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Date of Birth: August 5, 1983

Current Position:

Dartmouth College, Department of Economics, Distinguished Associate Professor of
Economics and Globalization (with tenure), 2016-

Previous Positions:

Stanford University, Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR), Visiting Assistant
Professor, 2015-2016

Northwestern University, Department of Economics, Assistant Professor, 2013-2016

Princeton University, Department of Economics, International Economics Section
Fellow, 2012-2013

Academic Affiliations:

Journal of International Economics, Co-Editor, 2018-
--. Associate Editor, 2016-2018

Econometrica, Associate Editor, 2017-

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Board of Editors, 2017-

National Bureau of Economic Research, Research Associate, 2017-
--. Faculty Research Fellow, 2014-2017

Theoretical Research in Development Economics (ThReD), Associate, 2017-

International Growth Centre, Research Affiliate, 2016-

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Yale University, May 2012 (*with distinction*)

M.Phil., Economics, Yale University, May 2010

M.A., Economics, Yale University, May 2009

B.A., Political Economy (with honors), Williams College (*Magna Cum Laude*), May
2006

Fellowships, Honors and Awards:

Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow in Economics, 2018-2020
National Science Foundation Award 1658838 “A Unified Approach to Spatial Economics”, 2017-2020
Kiel Institute Excellence Award in Global Economic Affairs, 2017
American Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2016, 2017
Elizabeth R. and Robert A. Jeffe 1972 Fellowship, 2016
Susan Schmidt Bies Award, 2014
WTO Essay Award for Young Economists, 2012
George Trimis Dissertation Prize, 2012
FREIT-EIIT Paper Prize, 2011
Carl Arvid Anderson Prize Fellowship, 2011
Sasakawa Research Grant, 2011
Robert Evenson Travel Fellowship, 2011
Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship, 2010-2011
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2007-2010
Yale University Economic Growth Center Prize, 2007-2011
Yale University Doctoral Fellowship, 2007-2011
Phi Beta Kappa, 2006
Williams Class of 1945 World Fellowship, 2005

Works in Progress:

“Border Walls” (with Caue Dobbin and Melanie Morten)

“Geography and Path Dependence” (with Dave Donaldson)

“The Spatial Diffusion of Knowledge” (with Kamran Bilir and Chris Tonetti)

“The Welfare Effects of Transportation Infrastructure Improvements” (with Costas Arkolakis)

“Optimal City Structure” (with Costas Arkolakis and Xiangliang Li)

“On the Existence and Uniqueness of Trade Equilibria” (with Costas Arkolakis and Xiangliang Li)

“The Economic Geography of American Slavery” (with Suresh Naidu)

Working Papers:

“Universal Gravity” (with Costas Arkolakis and Yuta Takahashi). Conditionally accepted at the *Journal of Political Economy*.

“Volatility, Insurance and the Gains from Trade” (with David Atkin). Revision requested by *Econometrica*.

Publications:

“Optimal (Partial) Group Liability in Microfinance Lending. *Journal of Development Economics*. 2016. Volume 121, p.201-216.

“The Value of Freedom: Fertility Decisions and the Escape from Slavery.” *Review of Economics and Statistics*. 2015. Volume 97 (2), p.472-484.

“Information Frictions in Trade.” *Econometrica*. 2014. Volume 82 (6). p.2041-2083.

“Trade and the Topography of the Spatial Economy” (with Costas Arkolakis). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 2014. Volume 129 (3), p.1085-1140.

“Reciprocity in Retrospect: A Historical Inquest of Bilateralism in U.S. Trade Policy” (with Stephen Meardon). *History of Economic Thought and Policy*. 2012. Volume 2, p.5-33.

Book Chapters:

“Modern Spatial Economics: A Primer” (with Costas Arkolakis). In The Evolution of World Trade: Productivity, Growth and Employment, Routledge-ERIA Studies in Development Economics, forthcoming.

“Some Aspects of the Trends in Employment and Unemployment in Bihar and Kerala since the Seventies” (with T.N. Srinivasan). In Economic Reform in India: Challenges, Prospects and Lessons. Cambridge University Press, 2013.

Teaching:

Dartmouth College

International Trade (Undergraduate course), Winter 2017

Northwestern University

International Trade (Ph.D. course), Spring 2014, Spring 2015

International Trade (Undergraduate course), Spring 2014, Spring 2015

Students:

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisees (placement)

Zahin Haque, Northwestern 2015, (NYU Economics Ph.D. Program)

Ph.D. Committee Member (placement)

Enrico Berkes, Northwestern 2018 Ph.D., (Ohio State University, post-doc)

Simon Fuchs, Toulouse 2018 Ph.D., (Atlanta Federal Reserve)

Yuta Takahashi, Northwestern 2018 Ph.D., (Hitotsubashi University, post-doc)

Ludovico Zaraga, Northwestern 2015 Ph.D., (Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board)

Invited Seminars and Conferences:

2019 (including scheduled)

Stanford University, University of California – San Diego, University of Colorado – Boulder, CESifo (Munich).

2018 (including scheduled)

MIT, Michigan State, University of Montreal, Middlebury College, CEMFI, Marseille (AMSE), Namur, Paris School of Economics, Econometric Society (UC-Davis), Society of Economic Dynamics (SED), Princeton IES Summer Workshop, University of Connecticut, Columbia University, Princeton University, Nankai University, Peking University, Tsingua University, National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore Management University, INSEAD, Harvard University, Clark University.

2017

York University, Federal Reserve Board, NBER ITI – spring meetings, St. Louis Federal Reserve, Kiel Institute, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET), Berkeley Haas.

2016

Pennsylvania State University, Columbia University, Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Harvard University / MIT, University of California – San Diego, University of California – Santa Cruz, University of San Francisco, University of Washington, University of Toronto, Paris School of Economics, University of California – Santa Cruz, Princeton University, University of Michigan, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Institute for International Economics Studies (IIES), New York University, Hitotsubashi Conference on International Trade and FDI.

2015

UCLA, George Washington University, Chicago Federal Reserve, Stanford University, Purdue University, University of Virginia, Princeton University, Duke-ERID Spatial Conference, Princeton IES Summer Workshop, University of California – Berkeley, University of British Columbia, University of North Carolina, University of California – Davis, University of Chicago, Duke University, Dartmouth College, NBER ITI – winter meetings.

2014

AEA Annual Meetings, University of Chicago - Booth, Yale University, Minneapolis Federal Reserve, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Boston University, Richmond Federal Reserve, INSEAD, Toulouse, London School of Economics, University of Warwick, Central European University – Budapest, NBER International Trade and Investment – winter meetings, University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign, World Bank.

2013

The World Bank, Princeton University, UCLA, MIT/Harvard (Development), University of Chicago, Princeton IES Summer Workshop, NBER International Trade and Investment Summer Institute, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (SAET), MIT/Harvard (Trade), University of Illinois-Chicago, Brown University, Columbia University.

2012

New York University, Stanford Graduate School of Business, University of California – Berkeley, University of Michigan, Princeton University, Dartmouth College, Kennedy School of Government, London School of Economics, Brown University, Northwestern University, University of Chicago, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, University of British Columbia, Harvard University, Society for Economic Dynamics (SED), NBER International Trade and Investment Summer Institute, European Trade Study Group (ETSG), University of Washington, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Arizona State University, NEUDC – Dartmouth.

Prior to 2012

Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Empirical Investigations in International Trade (EIIT), University of the Philippines, Williams College, Minneapolis Federal Reserve. University College London, Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) - MIT. London School of Economics, University of Cambridge. Economic History Association (EHA). Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), New England Council of Latin American Studies, Italian Association for the History of Economic Thought.

Short-term Visitor:

Yale University, Cowles Foundation, April 2019
Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, May-June 2018
Kiel Institute, Landeshauptstadt Kiel Fellowship, June 2017
University of Chicago, Becker Friedman Institute, November 2015
Yale University, Cowles Foundation, September 2015
Princeton University, International Economics Section (IES), March 2015
Stanford University, Center for International Development (SCID), March 2015
Minneapolis Federal Reserve, Research Department, March 2014
Columbia University, Department of Economics, October 2013

Professional Activities:

Referee for *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Econometrica*, *European Economic Review*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Surveys*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Urban Economics*,

Quarterly Journal of Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, World Bank Economic Review.

Conferences and sessions organized:

2019 Econometric Society Winter Meetings Program Committee Member (Atlanta, GA)

2017 Econometric Society Winter Meetings Program Committee Member (Chicago, IL)

2016 SITE session “New Directions in Economic Geography” (Stanford, CA)

2014 American Economic Association session “Trade and the Economic Impacts of
Transportation Infrastructure” (Boston, MA)