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POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Fiscal Studies

September 2023-Present

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, UC Berkeley

2023

Primary field: Public economics

Secondary field: Labor economics

Bachelor of Arts, Columbia University

2017

Bachelor of Arts, L'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)

2016

WORKING PAPERS

[Can countries unilaterally mitigate tax haven usage? Evidence from Ecuadorian transaction tax data](#)

[Estate tax avoidance and private benefit through charitable giving](#)

[The fiscality of housing the homeless: Evidence from housing programs in Los Angeles](#) (with John Wieselthier)

[The Pink Tax: Why do women pay more?](#) (with Kayleigh Barnes, as Job Market Paper)

[Public investment in the arts and cultural agglomeration: Evidence from the New Deal](#)

PUBLICATIONS

“What Happens When you Give Money to Panhandlers? The Case of Downtown Manhattan”. Dordick G., O’Flaherty B., Brounstein J., Sinha, S., Yoo J.. *Journal of Urban Economics* 108. p. 107-123. 2018.

“Good Panhandling and Bad: How to Encourage the Good and Discourage the Bad”. Dordick G., O’Flaherty B., Brounstein J., Sinha, S.. *European Journal of Homelessness* 12:1. p. 87-112. 2018.

RESEARCH/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Prof. Gabriel Zucman, UC Berkeley

August 2018-August 2022

Research Assistant to Anne Brockmeyer, World Bank Group (Ecuador mission)

June 2018-June 2020

Tax Consult, International Monetary Fund (Moldova mission)

January-March 2020

Research Assistant to Professor Claudio Agostini, Universidad Adolfo Ibañez

Summer 2018

Research Assistant to Elliott Ash, Princeton University

March 2016-May 2017

Research Assistant to Professor Brendan O’Flaherty, Columbia University

May 2016-May 2017

PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress

July 2023

United Nations University Workshop on Illicit Financial Flows

October 2022, August 2021

UC Berkeley Public Finance Seminar	October 2022, October 2021, April 2021
Servicio de Rentas Internas (Ecuadorian tax authorities)	September 2022, October 2021, June 2019
Indiana University O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs	November 2021
National Endowment for the Arts, Research Division	May 2021
UC Berkeley Economic History Seminar	May 2021, May 2020

TEACHING, MENTORING, AND TUTORING EXPERIENCE

Global Inequality and Growth (Econ 133), <i>as teaching assistant</i>	Spring 2022
Introduction to Econometrics (Econ 141), <i>as teaching assistant</i>	Fall 2020
UC Berkeley Undergraduate Mentorship Program, <i>as graduate student mentor</i>	Summer 2019 - August 2022
Economic Analysis–Micro (Econ 100), <i>as tutor</i>	Fall 2018 - Spring 2019

JOURNAL REFEREE EXPERIENCE

Journal of Public Economics, City and Community

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2023:

International Tax and Public Finance Best PhD Student Paper Award

2022:

Center for Effective Global Action Development Economics Challenge Award

UC Berkeley Department of Economics Summer Grant

2021:

United Nations University Illicit Financial Flows Research Grant

Center for Effective Global Action Development Economics Challenge Award

Burch Center Grant in Public Finance

UC Berkeley Department of Economics Summer Grant

2020:

Berkeley Economists for Equity Research Grant

Departmental Grant for Gender-related Research

2019:

Center for Effective Global Action Development Economics Challenge Award

Institute of International Studies Summer Research Grant

National Endowment for the Arts: Art Works Grant

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention

Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance Grant

2018:

All-UC Group in Economic History Exploratory Travel and Data Grant

Exploratory Research Grant from Emmanuel Saez: National Endowment for the Arts Grant Cost-share

Exploratory Research Grant from Gabriel Zucman: National Endowment for the Arts Grant Cost-share

Robert D. Burch Center for Tax Policy and Public Finance Grant: National Endowment for the Arts Grant

2017:

Economics Department Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley

REFERENCES

Gabriel Zucman, UC Berkeley (Primary advisor)

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Emmanuel Saez, UC Berkeley (Secondary advisor)

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Alan Auerbach, UC Berkeley (Secondary advisor)

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ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Gender: Male

Citizenship: United States of America

Date of Birth: 9 May 1995

Language: English (C2), French (C1), Spanish (C1), Portuguese (B1), Mandarin & Simplified Chinese (HSK 3)

Hobbies: Music composition and performance, hiking and camping, mycology, cooking