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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Recently graduated doctorate in economics focusing on behavioral and experimental economics, possessing a strong foundation in quantitative research methods and data analysis. Interested in designing and conducting rigorous experiments to explore human decision-making processes and their implications for policy. Experienced in translating complex economic theories into actionable insights, with a proven track record of collaboration in interdisciplinary teams. In search of a behavioral/data scientist, analyst, or researcher position to contribute to innovative solutions that enhance our understanding of human behavior and improve market mechanisms more broadly. Committed to fostering data-driven strategies that align with organizational goals and enrich human experiences.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics <i>University of Exeter, U.K.</i>	<i>2018 - 2025</i>
M.A. in Economics <i>University of Missouri - Columbia (Mizzou), USA</i>	<i>2017 - 2018</i>
B.Sc. in Business Economics <i>Louisiana Tech University, USA</i>	<i>2012 - 2015</i>

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Workflow Tools	MS Office, MS Teams, Zoom, Slack, Overleaf, Emacs, VS Code, Git, GitHub, Unix CLI
Software & Services	G*Power, RStudio, Prolific, CloudResearch (MTurk), Qualtrics
Languages	Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript R, Stata, L ^A T _E X
Frameworks & Misc.	Django, Hugo, z-Tree, o-Tree, PostgreSQL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant <i>University of Exeter — Exeter, Devon</i>	<i>2018 - 2020</i>
· Assisted in the creation and administration of formative assessments that provided timely feedback to students, contributing to a 2% improvement in overall class performance. · Provided individualized tutoring sessions for more than 30 students per semester, leading to a 7% increase in student participation and confidence in course material during my active years of teaching. · Facilitated productive classroom discussions and fostered a collaborative learning environment, resulting in positive feedback from students and faculty. · Analyzed student evaluations and feedback to continuously improve teaching strategies, achieving an overall 97% satisfaction rating in course evaluations.	
Assistant Project Manager <i>Ellen Lighting & Hardware, LLC — Stafford, TX</i>	<i>2016 - 2017</i>

- Successfully assisted in the development and management of more than ten multidimensional housing projects with budgets ranging between \$500,000 and \$2,500,000, ensuring timely delivery within budget constraints, resulting in a 6% reduction in project completion times.
- Established and maintained relationships with key suppliers, negotiating favorable terms that improved project efficiency and reduced material costs by 12%.
- Contributed to integrating energy-efficient lighting solutions, helping clients reduce energy costs by an average of 15%, while promoting sustainable practices.

Estimator/Cost Analyst

2015 - 2016

Perry Homes, LLC — Houston, TX

- Developed detailed cost estimates for more than 60 residential elevations, achieving an accuracy rate of 95%, which minimized budget overruns and increased client trust.
- Conducted thorough market analyses to stay up-to-date on pricing trends and material costs, enabling more competitive and accurate quantity takeoff bids.
- Collaborated closely with project managers, production managers, architects, and structural engineers to refine project scopes, ensuring cost-effective solutions that aligned with design specifications.
- Identified potential risks and uncertainties in project estimates, developing contingency plans that safeguarded project budgets.

RESEARCH

Talent, Sorting, and Redistributive Uncertainty
(with Oliver Hauser)

2023 - 2025

**I Like Information, But Not From You:
The Effects of Names on Self-Updating**

2022 - 2025

Sunk Costs in Performance Beliefs

2021 - 2025

**Art Is In the Eye of the Beholder:
The Effects of Racial Protests on Experimental Evaluations**
(honourable mentions to Oliver Hauser & Graeme Pearce)

2020 - 2025

AWARDS AND GRANTS

RSA Grant, £3600 ($£1200 \times 3$)

2019 - 2022

Global Excellence Studentship, £93,531

2018 - 2021

Dean's List, University of Missouri

2018

President's List, University of Missouri

2017

Magna Cum Laude, Louisiana Tech University

2015

Outstanding Student Scholarship, £9,000

2012 - 2015

Bulldog Scholarship, £36,000

2012 - 2015

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Postgraduate Research Society

2018 - 2020

Academic Chair, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

2014 - 2015

Pi Kappa Alpha Member, Louisiana Tech University

2013 - 2015

Union Board Member, Louisiana Tech University

2012 - 2015