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Employment

Postdoctoral Associate 2025 - Present
MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Lab
MIT Sloan Initiative on the Digital Economy

Education

PhD Economics 2025
New York University Stern School of Business
BS Economics and Mathematics 2019
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

Research fields

Economics of platforms, economics of social media, economics of AI, applied microeconomics, industrial organization, network economics

Publications

“[From Funding to Findings \(FIND\): An Open Database of NSF Awards and Research Outputs.](#)”
(with Yucheng Lu and Qiaochu Fan)
Proceedings of the 22nd IEEE International Conference on eScience, forthcoming, 2026.

Working papers

“[Influencer Dynamics.](#)” (Job market paper)
“[Feeding Large Language Model Annotations to BERT Classifiers at Your Own Risk.](#)” (with Yucheng Lu)

Works in progress

“Does Generative AI Crowd Out Human Artists? Evidence from Reddit.”
“Platform Competition with Network-based Ad Targeting.”

Teaching experience

As primary instructor

Principles of Macroeconomics 2026

As teaching assistant

Microeconomics with Algebra (undergraduate) 2021 - 2024

Global Macroeconomics (undergraduate) 2024

The Global Economy (MBA) 2024

Core Marketing (MS in Quantitative Marketing) 2023

Firms and Markets (MBA) 2022

Competitive Analysis (undergraduate)	2022
Mergers and Acquisitions (undergraduate, MBA)	2021

Other research experience

Research Assistant for Petra Moser	2020 - 2021
NYU Stern School of Business	
“The Economic Value of Patent Generality”	2018 - 2019
Honors thesis, University of Minnesota	
Research Intern	2018
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas	
Research Assistant for Alberto Manconi	2017
Bocconi University	
Research Assistant for Anusha Nath	2016 - 2018
University of Minnesota	

Presentations

NYU Stern School of Business (Industrial Organization)	2022, 2023, 2024
New York University (Microeconomic Theory)	2022

Grants

Center for Global Economy and Business PhD Grant	2023
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Other work experience

Software Engineer	2013 - 2015
Mazira LLC, Iowa City, IA	

Technical skills

Python, NetworkX, Stata, Latex, SQL, Javascript, Node.js, C++

Personal information

Citizenship: United States of America

Languages: English (native)