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## Academic Positions:

Amherst College: Assistant Professor of Economics, 2018—present

## Education:

- 2018 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Texas at Austin  
Dissertation: “Essays on Labor Markets, Monetary Policy, and Uncertainty”  
Advisors: Olivier Coibion, Saroj Bhattarai, Andrew Glover
- 2015 M.S., Economics, University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 A.B., Economics 2009, Princeton University  
With Certificate in Political Economy

## Research Interests:

Macroeconomics, Monetary Policy, Labor Economics, Numerical Methods

## Publications:

“An envelope method for solving continuous-time stochastic models with occasionally binding constraints.” (2022). *Economics Letters*. Vol. 214.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econlet.2022.110434>

## Working Papers:

- “Has Monetary Policy Accelerated Job Polarization?” July 2022. (*submitted*)
- “The Fiscal Channel of Monetary Policy,” July 2022.
- “Are Uncertainty Shocks Expansionary? Evidence from the Michigan Survey of Consumers,” March 2022. (*revised*)
- “Monetary Policy with Credit and Labor Search Frictions,” February 2022.
- “Labor Market Shocks and Flows,” October 2021. (*revised*)

July 2022

**Preliminary Projects:**

“The New Keynesian Price Puzzle,” June 2022.

“Yes, PPP worked,” with G. Jake Blackwood, June 2022.

“Local Monetary Policy Shocks,” 2021

“Measuring Gross Worker Flows at the State Level,” 2021

**Resting projects:**

“Endogenous Price Adjustment in a Rational Inattention Setting,” with Hassan Afrouzi

“The Effects of Information on Marginal Propensities to Consume,” with Hassan Afrouzi

“Government Spending and Gross Worker Flows,” with Christophe E. Boehm

**Other writing:**

“The Sources of the Lack of Diversity in Geosciences” (preliminary), with Rachel Bernard and Emily H.G. Cooperdock.

**Professional Activities:**

**Presentations and Seminars:** (\* denotes scheduled, \*\*co-author presenting)

*Fall 2022:* Southern Economic Association\*, National Tax Association\*

*Summer 2022:* Macrodynamics Seminar, Middlebury College\*

*Spring 2022:* Macrodynamics Seminar (remote)

*Fall 2021:* Conference of Macroeconomists from Liberal Arts Colleges

*Spring 2021:* Macrodynamics Seminar, Colby College

*Summer 2018—Fall 2020:* AEA Annual Meeting\*\*, National Tax Association

Annual Conference on Taxation, Conference of Macroeconomists from Liberal Arts Colleges.

*Previous years:* Purdue University, University of South Carolina, Williams College, Amherst College, University of Oklahoma, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Texas A&M University, UT Austin, “Disparities in the Labor Market: What Are We Missing?” (hosted by FRB), Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

**Committees:**

Community Standard Review Board, Amherst College. 2020-2021

Ph.D. Alumni Conference Organizing Committee, University of Texas at Austin.

2021-present

**Conference Organized:**

2021 UT-Austin Economics PhD Alumni Conference (first annual)

Member: Planning subcommittee

Session organizer and chair: “Alumni in the Private Sector”

**Referee:**

*Review of Economics and Statistics*

**Teaching:****Amherst College:**

ECON 111: “Introduction to Economics” (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)

ECON 250: “Money, Banking, and Economic Activity” (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

ECON 330: “Macroeconomics” (Fall 2018—Spring 2021)

**University of Texas at Austin:**

*all as teaching assistant*

Macroeconomic Theory (intermediate)

Microeconomic Theory (intermediate)

Introduction to Economics

Graduate Macroeconomics (first-year Ph.D. sequence)

Graduate Microeconomics (first-year Ph.D. sequence)

Probability and Statistics (Master’s sequence)

**Advising:****Primary Thesis Advisor:**

Kevin Ma, “The Impact of CARES Act Benefits on Retail Employment,” (2021)

Nicholas Kumamoto, “A Counterfactual Study of Nominal GDP Targeting,”  
(2020)

**Co-advisor:**

Mujin (Benedict) Choi, “Political Monetary and Budget Cycles in OECD  
Economies During the Great Inflation,” (2019)

**Reader:**

2021:

Ahliia Moore, “The Effects of FDI on Socioeconomic Outcomes of Jamaican  
Citizens”

Sirig Gurung, “Sprillovers of India’s Demonetization to the Nepali Economy through Migrants from Nepal to India”

2020:

Morgan Yurosek, “Investment Dynamics Under Recent Trade Policy Uncertainty”

Kelly Chian, “The Economics of Multi-Level Marketing Companies”

2019:

Sammy Salustri, “Now Batting—Moral Hazard: The Effects of Long-term Contracts on Player Performance in Major League Baseball”

Jinny Ko, “Ethnic Diversity, Inequality, and Institutions”

**Awards and Fellowships:**

2021—2022: Provost’s Research Fellowship, Amherst College

2016—2017: Research Fellowship, UT Austin

2016: Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Dissertation Fellowship

2016: Outstanding TA Award, UT Austin—for Prof. Caroline Thomas, Ph.D. and undergraduate courses

2015: Best Second-Year Paper, UT Austin—“Worker Flows and Monetary Policy Shocks”

**Community and Outreach:**

“Demystifying Crypto,” Lecture and discussion presented to the Five-Colleges Learning in Retirement group. Amherst, MA, March 25, 2022.

Cryptocurrency lecture and discussion (\* scheduled for Sept. 24, 2022), Applewood Retirement Community

**Previous Employment:**

2011—2013, Economist, United States Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS),

2009—2011, United States Department of Homeland Security

**Personal:**

Born September 15, 1986

U.S. Citizen

Native English speaker