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Education

Ph.D. Boston University, 2018–present

M.S. Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, 2018

B.A. Princeton University, 2012

Research Fields (reflects key coursework)

Macroeconomics, Labor Economics

Working Papers

"What Drives Wage Inequality in the US: Productivity or Rent Sharing?"

Works in Progress

"Superstar Firms and Inequality"

Policy Relevant Experience

International Monetary Fund, Strategy and Policy Review Department, 2016–2017

The World Bank, Development Economics Research Group, 2014–2015

U.N. World Food Programme, West Africa Bureau, 2012–2013

Research Experience

Natalia Ramondo (Boston University), Fall 2020 & Spring 2021

Tarek Hassan (Boston University), Nick Bloom (Stanford), Josh Lerner (HBS), Spring & Summer 2020

Steve Davis (University of Chicago, Booth School of Business), 2013-2014

Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

Institute for Economic Development Data Grant, Boston University, ($4,000), Summer 2020

Graduate Fellowship, Boston University, 2018–present

Youth Innovation Fund Grant, The World Bank, 2015

Public Choice Fellowship, George Mason University, 2015

Tuition Scholarship, University of Chicago, 2013–2014

Post-Graduation Fellowship in Senegal, Princeton in Africa, Princeton University, 2012–2013

Graduation Honors (Cum Laude), Department of Politics, Princeton University, 2012

Research Grant, Office of the Dean of the College, Princeton University, 2012

Summer Funding, Peter B. Lewis Summer Fund, Princeton Lewis Center for the Arts, 2010

Service

Co-Organizer of Macro Student Workshop, Boston University, 2020-2021

Fellow, Writing Center, Princeton University, 2009–2012

Peer Academic Adviser, Rockefeller College, Princeton University, 2011–2012

I am a rising fourth-year graduate student in the Department of Economics at Boston University. I am applying to this workshop to learn about cutting edge research on topics related to AI and to engage with faculty and students with similar interests. My research areas include the role of technology in economic growth and labor market dynamics. This interest developed from a research project in which I use a canonical model of labor market search (Diamond Mortensen Pissarides) to disentangle the increase in occupational wage inequality in the U.S. between 1980 and 2010 into two terms – a technology term and a worker bargaining power term. The technology term captures advances such as AI that affect worker's productivity and hence their marginal product of labor. Meanwhile worker bargaining can be thought of as broadly encapsulating institutional factors such as unions and the minimum wage. I find that changes in technology account for a much larger share of the observed changes in wages. Especially given this finding, through the workshop I hope to deepen my understanding of the models and empirics being used to study the role that AI is playing in shaping labor markets in terms of the task content of jobs and skills demanded by firms.