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Education

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

Research Fields

Primary: macro labor, education economics, spatial 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

Work in Progress

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

Research Experience

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| Research Assistant | 2023 |
| <i>Department of Economics – University of Minnesota</i> | |
| Ph.D. Intern | 2023 |
| <i>Bank of Canada</i> | |
| Research Assistant | 2019-2020 |
| <i>Department of Economics – McMaster University</i> | |
| Research Analyst | 2018-2019 |
| <i>OECD</i> | |

Teaching Experience

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| Instructor | 2022-Present |
| <i>University of Minnesota</i> | <i>ECON 1102 (Average Rating: 5.5/6)</i> |
| Instructor/Teaching Assistant | 2023 |
| <i>University of Minnesota</i> | <i>PhD Summer Math Refresher</i> |
| Teaching Assistant | 2020-2022 |
| <i>University of Minnesota</i> | <i>ECON 1101 (Average Rating: 5.7/6)</i> |
| Teaching Assistant | 2019-2020 |
| <i>University of Western Ontario</i> | <i>ECON 1021 (Average Rating: 4.9/5)</i> |
| Teaching Assistant | 2017-2018 |
| <i>McMaster University</i> | <i>ECON 1BB3 (Average Rating: 9.0/10)</i> |

Presentations

2025: University of Ottawa, University of Toronto, University of Albany (LAEF),
Canadian Economic Association, World Bank (ECINEQ)*.

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.

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Awards & Honors

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

Other

Languages: English (Native), French (Advanced), Spanish (Beginner).

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

References

Ellen McGrattan

Professor

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Michael Waugh

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Todd Schoellman

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