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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, 2016

Dissertation Title: *Compromise, Extremism, and Guilt*

Main Advisor: Barton Lipman

B.A., Behavioral Economics and Public Policy (*Cum Laude*), Gallatin School of Individualized Study,

New York University, New York, NY, 2010

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Decision Theory, Mathematics of Economics, Behavioral Economics, Health Economics, Industrial Organization

POSITIONS

Steven Rattner Lecturer in Economics, Brown University, 2021-

Lecturer in Economics, Brown University, 2019-2021

Visiting Assistant Professor, Brown University, 2017-2019

Visiting Lecturer, Wellesley College, 2016-2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Brown University

Essential Mathematics for Economics, Falls 2017-2019, Springs 2018-2021, Summer 2021

Mathematics for Economists (first-year PhD course), Falls 2017-2020, 2022

Environmental Economics and Public Policy, Fall 2018, Springs 2020-2023

Intermediate Microeconomics (regular and math-intensive), Springs 2018-2019, 2022-2023

Wellesley College

Environmental and Resource Economics, Spring 2017

Development Economics, Spring 2017

Principles of Microeconomics, Spring 2017

International Trade, Fall 2016

Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall 2016

Boston University

Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis, Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Introduction to Health Economics, Summer 2015

International Trade, Summers 2013-2015, Spring 2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Vice Director of Undergraduate Studies, Brown University Department of Economics, 2021-
Member, Brown Economics Department Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan Committee, 2020-2021,
2022-
Officer, BU Graduate Economics Association, 2012-2013
Co-Organizer, BU Decision Theory Reading Group, 2015
Referee, AEJ Micro

COMPUTER SKILLS: Stata, Matlab, MS Office, and L^AT_EX

CITIZENSHIP: USA

WORKING PAPERS

“The Compromise and Attraction Effects Through Frame Preferences” (Job Market Paper).
“Extremist Politics and the Preference for Compromise”
(with Benjamin L. Solow)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Illustrated Mathematics for Economics, proposed textbook
“The Gift of Indulgence: Giving in the Presence of Guilt”
“Data Collector, M.D.: Moral Hazard and the Difficulty of Applying Big Data to Medicine”