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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics, University of Virginia 2019 – 2025 (Expected)
Committee: Federico Ciliberto fc3p@virginia.edu
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Visiting Student in Computer Science Department, University of Chicago Spring 2024

M.Sc. in Economics for Development, University of Oxford 2016

B.A. in Economics, Tsinghua University 2015

FIELDS OF INTEREST: Industrial Organization, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Applied Microeconomics

WORKING PAPERS:

“Venture Capital and the Dynamism of Startups” (Job Market Paper)

“On Overfitting in Machine Learning Contests”, with Xiaoyun Qiu (Northwestern) and Haifeng Xu (UChicago)

“The Algorithmic Landscape of Tullock Contests”, with Yu He (UChicago), Xiaoyun Qiu (Northwestern), Haifeng Xu (UChicago)

“Learning Prices from Strategic Buyers”

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

“Multi-tasking in Machine Learning Contests”

“Strategic Venture Investing”

TEACHING (TA) EXPERIENCE:

Graduate Microeconomics Theory II, Math Camp

Undergraduate Industrial Organization, Mathematical Economics, Introduction to Econometrics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Economist Intern, Amazon Summer 2024

Business Analyst, StratOp Consulting Group 2017 – 2019

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Asia-Pacific Industrial Organization Conference (scheduled), 19th Economics Graduate Student Conference at WUSTL (scheduled), DC IO Day, UChicago IO Graduate Meeting 2024

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS:

Tipton Snavelly Award for Best Summer Paper, UVA 2021

Graduate Fellowship, UVA 2019 – 2020

Widjaja Scholarship, Tsinghua 2015