Jacob Wright — Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

University of Queensland July 2027–
*Lecturer (*equivalent to U.S. tenure-track Assistant Professor*)*

Princeton University September 2026–June 2027
Postdoctoral Research Associate

Education

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

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).
- "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*)
- "Barriers to Adoption: Evidence from Bt Corn", 2024, (with H. Batra, J. Hall, and S. Sommers).
- "On the Spatial Distribution of Colleges", 2025.

Work in Progress

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

Research Experience

Research Assistant 2023 (Minneapolis, USA)
Department of Economics – University of Minnesota

Ph.D. Intern 2023 (Ottawa, Canada)
Bank of Canada

Research Assistant 2019-2020 (Hamilton, Canada)
Department of Economics – McMaster University

Consultant 2018-2019 (Hamilton, Canada)
OECD

Teaching Experience

Instructor 2022-2026
University of Minnesota *Intro Macro*

Instructor/Teaching Assistant 2023
University of Minnesota *PhD Summer Math Refresher*

Teaching Assistant 2020-2022
University of Minnesota *Intro Micro*

Teaching Assistant 2019-2020
University of Western Ontario *Intro Micro*

Teaching Assistant 2017-2018
McMaster University *Intro Macro*

Presentations

2026: Canadian Labor Economics, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Applied-Micro, University of Saskatchewan, Canadian Economics Association, IAAE (Lisbon), Econometric Society, Johns Hopkins†, Bowdoin†, 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† 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

Refereeing

Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Dynamics.

Awards & Honors

Job Market Paper Competition – Hutcheson-Lilly Dissertation Fellowship
University of Minnesota *2025*

3rd-Year Paper Competition – 2nd Place
University of Minnesota *2023*

Thank a Teacher Award
Center for Educational Innovation, University of Minnesota *2022*

Distinguished Teaching Assistant
Department of Economics, University of Minnesota *2021, 2022*

Christopher Sims Fellowship
University of Minnesota *2020*

Other

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