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EDUCATION

08/2019—*Expected 05/2024* **University of Illinois at Chicago**, Chicago, IL
PH.D. ECONOMICS

08/2015—05/2016 **Boston University**, Boston, MA
M.A. ECONOMICS *Magna Cum Laude*

01/2012—5/2015 **University of Southern California**, Los Angeles, CA
B.A. ECONOMICS, *Cum Laude*
MINOR: MATHEMATICAL FINANCE, *Cum Laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics: Urban Economics, Public Economics, Labor Economics

WORKING PAPERS

“What is the Cost of Homeless Encampments to a City’s Residents? Evidence from Los Angeles” *Job Market Paper*

“Do Salary Cuts on Capitol Hill Affect Attrition Among Staffers? Evidence from the House of Representatives after the 2010 Midterm Elections”

“Projecting Trends in Undocumented and Legal Immigrant Populations in the United States” (*with Darren Lubotsky, Benjamin Feigenberg, and Eduardo Medina-Cortina*)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

- 01/2023—Present **University of Illinois at Chicago, Research Assistant, Prof. Benjamin Feigenberg (Paid position, 5 hrs/wk)**
- 06/2020—09/2021 **National Bureau of Economic Research, Research Assistant, Prof. Benjamin Feigenberg and Darren Lubotsky (Paid position, 10hrs/wk)**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 01/2023—05/2023 **Instructor for Econ 120: Introduction to Microeconomics (Rating 3.9/5)**
- 08/2022—12/2022 **Instructor for Econ 330: Government and Business (Rating 4.4/5)**
- 06/2022—08/2022 **Instructor for Econ 216: Economics of Sports and Entertainment (Rating 4.6/5)**
- 01/2022—05/2022 **Instructor for Econ 120: Introduction to Microeconomics (Rating 3.9/5)**
- 08/2021—12/2021 **Instructor for Econ 215: Health Economics (Rating 4.3/5)**
- 06/2021—08/2021 **Instructor for Econ 216: Economics of Sports and Entertainment (Rating 4.6/5)**

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- 09/2016—07/2019 **Senior Economic Policy Advisor—Third Way, Washington, DC**

SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC PUBLISHED WORK AND MEDIA COVERAGE:

- “The Opportunity Index: Ranking Opportunity in Metropolitan America.”** Third Way, October 30, 2018
Article: *“Whopping 62% of jobs don’t support middle-class life after accounting for cost of living.”* USA Today, Front Page: October 30, 2018
Article: *“Study: American jobs aren’t supporting middle-class life.”* Axios, October 30, 2018
Television Panel: *“The 11th Hour with Stephanie Rule.”* MSNBC, November 1, 2018

Radio Interview: “McIntyre in the Morning.” KABC 790-Los Angeles, October 31, 2018

“America’s Got Talent—Venture Capital Needs to Find It.” Third Way, February 16, 2017
Article: “Does VC Mean Venture Capital or Very Concentrated?” Forbes, February 16, 2017

“The Opportunity Fund.” Third Way, July 9, 2019
Newsletter: “Getting Capital to More Diverse Entrepreneurs.” Politico: Morning Money, July 10, 2019

AWARDS AND HONORS

2023 **Mitch Trask Award.** Annual award given in recognition of outstanding undergraduate teaching. Economics Department, UIC. (\$500)

PRESENTATIONS

Fall 2023 **Friday Seminar: Job Market Talk**, University of Illinois at Chicago
Spring 2023 **Economics Research Luncheon (EARL)**, University of Illinois at Chicago
Fall 2022 **Illinois Economics Association (IEA)**, DePaul University
Summer 2022 **Economics Research Luncheon (EARL)**, University of Illinois at Chicago
Fall 2021 **Economics Research Luncheon (EARL)**, University of Illinois at Chicago

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Services

Fall 2021—Present Graduate Student Mentor
June 2020—November 2020 Consultant for Economic Policy Committee on Small Business Formation
Joe Biden for America
January 2020—March 2020 Consultant for Economic Policy Committee on Small Business Formation
Pete Buttigieg for President

Memberships

American Economic Association, Illinois Economics Association

Skills

Statistical Software Stata, R, Matlab, Mathematica
Other Programs/Languages ArcGIS Pro, LaTeX, Java, Tableau

REFERENCES

Dr. Marcus Casey

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