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## EMPLOYMENT

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| <b>Stanford University</b>                                                   |             |
| Assistant Professor, Department of Economics                                 | Since 2025  |
| Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) | 2023 – 2024 |

## EDUCATION

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|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Princeton University</b>                      |             |
| Ph.D. in Economics                               | 2018 – 2023 |
| <b>London School of Economics</b>                |             |
| M.Sc. in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics | 2017 – 2018 |
| <b>University of Munich</b>                      |             |
| B.Sc. in Economics                               | 2014 – 2017 |
| <b>Technical University of Munich</b>            |             |
| B.Sc. in Computer Science and Finance            | 2013 – 2017 |

## AFFILIATIONS

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| <b>National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)</b> , Faculty Research Fellow               | Since 2026 |
| <b>Stanford Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI)</b> , Faculty Affiliate           | Since 2026 |
| <b>Elasticity Institute</b> , Member                                                       | Since 2026 |
| <b>Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research</b> , Faculty Fellow                    | Since 2025 |
| <b>Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality</b> , Faculty Affiliate                       | Since 2025 |
| <b>Stanford Center for Comparative Studies in Race &amp; Ethnicity</b> , Faculty Affiliate | Since 2025 |
| <b>CESifo</b> , Affiliate Member                                                           | Since 2024 |
| <b>US Census Bureau</b> , Special Sworn Status Researcher                                  | Since 2023 |
| <b>Institute of Labor Economics (IZA)</b> , Research Affiliate                             | Since 2023 |

## VISITING POSITIONS

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| <b>NYU Stern School of Business</b>                                          | 2024 – 2025 |
| <b>Center for Economic Studies (CES)</b> , University of Munich              | 2024        |
| <b>Opportunity &amp; Inclusive Growth Institute (OIGI)</b> , Minneapolis Fed | 2023        |

## PUBLICATIONS

- "Mothers, Schools, and the Making of American Human Capital Mobility"** 2025  
with Harriet Brookes Gray, Hugo Reichardt  
[Review of Economic Studies, Accepted](#)
- "Jim Crow and Black Economic Progress After Slavery"** 2024  
with Hugo Reichardt  
[Quarterly Journal of Economics](#)
- "The Geography of Remote Work"** 2022  
with Fabian Eckert, Sharat Ganapati, Conor Walsh  
[Regional Science and Urban Economics](#)

## WORKING PAPERS

- "Task-Specific Technical Change and Comparative Advantage"** 2026  
with Hugo Reichardt
- "Blindly Discriminating: The GI Bill and Racial Inequality"** 2026  
with Christiane Szerman
- "Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Racial Income Gaps among Women since 1950"** 2023

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- "AI and the Production of Knowledge"**
- "The Internet and the Direction of Innovation"**  
with Cristian Alamos
- "Black Teachers and Black Economic Progress: The Impact of Early Schools for Freed People"**  
with Angelo Azzolini, Andrea Bernini, Marco Tabellini
- "Discrimination and Economic Development"**  
with Omer Ali

## RESEARCH NOTES

- "The Economics of Recursive Self-Improvement"** 2026  
with Tom Cunningham, Basil Halperin, Brian Jabarian, Andrew Koh, Arjun Ramani, Phil Trammell, Parker Whitfill, and Cheryl Wu

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Seminar presentations

2027 (*incl. scheduled*): Oxford, University of Illinois

2026 (*incl. scheduled*): Federal Reserve Board, Harvard, Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Stanford Research Park, Temple University Japan, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, University of Houston, University of Pittsburgh, University of Southern California, World Economic Forum

2025: German Ministry of Finance, Harvard, Northwestern, Rockwool Foundation, UNSW Sydney

2024: Brookings, Chicago Fed, German Ministry of Finance, NYU, Stanford, UC Davis, UCLA Anderson, UC Merced

2023: Berkeley, Harvard, LSE, Minneapolis Fed, Stanford, Stanford GSB, Stellenbosch (LEAP), Tilburg, UChicago Booth, UChicago Harris, University of British Columbia, University of Munich, Yale SOM

2022: Applied Young Economist Webinar, City University of New York, Florida State, Institute for the World Economy, Princeton

2021: Princeton, Princeton History, YSI-EHES Economic History Graduate Webinar

### **Conference presentations**

2026 (*incl. scheduled*): NBER Summer Institute, Frontiers in AI and the Economy Conference (Chicago Fed), NBER Race and Stratification, CEPR Applied Micro & Economic History Workshop, World Economic Forum on the Future of Manufacturing (San Francisco), Workshop on AI and the Economics of Recursive Self-Improvement (Constellation Institute), West Coast Spatial Workshop (Stanford GSB)

2025: NBER Summer Institute, Australian Political Economy Workshop, German Economists Abroad Conference, Stanford Provostial Fellows Symposium

2024: NBER Summer Institute, Opportunity Insights Conference, “Institutions, Organizations, and Growth” (UChicago BFI), “Barriers to Economic Opportunity and Inclusion” (UChicago & Cleveland Fed), SED Annual Meeting

2023: NBER Summer Institute, Foundations of Long-Run Prosperity Conference (Hoover Institution), Chicago Economic History Workshop, UC Davis Economic History Workshop, Economic History Rook-iefest (Northwestern), Southern Economic Association Conference

2022: NBER Economics of Mobility, NBER Summer Institute, CESifo Venice Summer Institute, Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (Philadelphia Fed), European & North American Meetings of the Urban Economics Association, Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting, Economic History Association, Inequality Conference (UKonstanz), Rising Scholars Conference (UChicago Booth), Workshop on “Causal Inference with Spatial Data” (RWI), Development and Political Economics Graduate Student Conference (Berkeley & Stanford), Yale Economic History Graduate Student Conference, Economic and Business History Society, CIREQ PhD Students’ Conference, Warwick Economics PhD Conference, Workshop on “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Labor Market” (Berkeley & Princeton), Workshop on “Racial Disparities in the 1944 G.I. Bill” (Brandeis)

### **Workshops**

2026 (*incl. scheduled*): Economic Futures Workshop (OpenAI Foundation), Teaching Progress Workshop (Roots for Progress), The Economics of Recursive Self-Improvement (Elasticity)

### **Referee service**

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy

American Economic Review

American Economic Review: Insights

Economica

European Research Council

Explorations in Economic History

Journal of Economic History

Journal of Economic Literature

Journal of Human Resources

Journal of Labor Economics

Journal of Law and Economics

Journal of Political Economy

Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics

Journal of Regional Science

Journal of the European Economic Association  
Journal of Urban Economics  
National Science Foundation  
Regional Science and Urban Economics  
Regional Studies  
Review of Economic Studies  
Review of Economics and Statistics  
Quarterly Journal of Economics

#### **Award Committees**

John Locke Institute Global Essay Prize  
US Fiscal Challenge

## **AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

### **Awards**

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| W.E. Upjohn Institute Dissertation Award                        | 2023 |
| Erik Olin Wright Prize, Havens Wright Center for Social Justice | 2023 |
| Princeton University Graduate Student Teaching Award            | 2022 |
| Urban Economics Association Best Student Paper Award            | 2022 |
| IPUMS USA Best Student Research Award                           | 2022 |

### **Grants**

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| Stanford Human-AI Collaboration in Economics and Social Science (\$50,000) | 2026 |
| Anthropic Economic Futures Grant (\$50,000)                                | 2025 |
| Stanford Impact Labs (\$50,000)                                            | 2025 |
| Russell Sage Foundation (\$66,000)                                         | 2024 |
| Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (\$10,000)                 | 2023 |
| Princeton Program for Research on Inequality (\$10,000)                    | 2021 |

### **Fellowships**

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| Stanford Impact Labs Design Fellowship                        | 2025 – 2026 |
| Prize Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Princeton University | 2022 – 2023 |
| Doctoral Fellowship, Princeton University                     | 2018 – 2023 |
| German National Scholarship Foundation Fellowship             | 2017 – 2018 |
| German Academic Exchange Service Fellowship                   | 2017 – 2018 |
| Dr Jost Henkel Foundation Fellowship                          | 2017 – 2018 |
| Deloitte Foundation Fellowship                                | 2015 – 2017 |
| Hans Rudolf Foundation Fellowship                             | 2015 – 2016 |
| Hanns Seidel Foundation Fellowship                            | 2013 – 2017 |
| Claussen Simon Foundation Fellowship                          | 2012 – 2013 |

## **TEACHING**

### **Graduate**

## **Topics in US and International Economic History** (Stanford ECON 226)

Since 2025

This graduate course emphasizes theoretical and empirical methods for studying long-run economic change, with a focus on the forces that drive progress and the barriers that prevent it from being broadly shared. Drawing on historical evidence and economic analysis, we investigate how societies have generated — and distributed — economic opportunity, and what lessons the past provides for the future. While the evidence will span various periods of American history, the course will not cover those periods chronologically but rather focus on critical analysis of specific questions and mechanisms of change.

## **Undergraduate**

### **Progress and Inequality** (Stanford ECON 30)

Starting 2026

Progress and inequality are intertwined throughout human history. This course traces both from the Neolithic Revolution to the AI era, asking: What causes progress? Who benefits? And what can we learn for the future? Topics range from the engines of progress—resources, cities, knowledge, institutions—to the barriers that determine who is left behind, including race, gender, and intergenerational mobility.

## **Guest lectures**

2026 (*incl. scheduled*): UCLA

2025: Stanford (Political Science), UC Irvine, Spelman College

2024: NYU Stern, Stanford

2023: Princeton