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## Employment

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<b>Brown University, Department of Economics</b> Orlando Bravo Assistant Professor	2020–present
<b>Brown University, Department of Economics</b> Assistant Professor	2019–2020
<b>California Institute of Technology, Social and Information Science Lab</b> Linde Postdoctoral Fellow	2017–2019

## Visiting Positions

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<b>Yale University, Cowles Foundation</b> Visiting Fellow	2023–2024
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## Education

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Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University, 2017  
B.A., Economics, Washington University in St. Louis, 2011

## Journal Publications

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### **How to Segment a Search Market: information design and directed search**

*Theoretical Economics*, 21(2): 434-466, 2026.

### **Persuaded Search** (with Zeky Murra-Anton and Bobak Pakzad-Hurson)

*Journal of Political Economy*, 133(10): 3167-3207, 2025

### **Bayesian Comparative Statics** (with René Leal Vizcaíno)

*Theoretical Economics*, 17(1): 219-251, 2022

### **Informed Principal, Moral Hazard, and Limited Liability**

*Economic Theory Bulletin*, 9(1): 119-142, 2021

## Conference Proceedings

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### **Distributional Preferences for Market Design** (with Federico Echenique and Y. Bumin Yenmez)

*In Proceedings of the 27th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation*, Forthcoming

### **Diversity in Choice as Majorization** (with Federico Echenique and Y. Bumin Yenmez)

*In Proceedings of the 26th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation*: 1025-1025, 2025

### **Competition, Persuasion, and Search** (with Bobak Pakzad-Hurson)

*In Proceedings of the 26th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation*: 574-574, 2025

## Working Papers

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### Luck Out or Outpay? Competing with a Public Option

Revise & Resubmit at *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*.

**Diversity in Choice as Majorization** (with Federico Echenique and Y. Bumin Yenmez)

**Competition, Persuasion, and Search** (with Bobak Pakzad-Hurson)

**Endogenous Inequality Aversion** (with Federico Echenique and Y. Bumin Yenmez)

**Distributional Preferences for Market Design** (with Federico Echenique and Y. Bumin Yenmez)

## Older Working Papers

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**Random versus Directed Search for Scarce Resources**

**Dynamic Contracting with Moral Hazard Under Incomplete Information**

## Fellowships & Awards

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American Economic Review: Insights, Excellence in Refereeing, 2023

Henry Merritt Wriston Fellowship, 2022

Northwestern University Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2016

Northwestern University Fellowship, 2011–2012

Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, 2013

Hyman P. Minsky Prize for Best Honors Thesis, Washington University in St. Louis, 2011

Center for Research in Economics and Strategy Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis, 2010

## Conferences & Invited Talks

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- 2025:** El Colegio de Mexico; Canadian Economic Theory Conference; University of Iowa mini-conference; University of Oxford; Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics-Dynamic Games; Brown; Texas A&M mini-conference; University of Georgia mini-conference; 22nd Annual IO Theory Conference (at MIT)
- 2024:** Virtual Seminars in Economic Theory; Risk, Uncertainty, and Decision (at Northwestern); 35th Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory; Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics-Market Design; Southern Economic Association 95th Annual Meeting; University of Chicago
- 2023:** Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting; Durham Economic Theory Conference; University of California, Berkeley; Southern Economic Association 94th Annual Meeting; Yale; Boston College; Boston University
- 2022:** Columbia; Duke; New York University-Stern; Cowles Conference on Economic Theory (at Yale); Conference on Mechanism and Institution Design; 33rd Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory; Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics-Dynamic Games; University of Pennsylvania; Bilkent University; Princeton
- 2021:** University of Connecticut; California Institute of Technology; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory Conference; Massachusetts Institute of Technology-Sloan; University of Michigan

- 2020:** University of Auckland; Econometric Society Virtual World Congress; University of Notre Dame
- 2019:** Pennsylvania State University; Brown; University of Maryland; Washington University in St. Louis-Olin Business School; Southwest Economic Theory Meeting (at University of California, Santa Barbara); Junior Theory Retreat (at California Institute of Technology); University of Kansas Workshop in Economic Theory; Banco de México; INFORMS Annual Meeting; Michigan State University
- 2018:** Workshop on Information and Social Economics (at California Institute of Technology); Transatlantic Theory Workshop (at Northwestern)
- 2017:** Northwestern Theory Bag Lunch; Colgate University; Bates White Consulting; California Institute of Technology-Social and Information Sciences Lab; Los Angeles Economic Theory Conference (at University of Southern California)

## Teaching

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ECON 1110-Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate course)

ECON 2060-Microeconomics II (First-year PhD course)

## Advising

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Samyak Jain (Current student)

Arlindo Skënderaj (Current student)

## Service

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**Referee:** American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights; American Economic Journal-Micro; Econometrica; Economic Theory; Games and Economic Behavior; International Journal of Game Theory; Journal of Economic Theory; Journal of Mathematical Economics; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Mathematical Social Sciences; The Quarterly Journal of Economics; The RAND Journal of Economics; Review of Economic Design; Theoretical Economics

**Program Committee:** Mechanism Design for Social Good 2020; Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization 2021, 2022; ACM Conference on Economics and Computation 2023, 2024

**Senior Program Committee:** ACM Conference on Economics and Computation 2026

**Co-organizer:** Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics-Dynamic games 2026

**Other:** Panelist for National Science Foundation-Economics, Referee for Israel Science Foundation