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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **College of the Holy Cross**
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics 2026 -

EDUCATION

- **Colorado State University**
Ph.D. in Economics 2026
M.A. in Economics 2022
- **University of Tulsa**
B.A. in Environmental Policy, *magna cum laude* 2020
B.S. in Mathematics, *magna cum laude* 2020

FIELDS

- **Research**
Social/Cultural Economics, Evolutionary Game Theory, Political Economy, Environmental Economics
- **Teaching**
Microeconomics, Political Economy, Environmental Economics, Game Theory, Behavioral Economics

PUBLICATIONS AND ACCEPTED

“Social Context and the Evolution of Empathy.” *Evolution and Human Behavior*. Vol. 47 (3), May 2026
[\[PDF\]](#) [\[Link\]](#)

Abstract: *How does social context influence the evolution and behavioral expression of empathy? Experimental evidence consistently shows that empathy increases with social closeness. Using evolutionary game theory, I examine how empathy evolves in various social-economic ecologies. I situate the evolutionary game on a network with distinct social and economic layers and define empathy as cooperating conditional on social proximity. The results reveal that when interactions occur among both familiars and strangers, discriminatory empathy outperforms unconditional cooperation, but when interactions occur only among strangers, empathy produces no cooperation. These findings highlight the behavioral consequences of modern human ecologies characterized by anonymity and provide insights for designing institutions and structuring human ecologies that better foster cooperation.*

WORKING PAPERS

“The Social and Cultural Effects of Markets and Capitalism: Evidence from Folklore and Ethnography.”

[\[PDF\]](#)

Abstract: How do markets and capitalism influence prosociality, morality, ecocentrism, and stratification? I employ global folklore text and ethnographic text as data to analyze the social and cultural effects of markets and capitalism. I construct indices for social, cultural, and economic characteristics based on the textual prevalence of relevant words and themes and apply regression analysis to these indices. The results suggest that markets and capitalism are associated with decreased ecocentrism and increased stratification and that, in folklore, markets are associated with increased moral content. Additionally, while markets are weakly associated with increased prosociality, capitalism is associated with decreased prosociality. I also estimate the markets coefficients using distance from historic trade route as an instrument, supporting a causal interpretation.

“Markets and Prosociality: A Theoretical Synthesis and Meta-Analysis.” [\[PDF\]](#)

Abstract: In this paper, I seek to clarify the ambiguities and resolve the apparent contradictions on the relationship between markets and prosociality by assembling a theoretical framework and conducting a meta-analysis of the experimental evidence. Using a theoretical synthesis of evolutionary theory, game theory, and political economy, I argue that markets represent social, psychological, and economic situations that influence both the evolution and the behavioral expression of social preferences. I compile the findings of 242 experiments and employ a meta-regression approach to analyze the within-study effects of anonymity, ephemerality, market framing, and country-level market exposure on prosociality. The meta-data reveal a negative effect of market-related contexts on prosociality but no effect of market exposure.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “A Unifying Framework for the Evolution of Cooperation”
- “Social Media Restriction and Well-Being: A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials” with Joel McGuire and Samuel Dupret
- “Incorporating Power into Evolutionary Game Theory” with Paul Nasca
- “The Evolution of Racism and Racial Identity” with Paul Nasca and Elissa Braunstein
- “Indigeneity and Sustainable Ecological Relationships: An Evolutionary Theory”
- “Identity, Stigma, and Power in Social Movements” with Corrina Fuller, Shravika Mittal, and Enock Appia Tieku

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

• Instructor of Record

Principles of Economics, College of the Holy Cross	Fall 2026
Environmental Economics, College of the Holy Cross	Fall 2026
Principles of Microeconomics, Colorado State University	Fall 2023 – Spring 2026

• Graduate Teaching Assistant

Principles of Microeconomics, Colorado State University	Fall 2021 – Spring 2023
Principles of Macroeconomics, Colorado State University	Fall 2020, Spring 2021

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, Colorado State University	2023
L.S. & Chuen-Mei Fan Graduate Scholarship, Colorado State University	2022
Outstanding Environmental Policy Award, University of Tulsa	2020
Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics, University of Tulsa	2020
Presidential Scholarship, University of Tulsa	2016 – 2024

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

ASE session at the ASSA 2027 Annual Meeting, Washington DC	January 2027 (upcoming)
World Social Science Association, Albuquerque	March 2026
University of Massachusetts Amherst	January 2026
ASE session at the ASSA 2026 Annual Meeting, Philadelphia	January 2026
Graduate Student Showcase, Colorado State University	November 2025
CSU-UW Fall Research Day, University of Wyoming	November 2025
Department of Economics Seminar, Colorado State University	October 2025
Western States Graduate Workshop in Economics, Colorado State University	October 2025
UW-CSU Economics Ph.D. Student Symposium, Colorado State University	April 2025
Graduate Student Showcase, Colorado State University	November 2024
Western States Graduate Workshop in Economics, University of Utah	September 2024
Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe Institute	June 2024
UW-CSU Economics Ph.D. Student Symposium, Colorado State University	March 2024
Graduate Student Showcase, Colorado State University	November 2023

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe Institute June – July 2024
- Summer School in Social Economics, Association for Social Economics June 2024
- Global Scholar, University of Tulsa 2017 – 2020
- Studied Himalayan forests and rural livelihoods, School for Field Studies, Bhutan June – August 2018
- Studied globalization and the Environment, TU Global Scholars, Panama December 2018
- President of Students for Sustainability, University of Tulsa 2017 – 2020
- Assistant summer camp instructor, Tulsa Zoo 2017, 2019
- Volunteer summer camp counselor, Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice 2017, 2019

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

- Proficiency in R

REFERENCES

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