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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 <i>Graduate econometrics and statistics, algorithmic economics</i>
	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 <i>Worked on health econometrics projects involving record linkage, data imputation, outcome prediction, and processing large administrative datasets from a national insurer and mortality database.</i>
	UC Berkeley, Department of Economics Economics Honors Thesis, Aug 2023 – May 2024. <i>Examined racial and ethnic heterogeneity in stock and bond market participation hesitancy using nonlinear regressions on multiply imputed household data from 58,148 respondents.</i> Research Assistant (URAP), Feb 2023 – May 2024. Behavioral Economics/Experience Effects Advisor: Ulrike Malmendier <i>Assisted in constructing historical banking datasets, cleaning scraped text files using Regex, and performing exploratory data analyses.</i>
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 ^A T _E 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	<p>Economics Honors, UC Berkeley Berkeley, CA, May 2024.</p> <p>Roy Christie Scholarship, UC Berkeley Berkeley, CA, Dec 2023.</p> <p>Administrative Honors, Pasadena City College Pasadena, CA, May 2022.</p> <p>Summa Cum Laude, Pasadena City College Pasadena, CA, May 2022.</p> <p>Japanese Academic Achievement Awards, Pasadena City College Pasadena, CA, May 2021. <i>Dr. Hirai Japanese Scholarship; Honors for Extraordinary Achievement in Japanese.</i></p>
Organizations	<p>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.</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>National Language Service Corps, U.S. Department of Defense Member, Apr 2025 – Present.</p> <p><i>Participated in events and completed DLP proficiency assessments.</i></p> <p>Associated Students of Pasadena City College Secretary of Executive Board, Oct 2021 – Jun 2022.</p> <p><i>Maintained transparency by preparing minutes and publishing agendas in compliance with the Brown Act.</i></p> <p>Japanese Social Club, Pasadena City College President, May 2021 – Jun 2022. Inter-club Committee Representative, Feb – May 2021.</p> <p><i>Fostered cross-Pacific dialogue during COVID-19 by hosting events with the English Speaking Society at Hokkaido University.</i></p>