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EMPLOYMENT **Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago**, 2010-present
Economist, Department of Economic Research

EDUCATION **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL
PhD, Economics, 2010
MA, Economics, 2006
Thesis Committee: Robert Shimer (Chair), Fernando Alvarez, Nancy Stokey
Fields: Firm Dynamics, Strategic Interactions in Macroeconomics, Public Finance, Trade and Growth

Yale University, New Haven, CT
BA with Distinction, Mathematics, Economics, 2003. Cum Laude

AWARDS Esther and T.W. Schultz Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2010
Margaret G. Reid Memorial Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2009
Lee Prize, highest score on Capital Theory/Money & Banking Field Exam, University of Chicago, 2007
Lee Prize, highest score on Price Theory Core Exam, University of Chicago, 2006

RESEARCH **Working Papers**
Optimal Taxation over the Life Cycle, with Aspen Gorry, 2010
Commodity Money with Frequent Search, with Nicholas Trachter, 2010
Irreversible Investment with Endogenous Entry and Exit, 2007

In Progress
Diffusion and Growth in a Networked Economy
Short-Lived Shocks and Aggregate Productivity
Learning Informally (with Aspen Gorry, Nicholas Trachter, and Gabriel Ulyssea)

EXPERIENCE **Research Assistant**
Fernando Alvarez & Robert Shimer, 2008
William Fuchs, 2007
Robert Shimer, 2006-2007

Teaching Assistant

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Fall 2009 | Monetary Economics I | Fernando Alvarez |
| Spring 2008 | Macroeconomics I | Peter Bondarenko |
| Winter 2008 | Price Theory IIB | Roger Myerson |
| Winter 2008 | Dynamic Contracts | William Fuchs |
| Fall 2007-Winter 2008 | Price Theory I, IIA | Gary Becker, Kevin Murphy |
| Spring 2007 | Labor and Macroeconomics | Robert Shimer |

The NorthBridge Group (Economic and Strategic Consulting), Lincoln, MA
Analyst, 2003-2005