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EDUCATION

PhD University of Virginia (UVA), Economics — May 2025 (expected)
Dissertation: "Music Ex Machina: How Recommendation Algorithms Affect Music"
Committee: Federico Ciliberto (chair), Simon Anderson, Julie Mortimer

MA University of Virginia, Economics — May 2020

BA Hamilton College, Economics and Philosophy — May 2014
Graduated Summa Cum Laude
Phi Beta Kappa

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Industrial Organization, Applied Econometrics

WORKING PAPERS

"Music Ex Machina: How Recommendation Algorithms Affect Music" (Dissertation)
"Distributing the Windfall from Transformative Technologies" with Anton Korinek
"Metaverse Economics" with Anton Korinek
"Product Line Homogenization and Consumer Welfare: The Case of Shipping Services"

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

University-Wide Teaching Award, UVA — 2022
Nominated

Department Teaching Award, UVA — 2022

Department Teaching Award, UVA — 2021

Emerson Research Grant, Hamilton College — 2012
"Analyzing and Creating Virtual Economies"

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Anton Korinek, Charlottesville — 2022 to Present
Research Assistant

- Develop teaching material for an MBA class on the economics of the metaverse
- Research and summarize literature on the economics of platforms and recommendation algorithms

ESMT, Berlin (Remote) 2021 to Present
Research Assistant, Digital Platform (DIPVAR)
- Simulate models in MATLAB, finding primitives that match equilibrium platform outcomes, and develop intuition for simulated results
- Research and provide updates on developments in digital platform regulation, legislation, litigation, and scholarly papers

Amalia Miller, Charlottesville 2020 to 2021
Research Assistant
- Combined separate datasets on grad student admissions, grades, and milestones to create a unified tracking spreadsheet for the department
- Conducted statistical analysis of the relationships between grades and core exam performance, and core exam grades and success on later milestones, to inform the department's decision to adjust its core exam standards

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postal Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. June 2015 to August 2019
Econometrician/Economist
- Design density-based adjustment factor for CPI-based price cap on letter mail, forecasting economic impacts and providing economic justification
- Create minimum markup formula for USPS package products, forecasting economic impacts and providing economic rationale
- Implement cost attribution system based on incremental costs, including method of calculating incremental costs and updates to regulations

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D.C. August 2014 to June 2015
Research Assistant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA August 2020 to May 2022
Teaching Assistant, Economics
- ECON 3720: Intro to Econometrics (one semester)
- ECON 4720: Econometric Methods (three semesters)

Hamilton College, Clinton, NY August 2011 to May 2014
Peer Tutor
- Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning Center (Math and Economics)
- Oral Communication Center