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Appointments

2025 -	Sakurako and William Fisher Family Faculty Scholar, Stanford University
2024 -	Assistant Professor of Economics, Stanford University
2024 -	Faculty Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
2024 -	Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (ITI & EFG)
2023-2024	Saieh Family Fellow in Economics, University of Chicago, Becker Friedman Institute

Education

2023	Ph.D. Economics, Princeton University
2015	M.A. Economics, Tel-Aviv University - *Summa Cum Laude*
2011	B.A. Economics & Middle Eastern Studies, University of Haifa - *Summa Cum Laude*

Fields of Interest

International Trade, Spatial Economics, Macroeconomics

Working Papers

"Wage Inequality and the Spatial Expansion of Firms."
Revise and resubmit at *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

"Location Effects or Sorting? Evidence from Firm Relocation." With Pauline Carry and Elio Nimier-David. Revise and resubmit at *Econometrica*.

"Neoclassical Growth in an Interdependent World." With Ernest Liu, Stephen Redding, and Motohiro Yogo. Revise and resubmit at *American Economic Review*.

"The Geography of Innovative Firms." With Craig A. Chikis and Marta Prato.

"International Trade in an Uncertain World." With Ernest Liu, Stephen Redding, and David Xu.

"Non-Rivalry and Trade in Services." With Tamar Yerushalmi.

Publications

"Dynamic Spatial General Equilibrium." With Ernest Liu and Stephen Redding. *Econometrica*, March 2023, Volume 91, Issue 2, pp. 385–424. (lead article)

"The Linear Algebra of Economic Geography Models." With Ernest Liu and Stephen Redding. *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, Vol. 114, May 2024, pp. 328–333.

"International Friends and Enemies." With Ernest Liu and Stephen Redding. *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, October 2024, 16(4), pp. 350–385.

"Accommodating Emerging Giants in the Global Economy." With Zhuokai Huang, Ernest Liu, and Stephen Redding. *IMF Economic Review*, May 2026. Special Issue for the 26th Annual Jacques Polak Conference of the International Monetary Fund.

"Intermediate Input Prices and the Labor Share." With Juanma Castro-Vincenzi. *Journal of Political Economy*, forthcoming.

Teaching

Stanford ECON-300: Third Year Seminar (2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027)

ECON-267: Topics in International Trade and Spatial Economics (2025, 2026, 2027)

ECON-170: Economic Growth and Globalization (2026)

Princeton ECO-101: Introduction to Macroeconomics (TA, Fall 2020, Prof. Alan Blinder)

SPI-301 / ECO-352: International Trade (TA, Spring 2021, Prof. Gene Grossman)

Honors, Scholarships, Fellowships, and Grants

Stanford Impact Labs Design Fellowship	*2026–2027*
UPS Endowment Fund, Stanford University	*2026*
Economics Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award, Stanford University	*2025–2026*
AER Excellence in Reviewing Award	*2025*
AEJ: Applied Economics Excellence in Reviewing Award	*2025*
Review of Economic Studies Tour (toured in 2024)	*2023*
Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship, Princeton University *Princeton University's top honor for graduate students*	*2022–2023*
Best Job Market Paper Award, EEA and Unicredit Foundation	*2022*
Prize Fellowship in the Social Sciences, Princeton University	*2021–2023*
Doctoral Grant, Washington Center for Equitable Growth	*2021–2022*
Avinash K. Dixit Prize, International Economics Section, Princeton University *Outstanding Achievements in International Economics*	*2020*
Academic Distinction Fellowship, Tel-Aviv University	*2014–2015*
Academic Distinction Fellowship, University of Haifa	*2011*

Professional Activities

Presentations and Seminars (including scheduled)

2027	Claremont McKenna College, HEC Paris, Paris School of Economics, Queen Mary University of London, London School of Economics, London Business School
2026	University of Washington (Foster – Finance), University of California Berkeley (Haas – Real Estate), University of British Columbia, University of California San Diego, 5th Global Economic Networks Workshop, NBER Summer Institute (International Trade and Macroeconomics), Banco de España, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, CEMFI, Yale University, North Carolina State University
2025	Penn State University, West Coast Spatial Conference (USC), Stanford GSB Finance, University of California Davis, WEAI Annual Conference, NBER Summer Institute, Chicago-Princeton Conference on Spatial Economics, University of Toronto, Kiel-CEPR Conference on Geoeconomics, Michigan State University, University of Pittsburgh
2024	Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, University of Nottingham, Duke University, Boston University, Institute for International Economic Studies, New York University, University of Texas Austin Macro Conference, Cornell University, Chicago-Princeton Conference on Spatial Economics, Urban Economics Association, University of California Berkeley, University of Southern California, University of California Los Angeles, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
2023	Wharton Finance, University of Pennsylvania Economics, Stanford Economics, Stanford GSB, London School of Economics, University of Chicago Booth, University of Chicago Economics, Yale University, Columbia University, University of California Berkeley, NBER Summer Institute (International Trade and Investment, Macroeconomics and Productivity, Inequality and Macroeconomics), UW-Madison Emerging Scholars Conference, Harvard University, Saieh Family Fellows in Economics Conference, University of Rochester, University of Michigan, The Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional (CREI)
Up to 2022	Princeton University, Junior Trade Workshop at LSE/CEP, Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (CURE), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Junior Scholars Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Rookie Conference, Tel-Aviv University, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Reichman University

Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *American Economic Journal: Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *Econometrica*, *European Economic Review*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Political Economy Macroeconomics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *Quantitative Economics*, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, *The Review of Economic Studies*

Committees

Scientific Committee 2024 Urban Economics Association, *Scientific Committee 2025 Urban Economics Association*, *JPE Macro-Chicago-Minneapolis Fed-Stanford Conference on The Long-Run Implications of Deglobalization*, *Program Committee 2027 Society for Economic Dynamics (SED) Meeting*

Non-academic Professional Experience

Israel Ministry of Defense

2011-2017 Analyst (Lieutenant, Captain) and Head of Analysis Desk (Major)

2008-2011 Cadet, *"Havatzalot" Program* - graduated with highest honors

Personal

Date of Birth: May 8, 1990
Citizenship: Israeli; US Permanent Resident
Languages: Hebrew, Russian, English
Family: Married, two daughters

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