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Education

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Ph.D. in Economics, Expected 2026

– Advised by Timothy Groseclose

- **Research Interests:** Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Regulation, Political Economy, Inequality, Economic Development

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

M.A. in Economics, 2021

Troy University, Troy, AL

B.S. in Economics (Mathematics Minor), 2020

- **Honors:** Outstanding Freshman (2017), Outstanding Economics Undergraduate
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Fellowships:

IHS Humane Studies Fellowship | *Fall 2025*

Mercatus Center PhD Fellowship | *2020–2025*

Graduate Fellow F.A. Hayek Program | *2020–2022*

Mercatus Summer Research Fellow | *2020–2023*

Chancellors Scholarship Troy University | *2016–2020*

Research Experience

George Mason University, Department of Economics, Fairfax, VA

Research Assistant, Thomas Stratmann | *2024–Present*

Teaching Experience

George Mason University, Department of Economics

Instructor

- **Econ 311: Intermediate Macroeconomics**

Online: *Summer 2023, Summer 2024, Summer 2025*

In Person: *Spring 2024 (with Timothy Groseclose), Fall 2025*

Teaching Assistant

- **Econ 637: PhD Econometrics** – *Spring 2025*
- **Econ 100: Economics for the Citizen** – *Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2024*
- **Econ 309: Economics for Public Policy** – *Summer 2022*

Guest Lecture

- **Econ 637: PhD Econometrics** – *Introduction to Synthetic Control Design*
 - **Econ 637: PhD Econometrics** – *Maximum Likelihood Estimation*
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Published Work

Journals

- **Regulation and Income Mobility** (With Vincent Geloso) *The Economists' Voice*, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1515/ev-2025-0007>

Working Papers

- **Income Mobility, Automation, and Occupational Licensing** (With Vincent Geloso and Alicia Plemmons).
 - GMU Working Paper in Economics No. 24-26. [Revise & Resubmit at *Southern Economic Journal*].

- Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4878718>.
- Coverage: [Regulatory Burden Falls Hardest on the Poor | The Daily Economy](#)
- **Broadband Access and Economic Outcomes: Evidence from a Tribal Rollout**
(*With Thomas Stratmann*) [Draft Available upon Request].

Working In Progress

- **Using Straight-Ticket Ballots to Measure Strict Partisans in the Electorate** (*With Timothy Groseclose*)
- **Foreign Aid, Electoral competitiveness, and Incumbent Advantage: Evidence from Local Elections in Nepal**

Conference Presentations & Workshops

- *Income Mobility, Automation and Occupational Licensing, Appalachian State University and The Stephenson Institute: Flourishing and the Future Workshop, Presenter, August 2025*
- *Broadband Access and Economic Outcomes: Evidence from a Tribal Rollout, Southern Economic Association (SEA) Meetings, Presenter, Nov 2025*
- *Foreign Aid as Non-compensated Transfers, Southern Economic Association (SEA) Meetings, Presenter, Nov 2023*
- *Rent Seeking in Development Aid, Southern Economic Association (SEA) Meetings, Presenter, Nov 2021*

Occasional Reviewer

- *European Journal of Political Economy*
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References

Vincent Geloso – Assistant Professor of Economics, George Mason University

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Timothy Groseclose – Professor of Economics, George Mason University

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Thomas Stratmann – Distinguished University Professor of Economics, George Mason University

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