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EDUCATION

The London School of Economics & Political Science
Ph.D. in Economics, 2025
M.Res., distinction in Economics, 2021

Colorado College
B.A., *magna cum laude*, distinction in Mathematical Economics, 2015

EMPLOYMENT

University of Alberta, Alberta School of Business
Assistant Professor of Finance, July 2025–

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

The London School of Economics & Political Science
Associate, September 2026–
Visiting Fellow, September 2025–August 2026

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Household Finance, Real Estate Finance, Industrial Organization

WORKING PAPERS

"An Empirical Equilibrium Model of the Markets for Rental and Owner-Occupied Housing"

"The Anatomy of a Shock to Residential Real Estate: The Role of Lending" (with Guin, B., and Clark, L.)

PUBLICATIONS

"Risk Differentials between Green and Brown Assets" (with Guin, B., and Korhonen, P.), April 2022. *Economics Letters*

"Publishing and Promotion in Economics: The Tyranny of the Top Five" (with Heckman, J. J.), June 2020. *Journal of Economic Literature*

"Evaluation of the Reggio Approach to Early Education" (with Heckman, J. J., Biroli, P., Del Boca, D., Heckman, L. P., Koh, Y. K., Kuperman, S., Pronzato, C. D., and Ziff, A. L.), 2017. *Research in Economics*

POLICY WRITEUPS & BOOK CHAPTERS

"Publishing and Promotion in Economics: The Tyranny of the Top Five" (with Heckman, J. J.)

- VoxEU, 2018
- INET, 2018
- in Galiani, S. & Panizza, U. (2020) (ed.) *Publishing and Measuring Success in Economics*. CEPR Press. 23–32.

MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

The Economist, AEA Chart of the Week, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Quartz, IZA Newsroom, The Bureau of Labor Statistics

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

2026 AREUEA–ASSA, Philadelphia; Finance and Real Estate Conference, Miami University, Oxford OH (scheduled)

2025 CEP Annual Conference; AREUEA National Conference, Washington DC; UEA North American Meeting, Montréal

Seminars

2025 Bocconi (Finance); Duke Fuqua (Finance); University of Alberta (Finance); University of Alberta (BUEC Workshop); CERGE-EI

CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS

2026 Rocky Mountain Urban and Real Estate (RMURE) Conference, Banff

2025 NFA Annual Meeting, Calgary; UEA North American Meeting, Montréal

REFEREE SERVICE

Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Urban Economics, Review of Industrial Organization, Science Advances, Journal of Economic Surveys

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

2019 LSE Economics Scholarship (five years)

2015 Ray O. Werner award for most outstanding senior thesis in Economics, Colorado College

2015 Bruni award for research that shows promise to be published in a peer-reviewed journal, Colorado College

2015 Robert Pizzi award for outstanding commitment to academic success and community service, Colorado College

FUNDING

2026 SSHRC Insight Development Grant "Housing returns and household wealth over the life cycle" ($75,563), Moktan PI, Co-Applicants Sahil Raina and Barry Scholnick

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Aug 2021–Feb 2024 Ph.D. Intern
Prudential Policy Directorate, Bank of England

May 2016–Aug 2019 Predoctoral Fellow (*Advisor*: James J. Heckman)
Center for the Economics of Human Development, The University of Chicago, USA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of Alberta

2025–2026 FIN 312 Investment Principles

Graduate Teaching Assistant, The London School of Economics & Political Science

2020 Executive MPA: Public Policy in Practice (PP4G9E)

2022 Executive MPA: Introduction to Statistics

2020–2024 Public Finance (EC325)

2024 Executive MPA: Empirical Methods for Public Policy (PP455E)

SOFTWARE

Julia, Stata, EViews, MATLAB, Python, LaTeX, Microsoft Office, Git/GitHub