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EDUCATION

Aug. 2025 – Present	University of Michigan , Ann Arbor, Michigan Joint Ph.D. in Economics and Public Policy Expected: May 2031
Aug. 2016 – May 2020	University of Kentucky , Lexington, Kentucky B.A. Political Science, Honors B.A. Environmental and Sustainability Studies, Honors Concentration: Economics B.A. International Studies, Honors Concentration: Comparative Politics in Latin America Statistics Minor

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2024 – Jul. 2025	University of Chicago Booth School of Business Chicago, Illinois Pre-Doctoral Research Professional for Matthew J. Notowidigdo
Aug. 2022 – Jan. 2024	Rustandy Center for Social Sector Innovation University of Chicago Booth School of Business Chicago, Illinois Research Professional
Feb. 2021 – Aug. 2022	NORC at the University of Chicago Economics, Justice and Society Department Chicago, Illinois Research Associate
Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2019	Center for Experimental and Applied Economics University of Delaware Newark, Delaware Summer Research Assistant for Dr. Kelly Davidson
Aug. 2018 – Feb. 2021	University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky Undergraduate Research Assistant for Dr. Lauren Cagle

PRESENTATIONS

- Princeton University Pre-Doctoral Economics Conference
The Efficacy of Artificial Intelligence in Combating Crime: An Empirical Analysis of ShotSpotter

in Chicago

Princeton, New Jersey, May 2025

- **Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research**
"No Thank You, Next" – Item Nonresponse of Sensitive Topics in the General Social Survey
Chicago, Illinois, November 2021
- **American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting**
Science Communication as Dialogue, not Monologue: Engaging Underserved Geological Survey Stakeholders in Appalachian Kentucky
Remote, December 2020
- **Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars, University of Kentucky**
Evaluating the Effects of Peer Information and Social Influence on Oyster Consumption
Lexington, Kentucky, May 2020

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **NORC at the University of Chicago Employee Recognition Award**
Economics, Justice and Society Department, 2021
- **Intercollegiate Sustainability Research Fellowship**
University of Kentucky, Summer 2019
- **College of Arts and Sciences Student Ambassador of the Year**
University of Kentucky, 2018-2019
- **Policy Debate Full-Tuition Scholarship**
University of Kentucky, 2016-2020
- **Kentucky Heritage Scholarship**
University of Kentucky, 2016-2020
- **Urban Debater of the Year**
National Association for Urban Debate Leagues, 2016