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Education

2026	Ph.D. Economics, Boston University (expected)
2023	M.A. Economics (with distinction), Boston University
2021	M.Sc. Economics, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich
2016	B.A. Economics, Dartmouth College

Working Papers

“Heterogeneous Effects of Regulatory Enforcement: Evidence from OSHA”
Job Market Paper

“From Your Pocket to Your Boss’s: Cash Transfers & Wage Theft”

Works in Progress

“Safety & Management”
Joint with Nicholas Bloom, David I. Levine, and Matthew S. Johnson

“Push-Pull Instruments for Local Sectoral Employment Stocks”
Joint with Konrad Buchardi, Thomas Chaney, Tarek Hassan, and Lisa Tarquinio

“How Does Utilization of Physician Administered Drugs Respond to Medicare Part B Payment Incentives?”
Joint with Angelique Acquatella, Amanda Starc, and Keith Ericson

“Home on the Grange - Social Capital and Fertility: Evidence from the Grangers 1870-1910”

Publications

2023	“Provider Payment Systems and Incentives”, in Stella R. Quay (ed.), International Encyclopedia of Public Health, Third Edition. <i>Joint with Angelique Acquatella, Tianxu Chen, and Randall P. Ellis</i>
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Teaching Experience

2025	Harvard University, EC970: Economic History Mysteries <i>Instructor of Record</i> — planning to repeat Spring 2026
2023	Boston University, EC204: Empirical Economics II <i>Teaching Fellow for Professor Onur Burak Celik</i>
2022	Boston University, EC365: Economic Institutions in Historical Perspective <i>Teaching Fellow for Professor James Feigenbaum</i>

Work Experience

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

2023-2025 Tarek Hassan, Boston University
2022-2025 Keith Ericson, Boston University
2020-2021 Davide Cantoni, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich
2019-2020 Dominik Sachs, Ludwig Maximilian University Munich / CESifo Institute

PRIVATE SECTOR

2016-2019 CBPartners Life Sciences Consulting - *Manager*

Honors & Awards

2023 Boston University Best Second-Year Paper Prize Runner-Up
2022 ifo Institute Summer Visiting PhD Student
2021 LMU Munich Alumni Association Award for Greatest Academic Achievement
2016 Dartmouth College Dean's Award for Campus Impact
2012 Presidential Scholar for the State of Maine

Conferences, Seminars & Workshop Presentations

2025 Applied Micro Dissertation Workshop (BU)
2024 American Society of Healthcare Economists (San Diego), IZA Summer School in Labor Economics (Bonn, Germany), Applied Micro Dissertation Workshop (BU)

Professional Service

Referee for *Social Science & Medicine*
Participant in Brown University Replication Games
Organizer of the Boston University Empirical Micro Reading Group

Technical

United States Security Clearance, Secret Sworn Status
Proficient in Stata, R, Python
French (intermediate), German (intermediate), Arabic (beginner)