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RESEARCH	Political economy, urban economics, public economics, economic history, cultural economics.	
EDUCATION	<b>University of California, Irvine</b> , Irvine, CA Ph.D., Economics M.A., Economics	2019 2015
	<b>Loyola University</b> , New Orleans, LA B.B.A., Economics	2014
EMPLOYMENT	<b>Tulane University</b> , New Orleans, LA Assistant Professor of Economics Faculty Affiliate, Murphy Institute Kurzius Family Early Career Professor of Economics	2019–Present 2019–Present 2022–2023
ARTICLES, PEER REVIEWED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Churches as Social Insurance: Oil Risk and Religion in the U.S. South,” 2023, <i>Journal of Economic History</i>, 83, 786–832 (with Andreas Ferrara).</li> <li>2. “The Other Great Migration: Southern Whites and the New Right,” 2023, <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>, 138, 1577–1647 (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson). Featured in: <a href="#">NPR</a>, <a href="#">The Washington Post</a>, <a href="#">The Economist</a>, <a href="#">Boston Globe</a>, <a href="#">VoxTalks</a>.</li> <li>3. “The Economic Legacy of Expulsion: Lessons from Post-war Czechoslovakia,” 2021, <i>The Economic Journal</i>, 131, 2233–71. Featured in: <i>The Economic Journal’s</i> “Economics of Conflict” Compilation.</li> <li>4. “Shocks and the Spatial Distribution of Economic Activity: The Role of Institutions,” 2021, <i>Journal of Economic Behavior &amp; Organization</i>, 183, 791–810.</li> <li>5. “Education and Propaganda: Tradeoffs to Public Education Provision in Nondemocracies,” 2018, <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, 160, 66–81.</li> </ol>	
ARTICLES, NON-PEER REVIEWED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. “Sundown Towns and Racial Exclusion: The Southern White Diaspora and the ‘Great Retreat,’” 2022, <i>American Economic Association: Papers and Proceedings</i>, 112, 234–8 (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson).</li> </ol>	
WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “The Confederate Diaspora” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson), <b>Revise &amp; Resubmit</b> at the <i>Review of Economic Studies</i>. Featured in: <a href="#">VoxEU</a>, <a href="#">USA Today</a>, <a href="#">NBC News</a>, <a href="#">LSE Ballpark</a>, <a href="#">Marginal Revolution</a>, <a href="#">94.1 KPFA</a>.</li> <li>• “National Identity, Public Goods, and Modern Economic Development” (with Stergios Skaperdas).</li> <li>• “New Area- and Population-based Geographic Crosswalks for U.S. Counties and Congressional Districts, 1790–2020” (with Andreas Ferrara and Liyang Zhou).</li> </ul>	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Political Foundations of Racial Violence in the Post-Reconstruction South” (with Jhacova Williams).</li> <li>• “The Geography of Race and Ethnicity in the United States: Uncovering a Hidden History of Expulsion and Exclusion” (with Samuel Bazzi, Eric Chyn, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson).</li> </ul>	

- PRESENTATIONS **2024:** ASSA Meeting (San Antonio, TX, upcoming).
- 2023:** Economics Lunch Seminar (Tulane, New Orleans, LA, upcoming).
- 2022:** Osaka University (virtual), Economics Lunch Seminar (Tulane, New Orleans, LA), University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, PA), ASREC 2022 (Chapman, Orange, CA).
- 2021:** ASSA Meeting (virtual), THPE Reunion Workshop (virtual), 91st SEA Meeting (Houston, TX).
- 2020:** 19th ASREC Meeting\* (Chapman, Orange, CA), 95th WEAI Meeting\* (Denver), LSU-Tulane Mini-Conference (virtual), Theory, History, and Development Seminar at UCI (virtual), ASREC 24h (virtual), Historical Political Economy Session at the 90th SEA Meeting\* (New Orleans, LA), Economic Growth Conference at the 90th SEA Meeting (virtual). *\*cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*
- 2019:** Tulane University (New Orleans, LA), Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA), University of Utah (Salt Lake City, UT), George Mason University (Fairfax, VA), University of Alberta (Edmonton, CA).
- 2018:** EHA Annual Meeting (Montréal, CA), CAGE Workshop (Warwick, UK), 17th ASREC Meeting (Chapman, Orange, CA), 11th Conference on Migration and Development (Stanford, CA), 13th UEA Meeting (Columbia, New York City, NY), CGPACS Seminar (UCI, Irvine, CA), Economic History Workshop (UCI, Irvine, CA), All-UC Workshop (Berkeley, CA), Graduate Poster Session (UCI, Irvine, CA), Urban and Transport Seminar (UCI, Irvine, CA), IRES Workshop (Chapman, Orange, CA), THPE Workshop (UCI, Irvine, CA).
- 2017:** Graduate Poster Session (UCI, Irvine, CA), 54th Public Choice Society Meeting (New Orleans, LA), 16th ASREC Meeting (Boston, MA), THPE Workshop (UCI, Irvine, CA), Economic History Workshop (UCI, Irvine, CA), Economics Computing Lunch Workshop (UCI, Irvine, CA).
- 2016:** Graduate Poster Session (UCI, Irvine, CA), 11th Economics Graduate Students Conference (Washington University, St. Louis, MO), 13th IMBS Graduate Student Conference (UCI, Irvine, CA), THPE Workshop (UCI, Irvine, CA).

OTHER

Session Chair

CONFERENCE

**2023:** ASSA Annual Meeting (**New Orleans**)

PRESENTATIONS

Discussant

**2024:** ASSA Annual Meeting (**San Antonio**, upcoming)

**2023:** ASSA Annual Meeting (**New Orleans**)

**2022:** Economic History Association Meeting (**La Crosse**)

**2021:** Economic History Association Meeting (**Tucson**)

**2019:** Economic History Association Meeting (**Atlanta**)

**2018:** Urban Economics Association Meeting (**Columbia**)

**2018:** Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society Workshop (**Chapman**)

**2018:** Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture Meeting (**Chapman**)

**2017:** Public Choice Society Meeting (**New Orleans**)

**2017:** Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture Meeting (**Boston**)

TEACHING

Instructor

**Tulane:** Graduate Microeconomics I (Ph.D.), Game Theory (Undergraduate and Masters), Mathematical Economics (Undergraduate and Masters), Positive Political Economy, Political Economy of Nondemocracy.

Teaching Assistant

**UC Irvine:** Graduate Microeconomics I-III (Ph.D.), Intermediate Microeconomics II, Basic Microeconomics, Basic Macroeconomics, Global Economy, Game Theory & Politics.

ADVISING	<p>Tulane University</p> <p>Ph.D. Dissertation: Gabe Olivier (2025), Lucia Kovacikova (2022).</p> <p>Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Grace Slapak* (2021) (awarded the Senior Scholar Award in Economics and Peery Society Membership), Mary-Crescent Carter* (2022).</p> <p>*<i>chaired or co-chaired.</i></p>
UNIVERSITY SERVICE	<p>Tulane University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writer, monthly “economics internships and careers” email blast 2022–Present</li> <li>• Search committee member, economics-Murphy joint hire 2022</li> <li>• Organizer, Economics Lunch Seminar Series 2021–2023</li> <li>• Creator (with LaPorchia Collins), <a href="#">departmental internships and careers page</a> 2021</li> <li>• Faculty board member, Tulane Journal of Policy &amp; Political Economy 2020–Present</li> <li>• Exam coordinator (with Wei Long), economics Ph.D. qualifying exams 2020–Present</li> <li>• Interviewer, Murphy Institute director search 2020</li> <li>• Mock interviewer, economics job market candidates 2019–Present</li> </ul> <p>University of California, Irvine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizer, Theory, History, &amp; Political Economy Workshop 2017–2018</li> <li>• Graduate student tutor, Economics Learning Center 2015–2019</li> </ul>
REFEREEING	<p><i>Czech Science Foundation, Economics of Governance, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Explorations in Economic History, Independent Review, Moravian Geographical Reports, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior &amp; Organization, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Tulane Journal of Policy and Political Economy.</i></p>
OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<p>Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County-to-county and county-to-CD crosswalks, 1790–2020: <a href="#">DOI</a>. Featured on <a href="#">Best of #EconTwitter</a> (Oct. 24, 2021).</li> </ul> <p>Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teaching material for geographic crosswalks: <a href="#">DOI</a>.</li> </ul>
AWARDS	<p>Tulane University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Grant (\$7000), <i>Tulane University</i> 2023–2024</li> <li>• Kurzius Family Early Career Professorship (\$6500), <i>School of Liberal Arts</i> 2022–2023</li> <li>• Schloss Prize for Excellence in Economics (\$2500), <i>Department of Economics</i> 2022</li> </ul> <p>University of California, Irvine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romney Award for Outstanding Research Paper, <i>School of Social Sciences</i> 2019</li> <li>• Kassouf Fellowship for Excellence in Research, <i>Department of Economics</i> 2018</li> <li>• Christian Werner Fellowship, <i>School of Social Sciences</i> 2018</li> <li>• Art DeVany Best Poster Award, <i>Department of Economics</i> 2016</li> <li>• Economics Merit Fellowship, <i>Department of Economics</i> 2016, 2018</li> <li>• Summer Research Fellowship, <i>Department of Economics</i> 2016–2018</li> <li>• Distinction in Microeconomics, <i>Department of Economics</i> 2015</li> <li>• Humane Studies Fellowship, <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i> 2014–2018</li> <li>• Merit Fellowship in Economics, <i>Department of Economics</i> 2014–2019</li> </ul>