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EDUCATION

Ph.D in Economics, Syracuse University July 2024 - Present
Coursework: Health Economics, Labor Economics, Causal Inference, Microeconomic Theory

B.A. in Economics and Political Science, University at Buffalo Honors College August 2021 - May 2024
Coursework: Public Economics, Econometrics, Statistics, Political Theory

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Research Interests Health Economics, Aging, Migration
Programming STATA, LaTeX, QGIS, Python (intermediate), R (beginner)

COURSES TAUGHT

Economics of Migration, Syracuse University Spring 2026
Teaching Assistant

Introductory Macroeconomics, Syracuse University Spring 2025 and Fall 2025
Teaching Assistant

Introductory Microeconomics, Syracuse University Fall 2024
Teaching Assistant

Introductory Microeconomics, University at Buffalo Fall 2022
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

RELEVANT POSITIONS

Research Assistant for Professor John Cawley August 2026 - Present
Health Economics and Aging, Syracuse University

Research Assistant for Professor Thomas Pearson May 2026 - September 2026
Economics of Migration and Health Economics, Syracuse University

Undergraduate Research Assistant for Professor Michael Coury June 2023 - June 2024
Economics of Crime and Economic History, University at Buffalo

Undergraduate Assistant, University at Buffalo February 2022 - June 2024
Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development

WORKING PAPERS

Does Advice Lead to Action? The Effect of an Unofficial Hypertension Referral on Health Outcomes August 2026
Estimating the effect of elderly adults being referred to a primary care physician due to elevated blood pressure levels on future blood pressure measurements and official hypertension diagnoses via Regression Discontinuity Design with multiple running variables.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AWARDS

Affiliate: Policy, Place, Population, Health, and Aging Training Program
Syracuse University

Fall 2026

Phi Beta Kappa

Spring 2024

University at Buffalo Dean's List

Fall 2021 - Spring 2024

Finalist, University at Buffalo Impossible Project

Fall 2021

Inter-disciplinary symposium on ethics, policy-making, and computing