

# Jacob Wright

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Employment

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### University of Queensland

July 2027–

*Lecturer* (equivalent to U.S. tenure-track Assistant Professor)

### Princeton University

September 2026–June 2027

*Postdoctoral Research Associate*

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## Education

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### University of Minnesota

2026

*Ph.D. Economics*

- Committee: Ellen McGrattan, Todd Schoellman, and Michael Waugh

### University of Western Ontario

2020

*M.A. Economics*

### McMaster University

2019

*B.A. Economics*

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## Research Fields

*Primary:* macro labor, spatial economics, education economics.

*Secondary:* international macro.

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## 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). (*submitted*)
- “On the Spatial Distribution of Colleges”, 2025.

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## Work in Progress

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

## Research Experience

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

## Teaching Experience

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| <b>Instructor</b><br><i>University of Minnesota</i>                    | 2022-2026<br><i>Intro Macro</i>          |
| <b>Instructor/Teaching Assistant</b><br><i>University of Minnesota</i> | 2023<br><i>PhD Summer Math Refresher</i> |
| <b>Teaching Assistant</b><br><i>University of Minnesota</i>            | 2020-2022<br><i>Intro Micro</i>          |
| <b>Teaching Assistant</b><br><i>University of Western Ontario</i>      | 2019-2020<br><i>Intro Micro</i>          |
| <b>Teaching Assistant</b><br><i>McMaster University</i>                | 2017-2018<br><i>Intro Macro</i>          |

## Presentations

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- 2026: Canadian Labor Economics, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Applied-Micro, University of Saskatchewan, Canadian Economics Association, IAAE (Lisbon), Econometric Society, Johns Hopkins<sup>†</sup>, Bowdoin<sup>†</sup>, Virginia Commonwealth University, University of Arkansas, Princeton University, University of Southern California\*, St. Louis Fed-Wash U–LAEF\*.
- 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<sup>†</sup>, GRIPS (Tokyo), EGSC (Washington University St. Louis)<sup>†</sup>, 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

## Refereeing

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Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Dynamics.

## *Awards & Honors*

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

## *Other*

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**Languages:** English (native), French (advanced), Spanish (intermediate).  
**Computation:** Julia, Stata, C, Matlab, VBA.