

Jacob Wright

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of Minnesota <i>Ph.D. Economics</i>	(Expected) 2026
University of Western Ontario <i>M.A. Economics</i>	2020
McMaster University <i>B.A. Economics</i>	2019

Research Fields

Primary: macro labor, spatial economics, education economics.

Secondary: international macro.

Working Papers

- “Quality, Inequality, and Mobility: American vs. Canadian Systems of Higher Education”, 2023. (*submitted*)
- “On the Changing Relationship between Public Net Foreign Assets and Growth”, 2023, (with J. Gamboa-Arbelaez). (*submitted*)
- “From Kindergarten to College: The Impact of Education Policies over the Lifecycle”, 2024, (with A. Zheng). (*submitted*)
- “Declining Teen Employment: Causes and Consequences”, 2024, (with A. Wurdinger).
- “On the Spatial Distribution of Colleges”, 2025. (***Job Market Paper***)

Work in Progress

- “Appropriate Management”, (with A. Wurdinger).
- “Default and Growth”, (with J. Gamboa-Arbelaez).

Research Experience

Research Assistant <i>Department of Economics – University of Minnesota</i>	2023 (Minneapolis, USA)
Ph.D. Intern <i>Bank of Canada</i>	2023 (Ottawa, Canada)
Research Assistant <i>Department of Economics – McMaster University</i>	2019-2020 (Hamilton, Canada)
Consultant <i>OECD</i>	2018-2019 (Hamilton, Canada)

Teaching Experience

Instructor <i>University of Minnesota</i>	2022-2025 <i>Intro Macro (Average Rating: 5.5/6)</i>
Instructor/Teaching Assistant <i>University of Minnesota</i>	2023 <i>PhD Summer Math Refresher</i>
Teaching Assistant <i>University of Minnesota</i>	2020-2022 <i>Intro Micro (Average Rating: 5.6/6)</i>
Teaching Assistant <i>University of Western Ontario</i>	2019-2020 <i>Intro Micro</i>
Teaching Assistant <i>McMaster University</i>	2017-2018 <i>Intro Macro</i>

Presentations

- 2025: University of Ottawa, University of Toronto (applied micro group),
LAEF – Demographic Heterogeneity, Canadian Economic Association,
ECINEQ (World Bank), HHEI Alumni Conference, Urban Economics Association[†]
GRIPS (Tokyo), EGSC (Washington University St. Louis)[†], University of Iowa
Queen's University, Western University, McMaster University,
University of Toronto (macro group), University of British Columbia,
Minneapolis Federal Reserve, Duke University*.
- 2024: Econometric Society European Meeting, Society for Economic Dynamics,
Urban Economics Association, Minnesota-Wisconsin International Macroeconomics,
University of Southern California, Laval University, McMaster University, Midwest
Macro, Canadian Economic Association, Midwest Econometric, Southern Ontario Macro.
- 2023: McMaster University, Bank of Canada, Midwest Macro.

* = scheduled, † = invited

Awards & Honors

Job Market Paper Competition – Hutcheson-Lilly Dissertation Fellowship <i>University of Minnesota</i>	2025
3rd-Year Paper Competition – 2nd Place <i>University of Minnesota</i>	2023
Thank a Teacher Award <i>Center for Educational Innovation, University of Minnesota</i>	2022
Distinguished Teaching Assistant <i>Department of Economics, University of Minnesota</i>	2021, 2022
Christopher Sims Fellowship <i>University of Minnesota</i>	2020
Ontario Graduate Scholarship <i>University of Western Ontario</i>	2019

Other

Languages: English (native), French (advanced), Spanish (beginner).

Computation: Julia, Stata, C, Matlab, VBA.

Personal: Canadian citizen (U.S. F-1 Visa).

References

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