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Graduate Course of Study

I am currently in my fourth year in the Economics Ph.D. program at the University of Toronto. I completed the core microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory and econometrics sequences in my first year. In my second year, I focused on Industrial Organization (major) and Econometrics (minor). I have not enrolled in any course after my second year. In addition, have been part of a weekly reading group on Neuroeconomics (organized by Ryan Webb) since last September.

Here is a list of the courses I have taken at the University of Toronto since starting my Ph.D.:

Fall 2014	Microeconomic Theory I	Profs. Marcin Peski Ettore Damiano
	Macroeconomic Theory I	Profs. Gueorgui Kambourov Burhanettin Kuruscu
	Econometrics I	Profs. Christian Gouriéroux Yuanyuan Wan
Winter 2015	Microeconomic Theory II	Prof. Colin Stewart
	Macroeconomic Theory II	Profs. Ronald Wolthoff Serdar Ozkan
	Econometrics II	Profs. Adonis Yatchew Victor Aguirregabiria

Fall 2015	Industrial Organization I (Theoretical IO)	Prof. Frank Mathewson
	Topics in Microeconomic Theory (Contract Theory)	Prof. Xianwen Shi
	Advanced Econometrics (Simulation)	Prof. Christian Gouriéroux
Winter 2016	Industrial Organization II (Empirical IO)	Prof. Victor Aguirregabiria
	Advanced Topics in the Theory of Industrial Organization	Profs. Heski Bar-Isaac Ignatius Horstmann
	Topics in Econometrics (Various)	Profs. Victor Aguirregabiria Martin Burda Yao Luo Ismael Mourifié Yuanyuan Wan Adonis Yatchew

Research Interests and Projects Pursued

My current research interests lie in the fields of applied microeconomics and industrial organization, focusing on applications to online platforms. The main project I am working on focuses on the role of reputation in directing innovative efforts in online contests, as well as related implications for platform design. Recently, I have also analyzed data from Airbnb to see if guests tend to be politically correct when posting reviews about African-American hosts, and whether this behavior hinders reputation building among this particular group of hosts. In addition, in the second half of my second and first half of my third year, I wrote an applied theory paper on the effects of the disclosure of commissions paid to advisers making purchase recommendations. The purposes of this exercise were to experience economic research as a theorist and hone my modelling skills.

My thesis adviser is Avi Goldfarb. I will be completing my thesis committee by the end of December 2017. My goal is to go on the job market in 2018-2019.