURRENT	First-Gen Mentoring Program - Mentor
AUGUST 2023 - CURRENT	AEA Mentoring Program - Mentee
SEPTEMBER 2024 - 2025	APPAM Mentor Matching Program - Mentee

## LANGUAGES

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ENGLISH: Fluent  
SPANISH: Native

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES & SOFTWARES STATA, LaTeX, Microsoft Office