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| **CURRENT AFFILIATION** | Assistant Instructional Professor<br>**University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy** | April 2019 - Present |
| **EDUCATION** | **Ph.D.** in Economics, American University<br>Dissertation: *"Essays on Uncertainty and Macroeconomic Dynamics"*<br>Committee: Xuguang Sheng (chair), Gabriel Mathy, Scott Baker,<br>    Svetlana Makarova (external reader) | December 2020 |
| | **M.S.** in Economics, American University | August 2014 |
| | **B.A.** in Economics & Political Science, Michigan State University | May 2010 |

**FIELDS AND INTERESTS**

- Macroeconomics
- Data science & machine learning
- Python & R
- Pedagogy

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| **PAST AFFILIATIONS** | Data Scientist<br>**Urban Institute**, *Washington, DC* | June 2016 - April 2019 |
| | Adjunct Faculty<br>**American University**, *Washington, DC* | Fall 2016 |
| | Teaching Assistant<br>**American University**, *Washington, DC* | 2012 - 2016 |
| | Research Assistant<br>**American University**, *Washington, DC* | 2013, 2014, 2016 |
| | Research Assistant<br>**Brookings Institution**, *Washington, DC* | Fall 2013 |

**PUBLICATIONS**

Baker, Scott R., Steven J. Davis, and Jeffrey A. Levy. "State-level economic policy uncertainty." *Journal of Monetary Economics* 132 (2022): 81-99

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*"The causal impact of uncertainty shocks: evidence from military base realignment and closures"* with Xuguang Sheng and Gabriel Mathy, in editorial review 2025

*"Student reliance on LLMs and career outcomes"* with Christopher Clapp and Michael O'Neil, pending 2025

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| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | **University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy** |

**University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy**
PPHA 30545: Machine Learning for Public Policy
*Department course 2nd year MPP level*                    Winter 2025, Autumn 2025

PPHA 30537: Data and Programming for Public Policy I: Python
*Self-designed 1st year MPP level*                    Spring 2019-2025, Summer 2020

PPHA 30538: Data and Programming for Public Policy II: Python
*Self-designed 2nd year MPP level*                    Autumn 2019-2023

PPHA 30536: Data and Programming for Public Policy II: R
*Self-designed 2nd year MPP level*                    Autumn 2022, Winter 2021

PPHA 23400: Principles of Microeconomics and Public Policy II
*Department course 1st year MPP level*                    Spring 2019-2020

**Harris School of Public Policy, Graduate Development Program**
DSC Data Management Track: Capstone Project
*Self-designed non-degree program, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*                    December 2023, 2024

DSC Data Management Track: Advanced Excel and PowerBI
*Self-designed non-degree program, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*                    October 2024

DSC Data Management Track: MatLab Applications
*Self-designed non-degree program, remote*                    November 2023

**Urban Institute**
Python for Data Science
*Self-designed professional training, Washington DC*                    Spring 2017

**American University**
ECON 200: Principles of Microeconomics
*Department course 1st year undergrad level*                    Autumn 2016

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

**University of Illinois**                    October 3rd, 2025
*"Machine Learning for Social and Behavioral Science Workshop"* Champaign, IL

**Stanford SITE Conference**                    September 8th, 2023
*"The causal impact of uncertainty shocks"* Stanford, CA

**Urban Institute Webinar**                    October 17, 2017
*"Apache Spark for Social Science"* Washington, DC.

**Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting**                    November 20, 2016
*"Measuring Economic Uncertainty in US States"* Washington, DC

**Urban Institute Series**                    October 25, 2016
*"Python for Researchers"* Washington, DC

**Center for Advanced Modeling at Johns Hopkins University**    July 10, 2014
*"Contract Enforcement and Group Formation: An Agent Based Model of the Maghribi Traders"* Baltimore, MD

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| SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT | **Organized panels:** 2021-2025 From New Grad to Analyst: Making the Transition |
| | **Organized workshops:** Code Sample Workshop: MatLab (2024, 2026), PowerBI (2026) |
| | **Supervised independent study courses:** Autumn 2023, Spring 2023 (2x), Spring 2021 |
| | **Trained other faculty to teach courses of my design:** PPHA 30537 (Spring 2023, Spring 2024), PPHA 30536 (Winter 2024), PPHA 30538 (Autumn 2024) |

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| SERVICE TO PROFESSION | **Referee:** Review of Economics and Statistics, Economics and Business Letters, International Journal of Forecasting |
| | **Member:** American Economic Association, Python Software Foundation |

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| AWARDS AND RECOGNITION | **CTL Pedagogy Fellow** | 2023-2024 |
| | UChicago Center for Teaching and Learning | |
| | **Outstanding Lecturer of the Year** | 2021 |
| | Nomination, Harris School student body | |
| | **President's Award for Technology Innovation in Research** | 2016 |
| | Urban Institute | |

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

- Python (advanced)
- R (high)
- Stata (proficient)
- MATLAB (proficient)
- SQL (basic)
- Apache Spark (basic)
- PowerBI (basic)