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## Education **University of California, Berkeley**

B.A., Economics · Applied Mathematics, Dec 2024.

B.A., Data Science, Dec 2024.

GPA: 3.73 | *Graduate econometrics and statistics, algorithmic economics*

## **Pasadena City College**

A.A., Business *and* Japanese, May 2022.

GPA: 4.00

## Research **Northwestern University, Department of Economics**

Predoctoral Research Data Analyst, Mar 2025 – Present.

Health Econometrics | Advisor: Charles Manski, Daniela Ladner

*Worked on health econometrics projects involving record linkage, data imputation, outcome prediction, and processing large administrative datasets from a national insurer and mortality database.*

## **UC Berkeley, Department of Economics**

Economics Honors Thesis, Aug 2023 – May 2024.

*Examined racial and ethnic heterogeneity in stock and bond market participation hesitancy using nonlinear regressions on multiply imputed household data from 58,148 respondents.*

Research Assistant (URAP), Feb 2023 – May 2024.

Behavioral Economics/Experience Effects | Advisor: Ulrike Malmendier

*Assisted in constructing historical banking datasets, cleaning scraped text files using Regex, and performing exploratory data analyses.*

## Working Papers **“Calibrated record linkage using conditional logit: application to national mortality data”**

with Gil Peled, Charles Manski et al. 2025. Primary author.

## **“A Comprehensive Risk Prediction Model for Cirrhosis**

### **Decompensation Using a Large National Claims Database”**

with the NU Transplant Outcomes Research Collaborative team. 2025.

## Languages and Skills English (native), Mandarin Chinese (native), Japanese (fluent, JLPT N1). Python, R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Java, MATLAB.

## Interests Econometrics, Market Design, Microeconomic Theory, Public Economics

Published Works      Acknowledged by Richard Yun and Caroline Crowley in  
“The Effect of Short-Selling Bans on Share Prices: A Global Event Study  
Using Difference-in-Differences in a Staggered Treatment Setting”  
Columbia Economic Review, 2025.

Awards and Fellowships      **Economics Honors**, UC Berkeley  
Berkeley, CA, May 2024.

**Roy Christie Scholarship**, UC Berkeley  
Berkeley, CA, Dec 2023.

**Administrative Honors**, Pasadena City College  
Pasadena, CA, May 2022.

**Summa Cum Laude**, Pasadena City College  
Pasadena, CA, May 2022.

**Japanese Academic Achievement Awards**, Pasadena City College  
Pasadena, CA, May 2021. *Dr. Hirai Japanese Scholarship;*  
*Honors for Extraordinary Achievement in Japanese.*

Organizations      **Berkeley Economic Review**, UC Berkeley  
Editor in Chief, May – Dec 2024.  
Head of Peer Review, Dec 2023 – May 2024.  
Peer Review Associate, Sep 2023 – May 2024.  
*Led an 80-member organization to publish Berkeley’s undergraduate,  
peer-reviewed economics journal; reviewed and critiqued over 60 papers  
evaluating empirical methods and theoretical rigor.*

**National Language Service Corps**, U.S. Department of Defense  
Member, Apr 2025 – Present.  
*Participated in events and completed DLP proficiency assessments.*

**Associated Students** of Pasadena City College  
Secretary of Executive Board, Oct 2021 – Jun 2022.  
*Maintained transparency by preparing minutes and publishing agendas in  
compliance with the Brown Act.*

**Japanese Social Club**, Pasadena City College  
President, May 2021 – Jun 2022.  
Inter-club Committee Representative, Feb – May 2021.  
*Fostered cross-Pacific dialogue during COVID-19 by hosting events with  
the English Speaking Society at Hokkaido University.*