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Experience

Principal, Econic Partners, LLC
Washington, DC · Apr 2025 – present

- Principal at premier economic consulting firm focused on complex antitrust, regulatory, litigation, and policy matters

Senior Statistician, Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Economics
Washington, DC · Jan 2020 – Mar 2025

- Conducted research in industrial organization and antitrust with staff economists and economics professors to study the economic impact of mergers and divestitures in various industries
- Independently worked on various structural and statistical projects (e.g., structural modeling of oligopolistic price coordination, BLP random coefficients nested logit demand estimation, difference-in-differences design with staggered treatment adoption, etc.) included in research papers
- Coauthored the *competitiontoolbox* R package web interface for antitrust practitioners
- Supervised FTC interns and provided guidance on economic concepts and programming
- Managed mission-critical upgrades to the Bureau's computational infrastructure

Research Analyst, Department of Justice Antitrust Division
Washington, DC · Dec 2015 – July 2017

- Worked on antitrust investigations involving mergers, acquisitions, and other business practices under the supervision of DOJ economists

Education

New York University
M.A., Economics

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
B.Sc., Economics

Research Interests

Industrial Organization
Antitrust
Applications of Machine Learning

Working Papers

“The Competitive Efficacy of Divestitures: An Empirical Analysis of Generic Drug Markets” (with Viola Chen, Christopher Garmon and David Schmidt). *Revise & Resubmit*.

“The Ups and Downs of an Alcohol Wholesaler Merger” (with Viola Chen, Daniel Hanner and Brett W. Wendling), *SSRN*.

Software Publications

Charles Taragin, Kenneth Rios and Paulette Wolak (2022). competitiontoolbox: A Graphical User Interface for Antitrust and Trade Practitioners. R package version 0.7.1.
<https://cran.r-project.org/package=competitiontoolbox>

Works in Progress

“Can Divestitures Lessen Competition? Evidence from the Reynolds/Lorillard Merger” (with Nathan H. Miller, Aviv Nevo, and Ted Rosenbaum), in progress.

Conference Presentations

2022 20th Annual International Industrial Organization Conference
 DC Industrial Organization Conference

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, New York University, Spring 2019
ECON UA-2 Introduction to Microeconomics, Prof. Edward Steinberg

Skills

Programming	Julia, R, Python, Stata, Mathematica, MATLAB, SQL
Tools	Git, L ^A T _E X, R Shiny, TensorFlow, Emacs, ArcGIS
Languages	English, Spanish

Awards

NYU Graduate School of Arts and Science Scholarship	NYU, Mar 2017
Assistant Attorney General’s Award of Distinction	DOJ, Jun 2016
Leon B. Borstein Scholarship	MIT, Mar 2015
Bernard G. & Louise B. Palitz Scholarship	MIT, Nov 2014

Organizations

Educational Counselor, MIT Educational Council	Oct 2018 – present
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