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RESEARCH	Political economy, economic history, urban economics, public economics, cultural economics.	
EDUCATION	<b>University of California, Irvine</b> , Irvine, CA	
	Ph.D., Economics	2019
	Dissertation: <i>Essays in the Political Economy of Development</i>	
	Committee: Stergios Skaperdas, Daniel Bogart, and Jean-Paul Carvalho	
	M.A., Economics	2015
	<b>Loyola University</b> , New Orleans, LA	
	B.B.A., Economics	2014
EMPLOYMENT	<b>Tulane University</b> , New Orleans, LA	
	Kurzhaus Family Early Career Professor of Economics	2022–Present
	Assistant Professor of Economics	2019–Present
	Faculty Affiliate, Murphy Institute	2019–Present
ARTICLES, PEER REVIEWED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. “Churches as Social Insurance: Oil Risk and Religion in the U.S. South” (with Andreas Ferrara), forthcoming at <i>Journal of Economic History</i>.</li> <li>2. “The Other Great Migration: Southern Whites and the New Right” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson), 2023, <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>. Media: <a href="#">Boston Globe</a>, <a href="#">VoxTalks</a>.</li> <li>3. “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>4. “The Economic Legacy of Expulsion: Lessons from Post-war Czechoslovakia,” 2020, <i>The Economic Journal</i>, 131, 2233-71.</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>	
MANUSCRIPTS, COMPLETED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• “National Identity, Public Goods, and Modern Economic Performance” (with Stergios Skaperdas).</li> <li>• “The Confederate Diaspora” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson).</li> <li>• “The Economic and Ideological Foundations of the Great White Migration” (with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson).</li> <li>• “The Origins and Diffusion of Sundown Towns: Uncovering a History of Racial Exclusion” (with Samuel Bazzi, Eric Chyn, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Thomas Pearson).</li> </ul>	

PRESENTATIONS **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  
**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 (**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**)

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 Kovacikova (2022).  
Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Grace Slapak\* (2021) (awarded the Senior Scholar Award in Economics and Peery Society Membership), Mary-Crescent Carter\* (2022).

*\*chaired or co-chaired.*

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 and Murphy Institute joint hire (2022)</li> <li>• Organizer, Economics Lunch Seminar Series (2021–Present)</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>• Interviewer, Murphy Institute director search (2020)</li> <li>• Exam coordinator (with Wei Long), economics Ph.D. qualifying exams (2020–Present)</li> <li>• Mock interviewer, economics job market candidates (2019)</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>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> (3), <i>Review of Economic Studies</i>, <i>Journal of Public Economics</i>, <i>Journal of Economic History</i> (4), <i>Journal of Economic Behavior &amp; Organization</i>, <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>, <i>Journal of Regional Science</i>, <i>Journal of Population Economics</i>, <i>Public Choice</i>, <i>Economics of Governance</i>, <i>Economic Inquiry</i>, <i>Czech Science Foundation</i>, <i>Moravian Geographical Reports</i>, <i>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>• 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>
TECHNICAL SKILLS	<p>Stata (advanced)  ArcGIS (high intermediate)  Python (low intermediate)  L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</p>
PERSONAL INFORMATION	<p>Born: May 24, 1992.  Citizenship: United States.  Family: Married to Amy, with one daughter, Camille.  Other: Enjoys electronic music, Star Wars, and the MCU.</p>