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RESEARCH	Political economy, economic history, cultural economics, economic geography, public economics	
EMPLOYMENT	Tulane University , New Orleans, LA Assistant Professor of Economics Faculty Affiliate, Murphy Institute Kurzius Family Early Career Professor of Economics	2019–Present 2019–Present 2022–2023
EDUCATION	University of California, Irvine , Irvine, CA Ph.D., Economics M.A., Economics Loyola University , New Orleans, LA B.B.A., Economics	2019 2015 2014
ARTICLES, PEER REVIEWED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “New Area- and Population-based Geographic Crosswalks for U.S. Counties and Congressional Districts, 1790–2020,” 2024, <i>Historical Methods</i>, 57, 67–79 (with Andreas Ferrara and Liyang Zhou). 2. “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). 3. “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: NPR, The Washington Post, The Economist, Boston Globe, VoxTalks. 4. “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</i>’s “Economics of Conflict” Compilation. 5. “Shocks and the Spatial Distribution of Economic Activity: The Role of Institutions,” 2021, <i>Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization</i>, 183, 791–810. 6. “Education and Propaganda: Tradeoffs to Public Education Provision in Nondemocracies,” 2018, <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, 160, 66–81. 	
ARTICLES, NON-PEER REVIEWED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. “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). 	
WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Confederate Diaspora” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson), Revise & Resubmit at the <i>Review of Economic Studies</i>. Featured in: VoxEU, USA Today, NBC News, LSE Ballpark, Marginal Revolution, 94.1 KPFA. • “Political Foundations of Racial Violence in the Post-Reconstruction South” (with Jhacova Williams), Reject & Resubmit at the <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>. • “National Identity, Public Goods, and Modern Economic Development” (with Stergios Skaperdas), Revise & Resubmit at the <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i>. 	

PRESENTATIONS **2025:** Department Seminar at Ole Miss (Oxford, MS, invited).

2024: ASSA Meeting (San Antonio, TX), MWEH Conference (Utah State, Logan, UT), ASREC 2024 (Chapman, Orange, CA), EHA Annual Meeting (Sacramento, CA), Department Seminar at UC Merced (Merced, CA, invited), Trade and Development Seminar at Boston University (Boston, MA, invited), 94th SEA Meeting (Washington, DC, invited).

2023: Economics Lunch Seminar (Tulane, New Orleans, LA).

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 (Colombia, 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

CONFERENCE

PRESENTATIONS

Session Chair

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

Discussant

2024: ASSA Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX)

2023: ASSA Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)

2022: Economic History Association Meeting (La Crosse, WI)

2021: Economic History Association Meeting (Tucson, AZ)

2019: Economic History Association Meeting (Atlanta, GA)

2018: Urban Economics Association Meeting (Colombia, New York, NY)

2018: IRES Workshop (Chapman, Orange, CA)

2018: 17th ASREC Meeting (Chapman, Orange, CA)

2017: Public Choice Society Meeting (New Orleans, LA)

2017: 16th ASREC Meeting (Boston, MA)

TEACHING	<p>Instructor</p> <p>Tulane: Graduate Microeconomics I (Ph.D.), Game Theory (Undergraduate and Masters), Mathematical Economics (Undergraduate and Masters), Positive Political Economy, Political Economy of Nondemocracy, Political Economy in Historical Perspective.</p> <p>Teaching Assistant</p> <p>UC Irvine: Graduate Microeconomics I-III (Ph.D.), Intermediate Microeconomics II, Basic Microeconomics, Basic Macroeconomics, Global Economy, Game Theory & Politics.</p>
ADVISING	<p>Tulane University</p> <p>Ph.D. Dissertation: Gabe Olivier (2025), Lucia Kovacikova (2022, Marquette University). Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Grace Slapak* (2021) (awarded the Senior Scholar Award in Economics and Peery Society Membership), Mary-Crescent Carter* (2022), Ellie Stevenson (2025), Mika Nijhawan (2025).</p> <p>*<i>chaired or co-chaired.</i></p>
UNIVERSITY SERVICE	<p>Tulane University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-organizer, Economics Seminar Series Since 2024 • Writer, monthly “economics internships and careers” email blast Since 2022 • Hiring committee member, economics-Murphy joint hire 2022 • Organizer, Economics Lunch Seminar Series 2021–2023 • Creator (with LaPorchia Collins), departmental internships and careers page 2021 • Faculty board member, Tulane Journal of Policy & Political Economy Since 2020 • Exam coordinator (with Wei Long), economics Ph.D. qualifying exams Since 2020 • Interviewer, Murphy Institute director search 2020 • Mock interviewer, economics job market candidates Since 2019 <p>University of California, Irvine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizer, Theory, History, & Political Economy Workshop 2017–2018 • Graduate student tutor, Economics Learning Center 2015–2019
REFEREEING	<p><i>Czech Science Foundation, Economics of Governance, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Explorations in Economic History, Independent Review, Moravian Geographical Reports, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy, 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"> • County-to-county and county-to-CD crosswalks, 1790–2020: DOI. Featured on Best of #EconTwitter (Oct. 24, 2021). <p>Teaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching material for geographic crosswalks: DOI.

GRANTS AND
AWARDS

Tulane University

- Schloss Prize for Excellence in Economics (\$2500), *Department of Economics* 2024
- RSF Research Grant (\$195,022), *Russell Sage Foundation* 2024
Funding “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)
- Carol Lavin Bernick Faculty Grant (\$7000), *Tulane University* 2023–2024
- Kurzius Family Early Career Professorship (\$6500), *School of Liberal Arts* 2022–2023
- Schloss Prize for Excellence in Economics (\$2500), *Department of Economics* 2022

University of California, Irvine

- Romney Award for Outstanding Research Paper, *School of Social Sciences* 2019
- Kassouf Fellowship for Excellence in Research, *Department of Economics* 2018
- Christian Werner Fellowship, *School of Social Sciences* 2018
- Art DeVany Best Poster Award, *Department of Economics* 2016
- Economics Merit Fellowship, *Department of Economics* 2016, 2018
- Summer Research Fellowship, *Department of Economics* 2016–2018
- Distinction in Microeconomics, *Department of Economics* 2015
- Humane Studies Fellowship, *Institute for Humane Studies* 2014–2018
- Merit Fellowship in Economics, *Department of Economics* 2014–2019