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Fields	Labor Economics, Household Finance, Public Economics, Economics of Education, Applied Microeconomics
Education	University of California, Irvine Ph.D. Economics, 2027 (expected) M.A. Economics, 2023 University of California, Berkeley B.A. Economics, 2018
Employment	Senior Research Analyst, The Brattle Group, 2020-2021 Research Analyst, The Brattle Group, 2018-2020 Real Estate Finance Intern, GAP Inc., 2017
Fellowships, Grants, and Awards	California Policy Lab Seed Grant (\$19,910), 2024 UCI Economics Summer Research Fellowship, 2023, 2024 UCI School of Social Sciences Merit Fellowship, 2021-2022 Cal Alumni Association Leadership Scholar, 2016 Raytheon Scholar, 2015, 2016
Research Assistance	Graduate Student Researcher, UC Irvine, Di Xu, 2023-present Graduate Student Researcher, UC Irvine, Damon Clark, 2022-2023 Research Assistant, UC Berkeley, Eric Hsu, 2017-2018
Teaching Assistance	Game Theory (1st Year Ph.D. Microeconomics Sequence) Applied Econometrics I Introduction to Probability and Statistics
Working Papers	“Borrowing on a Promise: Partisan Expectations and Unfulfilled Student Loan Forgiveness” (Job Market Paper) with Daniel Firoozi “Pay for Only 8: The Impacts of a Summer Tuition Incentive Program on Enrollment and Academic Outcomes” (First Author) with Rachel Baker, Di Xu, and Sabrina Solanki “Performance-Based Funding and the Supply of Skilled Workers: New Evidence from a Statewide Pay-for-Performance Initiative” with Di Xu, Michael Cooper, and Sabrina Solanki “The Gender Gap in Wage Growth for Young Lawyers” (Sole Author)
Works in Progress	“Does Textbook Affordability Improve Long-Run Student Outcomes? Evidence from California's Zero Textbook Cost Program” with Di Xu, Sabrina Solanki, and Richard Arum “Can Short-Term Workforce Training Programs Pay for Themselves? Evidence from Virginia Community College Policy” with Michael Cooper and Di Xu “Geographic Variation in the Economic Value of College and the Role of Regional Tuition Reciprocity Programs” (Sole Author)

Seminar & Conference Presentations	2026: UCI Economics Job Market Jubilee, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference (APPAM) (Planned) 2025: APPAM 2024: Graduate Student Summer Fellow Poster Session (UCI), LaPa-Palooza (UCI Labor-Public Conference), Higher Education Research Analysis Lab (UCI) x2 2023: Graduate Student Summer Fellow Poster Session (UCI), LaPa-Palooza (UCI), Higher Education Research Analysis Lab (UCI)
Software Skills	Stata, R, Python, SQL, QGIS, Java, MATLAB, Julia, LaTeX, Microsoft Office
Language Proficiency	English (native), Japanese (beginner), French (beginner)
Citizenship	United States of America
References	Damon Clark (clarkd1@uci.edu; (949) 824-2056) Jack Liebersohn (cjlieber@uci.edu) Di Xu (dix3@uci.edu) David Neumark (dneumark@uci.edu)

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