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Education

University of Illinois Chicago <i>Ph.D. Candidate, Economics. GPA: 3.77</i>	2027 (expected)
CFA Institute <i>CFA Level III, Completed</i>	2025
University of Chicago <i>Ph.D. Exchange Scholar, Economics. GPA: 3.80</i>	2024
DePaul University <i>M.S., Finance. GPA: 3.87</i>	2020
Purdue University <i>B.S., Mechanical Engineering. GPA: 3.21</i>	2017

Research Experience

Employment Status and Credit Cycles: An Extensive Margin Analysis in Heterogeneous Agent Life Cycle Models (Dissertation)

Consists of the following chapters:

- Beyond aggregate data: Exploring labor market variation and debt
- Isolating the demand channel: A simple overlapping generations model
- Microfoundations of interagent lending: Incorporating extensive margin risk into the HA framework
- Analyzing dynamic responses: The impact of productivity shocks in HA framework
- Bridging theory and data: A VAR/LP investigation into the labor market and household debt

Presentations

UIC Economics Active Research Lunch	Fall 2025 and Spring 2026
Illinois Economic Association 2025	Fall 2025

Teaching Experience

Student Lecturer, Econ 121 <i>University of Illinois Chicago</i>	Fall 2025 - Spring 2026 <i>Chicago, IL</i>
• 4.35/5 average class review over two terms.	
Student Lecturer, Econ 221 <i>University of Illinois Chicago</i>	Summer 2024 – Spring 2025 <i>Chicago, IL</i>
• 4.41/5 average class review over three terms.	
Teaching Assistant <i>University of Illinois Chicago</i>	Fall 2022 – Spring 2024 and Fall 2026 – Present <i>Chicago, IL</i>

Skills

Programming: Local AI Integration, Python, MATLAB, R, Microsoft Office (VBA)

Modeling: Dynamic Programming, Econometric Modeling, Finite Difference Methods, Heterogeneous Agent Macroeconomic Modeling, Machine Learning, Monte Carlo Simulation, Optimization, Time-Series Analysis

Finance: DCF Modeling, Financial Statement Analysis, Portfolio Theory, Monte Carlo Simulation, Scenario Analysis, VaR

References

Jacob Robbins: Dissertation Chair

George Karras: Member of Dissertation Committee

Robert Chirinko: Member of Dissertation Committee