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Employment

Assistant Professor, Stony Brook University, Department of Economics 2025 - present

Education

PhD in Economics, New York University	2019 - 2025
DPhil in Economics, Oxford University (transferred to NYU)	2018 - 2019
MSc in Financial Economics, Oxford University (with distinction, rank 1/76)	2016 - 2017
MSc in Economics, Ruhr University Bochum (with distinction, rank 1/35)	2015 - 2016
BSc in Management and Economics, Ruhr University Bochum (with distinction, rank 1/182)	2011 - 2015

Visiting Positions

St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank September 2026

Working Papers

Do Poor Households Pay Higher Markups in Recessions? (Job Market Paper)
Importers, Market Power, and Optimal Tariffs (with Corina Boar and Virgiliu Midrigan)
The Spatial Distribution of Markups (with Chris Edmond, Virgiliu Midrigan, and Daniel Yi Xu)
Entry under Information Frictions (Best Third-Year Paper Award, NYU)

Work in Progress

Does a Shrinking Middle Class Lead to Higher Markups?
Revisiting the Locality of Labor Markets (with Lorenz Ekerdt and Kai-Jie Wu)

Scholarships, Awards, and Honors

Best Third-Year Paper Award (shared), NYU, 2022
Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, NYU, 2019 - 2024
Dean's Prize for Best Academic Performance, Oxford, 2017
ThyssenKrupp Award for Best Academic Performance, Ruhr University Bochum, 2015
Deutschland Stipendium, Ruhr University Bochum, 2014 - 2016

Invited Conferences and Presentations

2027	ASSA Washinton DC*
2026	ASSA Philadelphia, NYU Stern, UConn Conference on Macroeconomics, St. Louis Fed and WashU Conference on Firm Dynamics and Macroeconomics, NBER SI Inequality & Macroeconomics, Minnesota Macro Workshop, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, St. Louis Fed*, New York Fed Junior Workshop*
2025	Penn State University, University of Amsterdam, IIES Stockholm, Stony Brook University, Texas A&M
2024	Chicago Fed Rookie Conference, NYU Stern Job Market Series, Midwest Macro Richmond Fed, NYU Stern

Refereeing

Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Environment and Resource Economics

Research Experience

RA for Virgiliu Midrigan and Corina Boar, NYU, 2023

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RA for Thomas Philippon, NYU, 2020 - 2021

RA for Corina Boar and Danial Lashkari, NYU, 2020 - 2021

Teaching Experience

TA for Mark Gertler and Corina Boar, Macroeconomic Theory (PhD), NYU, 2021

Additional Information

Programming: Matlab, Python, Stata, R, Latex

Languages: English (fluent), German (native)

References

Professor Virgiliu Midrigan, NYU

Professor Corina Boar, NYU

Professor Mark Gertler, NYU

Professor Raquel Fernández, NYU