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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Political economy, economic history, urban economics, public economics, development and growth.	
EMPLOYMENT	Tulane University , New Orleans, LA Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics Faculty Affiliate, Murphy Institute	2019 – Present 2019 – Present
EDUCATION	University of California, Irvine , Irvine, CA Ph.D., Economics Dissertation: <i>Essays in the Political Economy of Development</i> Committee: Stergios Skaperdas, Daniel Bogart, and Jean-Paul Carvalho M.A., Economics Loyola University , New Orleans, LA B.B.A., Economics	2019 2015 2014
PUBLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Sundown Towns and Racial Exclusion: The Southern White Diaspora and the <i>Great Retreat</i>” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson), 2022, <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings</i>, Forthcoming. • “Shocks and the Spatial Distribution of Economic Activity: The Role of Institutions,” 2021, <i>Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization</i>, 183, 791-810. • “The Economic Legacy of Expulsion: Lessons from Post-war Czechoslovakia,” 2020, <i>The Economic Journal</i>, 131, 2233-71. • “Education and Propaganda: Tradeoffs to Public Education Provision in Nondemocracies,” 2018, <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, 160, 66-81. 	
WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Other Great Migration: Southern Whites and the New Right” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson). Media: Boston Globe. • “Churches as Social Insurance: Oil Risk and Religion in the U.S. South” (with Andreas Ferrara). • “New Area- and Population-based Geographic Crosswalks for U.S. Counties and Congressional Districts, 1790-2020” (with Andreas Ferrara and Liyang Zhou). 	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “National Identity and Modern Economic Growth” (with Stergios Skaperdas). • “The Southern White Diaspora and the Geography of Racism in the United States” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson). • “The Economic and Ideological Foundations of the Great White Migration” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson). 	
PRESENTATIONS	<p>2022: Osaka University (invited), Tulane Economics Lunch Seminar (New Orleans, upcoming), University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, invited), ASREC 2022 (Chapman, upcoming).</p> <p>2021: ASSA Meeting (virtual), THPE Reunion Workshop (virtual), 91st SEA Meeting (Houston).</p>	

2020: 19th ASREC Meeting* (**Chapman**), 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**), Economic Growth Conference at the 90th SEA Meeting (**virtual**).

2019: Tulane University (**New Orleans**), Louisiana State University (**Baton Rouge**), University of Utah (**Salt Lake City**), George Mason University (**Fairfax, VA**), University of Alberta (**Edmonton**).

2018: EHA Annual Meeting (**Montréal**), CAGE Workshop (**Warwick**), 17th ASREC Meeting (**Chapman**), 11th Conference on Migration and Development (**Stanford**), 13th UEA Meeting (**Colombia**), CGPACS Seminar (**UC Irvine**), Economic History Workshop (**UC Irvine**), All-UC Workshop (**UC Berkeley**), Graduate Poster Session (**UC Irvine**), Urban and Transport Seminar at UCI (**Irvine**), IRES Workshop (**Chapman**).

2017: Graduate Poster Session (**UC Irvine**), 54th Public Choice Society Meeting (**New Orleans**), 16th ASREC Meeting (**Boston**), THPE Workshop (**UC Irvine**), Economic History Workshop (**UC Irvine**), Economics Computing Lunch Workshop (**UC Irvine**).

2016: Graduate Poster Session (**UC Irvine**), 11th Economics Graduate Students Conference (**Washington University in St. Louis**), 13th IMBS Graduate Student Conference (**UC Irvine**), THPE Workshop (**UC Irvine**).

*cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONFERENCE
SERVICE

Discussant

- 2021:** Economic History Association Meeting (**Tucson**)
- 2019:** Economic History Association Meeting (**Atlanta**)
- 2018:** Urban Economics Association Meeting (**Colombia**)
- 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**)

REFEREEING

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economic History (3), Journal of Population Economics, Public Choice, Economics of Governance, Economic Inquiry, Czech Science Foundation, Tulane Journal of Policy and Political Economy (2).

OTHER
PROFESSIONAL
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Data

- County-to-county and county-to-CD crosswalks, 1790-2020: [DOI](#). Featured on [Best of #EconTwitter](#) (Oct. 24, 2021).

Teaching

- Teaching material for geographic crosswalks: [DOI](#).

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE

Tulane University

- Search committee member, economics and Murphy Institute joint hire (2022)
- Organizer, Economics Lunch Seminar Series (2021 – Present)
- Creator (with LaPorchia Collins), [departmental internships and careers page](#) (2021)
- Faculty board member, Tulane Journal of Policy & Political Economy (2020 – Present)
- Interviewer, Murphy Institute director search (2020)
- Exam coordinator (with Wei Long), economics Ph.D. qualifying exams (2020)
- Mock interviewer, economics job market candidates (2019)

University of California, Irvine

- Organizer, Theory, History, & Political Economy Workshop (2017 – 2018)
- Graduate student tutor, Economics Learning Center (2015 – 2019)

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	Tulane University Ph.D. Dissertation: Lucia Kovacicova (2022). Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Grace Slapak* (2021) (awarded the Senior Scholar Award in Economics and Peery Society Membership), Mary-Crescent Carter* (2022). * <i>chaired.</i>
AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romney Award for Outstanding Research Paper, <i>UCI School of Social Sciences</i> 2019 • Kassouf Fellowship for Excellence in Research, <i>UCI Department of Economics</i> 2018 • Christian Werner Fellowship, <i>UCI School of Social Sciences</i> 2018 • Art DeVany Best Poster Award, <i>UCI Department of Economics</i> 2016 • Economics Merit Fellowship, <i>UCI Department of Economics</i> 2016, 2018 • Summer Research Fellowship, <i>UCI Department of Economics</i> 2016 – 2018 • Distinction in Microeconomics, <i>UCI Department of Economics</i> 2015 • Humane Studies Fellowship, <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i> 2014 – 2018 • Merit Fellowship in Economics, <i>UCI Department of Economics</i> 2014 – 2019
TECHNICAL SKILLS	Stata (advanced) ArcGIS (high intermediate) Python (low intermediate) L ^A T _E X
PERSONAL INFORMATION	Born: May 24, 1992. Citizenship: United States. Family: Married to Amy, with one daughter, Camille. Other: Enjoys electronic music, Star Wars, and the MCU.