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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Accomplished research economist specializing in advanced econometric methods to investigate critical social and economic phenomena across labor economics, development economics, political economy, and public economics. Proven track record of conducting high-impact research that provides nuanced insights into complex societal challenges through sophisticated causal inference techniques.

Key Strengths:

- **Ph.D. in Managerial Economics** with expertise in causal inference and advanced statistical languages (**Stata, R, MATLAB, SQL, Python**)
 - Skilled in developing complex **econometric analyses** to **influence stakeholder decisions**
 - Expert at processing **large-scale databases** to generate actionable insights
 - Ability to **contextualize economic phenomena** by examining institutional and historical frameworks
 - Versatile researcher adept at **cross-contextual research** across **industries, geographies, and time periods**
 - Specializes in **analyzing economic agent behavior** and decision-making mechanisms
 - Passionate about delivering **solutions under tight deadlines** and **communicating complex findings**
 - Experienced in **managing cross-functional teams** and driving collaborative research efforts
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, LBJ SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS 2023 - 2025

Early Career Provost Fellow During my tenure at the LBJ School, I developed and taught two innovative graduate-level economic policy courses: one in labor economics and economic history (Economic Analysis of Policy-Driven Social Progress in the U.S.), and another in development economics focusing on cultural economics (Culture and Economic Development). These courses bridged theoretical economic principles with real-world applications, providing master's students in economics and public policy with sophisticated insights into the intersection of economic, social, and cultural contexts. Beyond classroom instruction, I actively participated in the school's academic ecosystem through research seminars, graduate student mentoring, and collaborative research projects, emphasizing practical analytical skills that encourage students to apply complex economic methodologies to contemporary policy challenges.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM, SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS 2020 - 2024

Assistant Professor of Economics I supported the economics department's academic mission by participating in critical hiring committees and teaching pivotal courses in macroeconomic labor, public economics, and economic policy analysis. These courses bridged advanced economic theory with real-world policy implications, challenging students to develop sophisticated understanding of complex economic systems. My commitment to academic excellence was evident through broader engagement with the university's ecosystem, supporting the intellectual growth of emerging economists and providing personalized tutoring for undergraduate and master's students.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL 2018 - 2020

Postdoc During my postdoctoral fellowship at Columbia University, I worked under Nobel Prize laureate Professor Joseph Stiglitz, pursuing independent research and participating in cutting-edge research initiatives. I complemented my academic work by contributing thought-provoking opinion pieces to prestigious platforms like the Institute for New Economic Thinking and Project Syndicate, translating complex economic insights for broader public discourse.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, ANDERSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT 2013 - 2018

Teaching and Research Assistant Introductory microeconomics and doing-business-in-emerging markets for Full-Time and Part-Time MBAs and econometrics for Ph.D. students. Supported two faculty (data analysis, oversaw, and trained junior RAs).

RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF NATIONAL ECONOMY & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, INSTITUTE OF THE APPLIED ECONOMIC RESEARCH 2012 - 2014

Researcher I conducted targeted research for the Ministry of Education, developing strategic policy recommendations. My work involved analyzing educational resource allocation, conducting economic impact assessments, and proposing innovative approaches to educational policy development.

GAIDAR INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY, INTERNATIONAL TRADE DEPARTMENT 2012 - 2013

Researcher I worked as a researcher for the Russian Ministry of Trade, developing comprehensive policy recommendations for international trade. I analyzed complex trade dynamics, evaluated economic strategies, and provided evidence-based insights, while participating in specialized seminars and conferences with leading economists and policymakers.

NEW ECONOMIC SCHOOL, MOSCOW 2010 - 2013

Teaching and Research Assistant Derivatives, asset pricing, and development economics for masters in economics. Supported tenured professors in data analyses and data collection

EDUCATION

UCLA, ANDERSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT 2013 - 2018

Ph.D. Managerial Economics: applied microeconomics, labor, development economics 2018

NEW ECONOMIC SCHOOL (NES), MOSCOW 2010 - 2012

MA Economics 2012

MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY, INSTITUTE OF ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES 2006 - 2012

MA Oriental and African Studies 2012

BA Oriental and African Studies 2010

PROGRAMMING SKILLS Stata, R, MATLAB, SQL, Ms. Office, Python, ArcGIS

LANGUAGES English, Russian, Hebrew, French (intermediate), German (basic)

SERVICE, PUBLICATIONS, GRANTS, AWARDS, ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Publications & Research Have 15 publications in top-tier peer-reviewed journals including *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Law & Economics* (additional details available upon request).

Grants & Awards (Raised more than \$200k in academic grants, additional details available upon request).

Academic Presentations (almost a 100 academic and conference presentations and invited talks, additional details available upon requests).

Service Referee for most of the top general and top field economic and political science journals (additional details available upon request).

KEY RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

- Developed groundbreaking analysis of gender-specific minimum wage legislation, exploring nuanced economic implications of labor market interventions
- Investigated economic consequences of institutional practices, including the U.S. convict labor system and judicial sentencing cycles
- Conducted pioneering research on media influence, examining how news media (e.g., Fox News) impacts criminal justice perceptions and pandemic responses
- Analyzed political signaling strategies in authoritarian regimes, revealing how dictators use electoral fraud to communicate political strength using frontier forensics methods
- Explored complex interactions between identity, conflict, and institutions across multiple global contexts
- Investigated long-term societal impacts of historical institutional interventions, such as Christian missions' influence on social attitudes