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Employment

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Texas A&M University, 2026 – Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Texas A&M University, 2019 – 2026

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Stanford University, 2019

(Committee: Liran Einav (primary), Tim Bresnahan, Matt Gentzkow, Rebecca Diamond)

B.A. with High Honors in Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2010

Published and Accepted Papers

Assessing the Gains from E-Commerce (with Paul Dolfen, Liran Einav, Pete Klenow, Jon Levin, Larry Levin, Wayne Best) (*American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 15(1), January 2023, 342-370)

One Size Fits All? The Value of Standardized Retail Chains (*RAND Journal of Economics*, 55(1), Spring 2024, 55-86)

Selling Subscriptions (with Liran Einav and Neale Mahoney) (*American Economic Review*, 115(5), May 2025, 1650-1671)

Fueling Expectations: The Causal Impact of Gas Prices on Inflation Expectations (with Yoon Jo) (*Journal of Monetary Economics*, Volume 153, July 2025, 103797)

JUE Insight: Measuring Local Consumption with Payment Cards and Cell Phone Pings (with Fernando Luco) (*Journal of Urban Economics*, Volume 149, September 2025, 103798)

Broad and Narrow Price Parity Agreements: Evidence from European Hotels (with Nicola Pierri) (*International Journal of Industrial Organization*, Volume 105, April 2026, 103265)

Working Papers

Rebuilding After the Storm: Firm Turnover and Consumer Welfare After Hurricane Harvey (with Eric Lewis and Fernando Luco)

Strategic Default, Loan Modification, and Foreclosure (with Nicola Pierri)

Work in Progress

The Effects of Hospital Closures on Patients and Hospitals (with Ben Ukert and Paula Zamora-Riaño)

Teaching

Instructor for Undergraduate Industrial Organization, Texas A&M University, 2020-2026

Instructor for Graduate Industrial Organization, Texas A&M University, 2019-2026

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Jay Bhattacharya, Undergraduate Health Economics, Stanford University, Spring 2019

Fellowships and Grants

National Science Foundation SES-2242349: "The Impact of Natural Disasters on Businesses and Consumers," 2023-2025 (with Fernando Luco and Eric Lewis), \$310,755

X3 Grant, 2021-2023 (with Benjamin Ukert, Korok Ray, and Xinyue Ye), \$324,769

Energy Institute, 2020-2021 (with Eric Lewis and Fernando Luco), \$40,000

Texas A&M T3 Triad Grant, 2020-2021 (with Eric Lewis and Fernando Luco), \$30,000

Patricia Liu McKenna and Kenneth McKenna Graduate Fellowship, 2018-2019

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2019: Cornell School of Hotel Administration, George Washington University, ITAM Business, LSE Marketing, Stata Applied Microeconomics Conference, Texas A&M

2020: IO² (virtual), Southern Economic Association

2021: Disaster PRIMR Conference, QME Conference, Southern Economic Association, Online Spatial and Urban Seminar (discussant)

2023: TxIO Conference, Econometric Society Australia Meeting, Rice, Urban Economics Association, FTC Microeconomics Conference

2024: NBER Digital Economics, Utah Winter Business Economics Conference, Wisconsin, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, Northwestern, NBER Monetary Economics (coauthor)

2025: NBER Industrial Organization, UC Berkeley Haas Marketing, Online Spatial and Urban Seminar (discussant), Small Business Administration (coauthor), IIOC, BSE Summer Forum, Penn State

Other

Languages: English (native), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (basic)