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NBER Workshop Organizers,

I am writing to express my consideration for attending the NBER's **Workshop on Development Economics and Networks for Early-Career Researchers**. I graduated with my Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Oregon in June 2026, and am currently in my first year as an Assistant Professor with the Department of Economics at Salisbury University.

Regarding faculty who can provide recommendations, you may contact Ying Wu, Professor of Economics at Salisbury University, at `yxwu@salisbury.edu`. My attached CV includes references from my Ph.D. advisors; my primary advisor was Bruce McGough, whom you may also contact at `bmcgough@uoregon.edu`. Thank you!

Please contact me via e-mail at `oljetton@salisbury.edu` or at 503-334-9545. I am greatly looking forward to this opportunity!

Best regards,



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I believe I am be a great candidate for attending the NBER's **Workshop on Development Economics and Networks for Early-Career Researchers** because the workshop's topics are directly related to my own research, which uses theoretical and empirical network models to answer questions at the intersection of macroeconomics and bounded rationality.

During the previous job market season, I presented my job market paper, "**How Expectations Change the Effects of Monetary Policy: A Network Approach**," which considers the role expectations play in the spatial diffusion of monetary shocks through a network economy. I build on an existing theoretical overlapping generations network model and show that changing the assumption of expectations flips the economic response of a monetary expansion from negative to positive. The paper includes an empirical model that uses a trade network within the Structural VAR specification to mirror the exchange of currency across borders between 27 European countries. Impulse response function analysis finds supportive evidence for the theoretical conclusions.

My other research involves investigating the implications of information networks on the macroeconomy. My Ph.D. field paper, "**Shared Private Information Adaptive Learning in Static Networks**," is the first to incorporate networks and graph theory into Adaptive Learning. I incorporate static networks to simulate the sharing of information in a basic cobweb model, where stochastic production shocks can only be observed by that firm and those connected to it within the network. I demonstrate how different network structures—and the flow of information more broadly—correlates with economic conditions.

I have yet to meet other early-career economics researchers with more than a passive interest in economic networks, my network research has thus been solo-authored, and I believe this workshop will be an amazing opportunity for me. Through this workshop, I am looking forward to learning about other theoretical and empirical methods in economics, I hope to gain helpful feedback on my research, and I hope to find collaborators for future projects.

Please contact me via e-mail at `oljetton@salisbury.edu` or at 503-334-9545. I am greatly looking forward to this opportunity!

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APPOINTMENT

Salisbury University — **Salisbury, MD**
Assistant Professor — 2026 - Present
Department of Economics

EDUCATION

University of Oregon — **Eugene, OR**
Ph.D. Economics — 2026
Fields: Macroeconomics, Econometrics
M.S. Economics — 2026
B.S. Economics — 2021
Minors in Mathematics and Philosophy

RESEARCH

Working Papers

Jetton, O., "How Expectations Change the Effects of Monetary Policy: A Network Approach."

Jetton, O., "Shared Private Information Adaptive Learning in Static Networks."

Works in Progress

Jetton, O., "Agent-Based Decomposition of U.S. Unemployment: Frictional, Structural, and Cyclical."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Salisbury University

ECON 212 Principles of Macroeconomics — Fall 2026(x2)
ECON 312 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory — Fall 2026

University of Oregon (as Instructor of Record)

EC 421 Introduction to Econometrics — Fall 2025
EC 313 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory — Fall 2023, Winter & Spring 2025
Economics Ph.D. Math Camp — Summer 2024

SKILLS

Computing:

Preferred: R, Julia, Excel

Others: MatLab, Mathematica

Communication:

LaTeX, Markdown, GitHub

AWARDS

Kleinsorge Summer Research Fellowship - 2025

First Year Econometrics Award - 2022

REFEREE SERVICES

Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization

COMPLETED PHD COURSES

2021-2022 (First Year courses):

Core Microeconomics I-III, Core Macroeconomics I-III, Core Econometrics I-III

2022-2023 (Second Year Field Courses):

Microeconometrics, Public, Game Theory

Empirical Macroeconomics, Macroeconomic Theory, International Trade

Environmental, Behavioral, Computational

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