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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, May 2017
Dissertation Title: *Essays in the Economics of Automation and Networks*
Main advisor: Laurence Kotlikoff
B.A., Economics, minor in Political Science *(Magna Cum Laude)*, Tulane University, New Orleans LA, May 2012
B.S., Physics and Mathematics, Tulane University, New Orleans LA, May 2012

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Digitization, Automation, Macroeconomics

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Associate, MIT Initiative on the Digital Economy, Cambridge MA, June 2017 – June 2020
Research Assistant for Laurence Kotlikoff, Boston University, Fall 2013 – Spring 2017
Research Assistant for Keith Finlay, Tulane University, Spring 2010 – Spring 2012

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Research Fellowship, Boston University, Fall 2013 – Spring 2017
Tulane Research Experience for Undergraduates in Applied Microeconomics and Program Evaluation (Treu-Ampe) Fellowship, Spring 2010 – Spring 2012
Presidential Scholarship, Tulane University

BOOK CHAPTERS

"A One Sector Model of Robot Immiseration" (with Jeffrey Sachs and Guillermo Lagarda). *Digitized Labor*: The Impact of Internet on Employment. Edited by Lorenzo Pupillo, Eli Noam and Leonard Waverman. 2018.

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

"A Network of Thrones: Kinship and Conflict in Europe, 1495 – 1918," (with Kevin Cooke), May 2018 (*Revise and Resubmit at AEJ: Applied Economics*)
"Digital Abundance and Scarce Genius: Implications for Interest Rates, Wages, and Growth" (with Erik Brynjolfsson), November 2018
"Skill Biased Technical Change Within and Across Firms: 2000-2016" (with Guillermo Lagarda and Daniel Rock)
"Optimal Platform Price Discrimination and the Value of Network Effects" (with Avinash Gannamaneni) *work in progress*
"Robots Are Us: Some Economics of Human Automation," (with Laurence Kotlikoff, Guillermo Lagarda and Jeffrey Sachs), March 2017.
"The Role of APIs in Firm Performance," (with Guillermo Lagarda and Marshall Van Alstyne), February 2017
"Identifying Bottlenecks in Innovation" (with James Sappenfield) *work in progress*