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ECONOMIST & WRITER

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Economist and writer translating economic research into clear public-policy analysis. Author of *Building Abundance*, a Coefficient Giving-funded review of housing and infrastructure economics. Published in the *American Economic Review*; replicated research for Coefficient Giving and GiveWell.

INDEPENDENT WRITING & RESEARCH

Independent economist and writer Oct. 2022–present | Vancouver, Canada

- Write *Building Abundance*, a living literature review for economics research on housing and infrastructure.
- Conduct research replications for Coefficient Giving and GiveWell on innovation and public health; assess how methods, data, and coding choices affect conclusions.
- Helped write and produce a [housing economics explainer video](#) with About Here on YouTube.

SELECTED PUBLIC-FACING WRITING

Building Abundance

Do development taxes raise housing prices? Oct. 2026

Explains when landowners or homebuyers pay development taxes.

The zoning tax Aug. 2026

How do economists detect when zoning is a constraint on housing supply?

Vacancy chains Aug. 2025

How expensive new construction frees up lower-cost housing.

SELECTED RESEARCH

The Effect of High-Tech Clusters on the Productivity of Top Inventors: Comment

American Economic Review, July 2026.

I found serious conceptual and coding errors in Moretti (2021) that undermine a causal interpretation.

How many jobs can be done remotely? A reanalysis of Dingel and Neiman (2020)

Institute for Replication Discussion Paper, 2025.

Claim: 37% of jobs in the US can be performed at home. But small tweaks give estimates of 25% and 59%.

EARLIER EXPERIENCE

Nike | Data Scientist May 2021–Sept. 2022

Built a Bayesian model of returns across marketing channels using Python and Stan.

Data Golf | Data Science Consultant Jan. 2021–Apr. 2021

Improved user-facing golf score predictions with a forecasting model using stroke-level data.

University of British Columbia | Graduate Researcher 2014–2020

Taught econometrics with Stata as a teaching assistant; managed undergraduate research assistants. Refereed four papers for the *Journal of Development Economics*.

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics | University of British Columbia 2020

MA in Economics | University of Western Ontario 2014

BSc, Joint Honours in Mathematics and Economics | University of Manitoba 2013

Methods and tools: causal inference, research replication, Bayesian modelling; R, Python, Stata, SQL, Stan.