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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics Expected Summer 2027
University of Chicago
Fields: Macroeconomics, Trade & Economic Growth
Committee: Ufuk Akcigit, Erik Hurst, and Esteban Rossi-Hansberg
B.S. in Chemical/Biomolecular Engineering and Economics 2019
Johns Hopkins University
Minor: Mathematics
GPA: 3.87/4.00

RESEARCH/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer PhD Dissertation Fellow Summer 2026
Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Research and Statistics Group
PhD Fellow Summer 2025
Goldman Sachs, Global Investment Research (GIR) Commodities Team
Short-term consultant Summer 2023
World Bank

PREDOCTORAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Research Assistant 2019-2021
Federal Reserve Board
Research Assistant 2017-2019
Prof. Larry Ball
R&D Summer Intern Summers 2017 & 2018
Unilever

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **A Comment on: “Low Interest Rates, Market Power, and Productivity Growth”** (with Jonathan Goldberg and David López-Salido) 2023
- Published in *Econometrica*, [Link](#)

WORKING PAPERS & CURRENT RESEARCH

- [1] **Old Roots, New Routes: The Trade Patterns of Immigrant-Founded Firms** (with Berkay Saygin—job market paper)
- Presented at: Center for Economic Studies (CES) workshop & various internal seminars at the University of Chicago (i.e. Capital Theory; Trade and Spatial Working Group; Akcigit Research Team working group; student lunches)*

- [2] **The innovator's risk premium: Sticky hurdle rates, the cost of capital, and creative destruction** (with Jonathan Goldberg and David López-Salido)
 - Presented at: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Federal Reserve Board*, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, EIEF
 - R&R *Journal of Financial Economics*, Paper
- [3] **The Geography of Innovative Firms** (with Benny Kleinman and Marta Prato)
 - Presented at: Princeton University, University of California Berkeley, University of California Los Angeles, University of Chicago (student spatial economics conference)*, European University Institute, EIEF, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, SED, BSE Summer Forum 2025 Economic Growth, NBER Summer Institute 2025 Economic Growth
 - NBER link
- [4] **Trade and Decelerating Reallocation**
 - Third-year paper (awarded the 2024 George S. Tolley prize)
 - Presented at: various internal seminars at the University of Chicago (i.e. Capital Theory; Trade and Spatial Working Group; Akcigit Research Team working group; student lunches)*
 - Paper
- [5] **Attention (and Money) Is All You Need: Why Universities Are Struggling to Keep AI Talent** (with Ufuk Akcigit, Emin Dinlersoz, and Nathan Goldschlag)
 - Presented at: Jackson Hole Economic Policy Symposium and Stigler Center Studying Popular Capitalism Workshop
 - NBER link
- [6] **Creative Destruction When Ideas are Harder to Find** (with Jonathan Goldberg and David López-Salido)
 - Presented at: Federal Reserve Board*, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia*
- [7] **Measuring the Characteristics and Employment Dynamics of U.S. Scientists** (with Ufuk Akcigit, Emin Dinlersoz, and Nathan Goldschlag)
- [8] **Risk Premia and Fed Purchases in the Corporate Bond Market** (with Jonathan Goldberg)
 - Presented at: Federal Reserve Board

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TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **Trends in U.S. Business Dynamism and the Innovation Landscape** (with Ufuk Akcigit and Sina Ates) 2023
 - Economic Innovation Group (EIG) report, EIG link
- [2] **Dealer Inventory Constraints in the Corporate Bond Market during the COVID Crisis** (with Jonathan Goldberg) 2021
 - Federal Reserve Board, FEDS Note, FEDS link

TECHNICAL SKILLS

High Proficiency: Julia, MATLAB, Python, R, SQL, UNIX/Linux, Git

Moderate Proficiency: SAS and Stata

Quantitative Methods: Continuous time methods, general equilibrium modeling, difference-in-differences with staggered treatment adoption, instrumental variables, ensemble ML methods, geospatial analysis, web scraping, OCR

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago

2023-2025

- Artificial Intelligence, Innovation, and Growth (Profs. Ufuk Akcigit and James Evans)
- Economic Growth (Prof. Ufuk Akcigit)
- Principles of Microeconomics (Prof. Min Sok Lee)
- Human Capital and the Economy (Prof. Pablo Peña)
- Responsibilities included writing and grading problem sets and exams; organizing once-a-week discussion sections in lecture and problem-solving formats; and answering student questions via email

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University

2017-2019

HONORS & AWARDS

- Center for Economic Studies (CES) Dissertation Mentorship Program, 2026
- George S. Tolley Prize, 2024
 - For third-year paper “Trade and Decelerating Reallocation”
- Becker Friedman Institute Data Grant (with Prof. Chad Syverson), 2024
- Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honors Society), Johns Hopkins University, 2019
- General and Departmental Honors, Johns Hopkins University, 2019

OTHER INFORMATION

Citizenship: United States