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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Michigan, 2018–
Post-Doctoral Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2017–2018

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Economics, Columbia University, 2017
B.A., Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley, 2007

RESEARCH

“Competition in Pricing Algorithms,” joint with Alexander MacKay.

“Market Structure and Extortion: Evidence from 50,000 Extortion Payments,” joint with Eduardo Montero, Carlos Schmidt-Padilla, & Maria Micaela Sviatschi.

“Endogenous Information and Simplifying Insurance Choice,” joint with Jihye Jeon, Revise & resubmit, *Econometrica*.

“An Empirical Model of Price Transparency and Markups in Health Care”, Revise & resubmit, *Journal of Political Economy*.

“Equilibrium Effects of Health Care Price Information,” *Review of Economics & Statistics*, October 2019, 101(4): 699–712.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Staff Economist, Council of Economic Advisers, Washington D.C., 2014–2015
Analyst, Cornerstone Research, San Francisco and Menlo Park, CA, 2008–2010

HONORS AND AWARDS

Post-Doctoral Fellow supported by Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, 2017-2018
Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University, 2015-2016
Faculty Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University, 2014
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2011-2013

PRESENTATIONS

Carnegie Mellon, Tepper (2020); University of North Carolina, Economics (2020); University of Michigan H2D2 (2020); Princeton University, Economics (2020); NBER Winter Industrial Organization Meeting (2020); University of Michigan, Ross Marketing (2020); Washington University in St. Louis, Economics (2019); Yale University, Economics (2019); NBER Summer Institute (2019); University of Michigan H2D2 (2019); International Industrial Organization Conference (2019); IO Fest, University of Wisconsin (2018); Imperial College Business School (2018); Federal Trade Commission (2018); Princeton University, Economics (2017); University of Washington, Economics (2017); University of Michigan, Economics (2017); University of Wisconsin, Economics (2017); University of Pennsylvania, Wharton (2017); University of Massachusetts Amherst, Agriculture and Resource Economics (2017); INSEAD, Marketing (2017), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Economics (2017); NBER Insurance Working Group (2017).

Canceled due to COVID-19: Purdue University, Economics (2020); Conference on Innovation and Behavior in Health Markets, Tulane (2020); University of Minnesota, Economics (2020); International Industrial Organization Conference (2020); Behavioral Industrial Organization Meeting (2020).

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied; American Economic Journal: Economics Policy; American Economic Review; Econometrica; Economics & Politics; Economic Journal; Health Affairs; Journal of Applied Econometrics; Journal of Economics & Management Strategy; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Industrial Economics; Review of Industrial Organization; Science Advances; Quarterly Journal of Economics

GRANTS

National Bureau of Economics Research Digitization Grant (\$15,000)

Michigan Institute for Teaching and Research in Economics (MITRE) Faculty Grant (\$20,000)

National Institute of Health, Kirschstein National Research Service Award (supporting NBER Post-doc)

TEACHING

University of Michigan

Government Regulation of Industry, Undergraduate (Winter 2019, Winter 2020, Winter 2021)

Industrial Organization and Public Policy, Ph.D. (Winter 2019, Winter 2020, Winter 2021)