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EDUCATION

Columbia University, PhD in Economics — 2024- present
Interests: Game theory, bounded rationality, economics of AI

London School of Economics, MSc Econometrics and Math. Economics — 2020
Distinction

University of California San Diego, Exchange Program — 2019
Minor in Math

Pompeu Fabra University, BSc in Economics — 2019
Average grades years 3–4: 9.4/10 (top 1%)

PUBLICATIONS

The Impact of AI and Digital Platforms on the Information Ecosystem
with Joseph E. Stiglitz
in *The Economics of Transformative AI NBER Handbook*, University of Chicago Press, 2026, pp. 367–389

Information in the Age of AI: Challenges and Solutions
with Joseph E. Stiglitz
in *The Digitalist Papers, Volume 2: The Economics of Transformative AI*, Stanford Digital Economy Lab, 2025

WORKING PAPERS

Ask a Buddy or a Bot? Unbundling Answers from Relationships
with Nicole Immorlica, Brendan Lucier and Joseph E. Stiglitz

Designing Belief Formation Protocols
with Nicole Immorlica, Brendan Lucier

Straightening Single Crossing
with Navin Kartik and Daniel Rappoport

The Indirect Cost Function of LLMs: A Microfoundation
with Cole Wittbrodt

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University — 2026 – present
Research Assistant to Michael Woodford, Columbia University — 2026 – present
Research Intern (Econ and CS group), Microsoft Research — Summer 2026
Research Assistant to Navin Kartik, Columbia University — Summer 2025
Research Assistant to Jose Apesteguia, Pompeu Fabra University — 2024
Economist, CaixaBank Research — 2020 – 2022

AWARDS / FELLOWSHIPS

Ramon Areces Fellowship (PhD: tuition and stipend) — 2026 – present
Bank of Spain Fellowship (PhD years 1–2: tuition and stipend) — 2024 – 2026
Ramon Areces Fellowship (MSc: tuition and stipend) — 2019 – 2020
MOBINT and Aurora Bertrana (UCSD exchange) — 2019

TEACHING

Adjunct Professor, Pompeu Fabra University (undergrad courses)
Econometrics I (lecturer) — 2022, 2024

Advanced Macroeconomics II (TA)	2024
Introduction to Game Theory (TA)	2022
Econometrics I (TA)	2021

TALKS

Columbia University (Theory Colloquium 2025,2026; Cognition and Decision Lab 2025,2026), NBER Transformative AI Workshop 2025*, IASEAI 2026*, Disinformation Summit (University of Cambridge) 2026*, University of Oxford 2026*, University of Vienna 2025*, Paris School of Economics 2025*, Paris Dauphine - PSL 2026, Saving Journalism 2026 (Paris), NSE 12 (University of Luxembourg, October 2026)

* presented by co-author

REFEREEING

Journal of Economic Theory, Games and Economic Behavior

PERSONAL

Citizenship: United States, Spain

GRE Quantitative: 170/170

Interests:

- Chess: FIDE Master; Catalan youth champion (standard and rapid), Catalan team champion, Spanish regional team champion; author at *Peón de Rey*
- Other: online and live poker tournaments, Risk: Global Domination

Gap year (2023): played chess tournaments and traveled around the world