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## Education

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- 2019-  
2026 (expected) **Ph.D. in Economics, Cornell University**  
Committee: Michael F. Lovenheim (chair), Stephen Coate (co-chair) and Ivan Rudik
- 2016-2018 **M.A. in Economics, Paris School of Economics**  
APE (Analysis and Economic Policy), Thesis supervisor: Laurent Gobillon
- 2014-2017 **Engineering Degree in Economics and Statistics (M.Sc.), ENSAE, Paris**
- 2012-2014 **Lycée Janson de Sailly, Paris**  
Classe préparatoire B/L, Social Sciences, Mathematics and Humanities

## Research Fields

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Public Finance, Urban Economics, Housing Economics

## Job Market Paper

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“The First Era of American Public Housing (1940-1960) – Effects on Neighborhoods”

This paper examines how early American public housing affected the income and demographic composition of targeted neighborhoods. At its outset in the mid-1930s and until 1960, public housing combined two missions: provide “decent” housing to working-poor families, and help cities curb urban decay through slum clearance. Using a shift-share-style instrument framework that exploits exogenous aggregate fluctuations in federally funded public housing units across regions and time, I find that in neighborhoods most likely to be targeted by the policy, public housing increased the shares of families in the lower half of the income distribution, with deciles 3 to 5 increasing by 5 to 6 percentage points each. The average family income below the city median increased by about 20 percent in typical recipient neighborhoods. Together, these effects indicate that public housing reduced the concentration of families in the lowest decile by drawing in families with slightly higher incomes. Put differently, targeted neighborhoods became “mixed-income” areas, which differs considerably from the high levels of poverty concentration that were downstream of changes in public housing policy beginning in the 1960s. These results underscore the way housing policy shapes neighborhood residential composition and income segregation.

## Work in Progress

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“Homeownership Dynamics and the Lock-In Effect – Evidence from the Federal Reserve’s Monetary Policy Tightening,” with Amine Ouazad, Romain Rancière and Qitong Wang

We examine how search frictions and increasing mortgage interest rates interact to shape housing market dynamics, particularly through the ‘lock-in’ effect of fixed-rate mortgages. We develop and numerically solve a dynamic search and matching model that accounts for three key features of housing markets: (1) the dual buyer-seller role of most market participants, (2) costly housing search, and (3) widespread use of 30-year fixed-rate mortgages in the US. Using transaction-level data from Los Angeles and San Francisco to discipline the model, we aim to shed light on how high interest rates affect housing prices and their dispersion.

“Human Capital Formation and Neighborhood Spillovers,” with Gautier Lenfant

We examine how early public housing affected the long-term labor market and wealth outcomes of individuals who lived near these developments as children. Building on findings from my job market paper showing that public housing created mixed-income neighborhoods in this period, we exploit variation in exposure to public housing construction to study neighborhood effects on childhood development. While existing literature documents benefits when children move from distressed to higher-income areas, our study examines a reversed policy experiment where relatively higher-income families moved into lower-income neighborhoods. We combine longitudinal PSID data with full-count 1940 Census records to track outcomes across individuals’ life cycles, using both exposure duration and regional variation in construction as sources of identification.

## Older Work

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“Aggregate Housing Price Trends in Chicago and local characteristics”

Masters Thesis, ENSAE 2017, supervised by Amine Ouazad

## Teaching experience

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### Cornell University

- Spring 2025 Teaching Assistant for Doug McKee, Applied Econometrics (U)
- Fall 2024 Teaching Assistant for Sharon Tennyson, Economics of Consumer Policy (U and M.A.)
- Fall 2021 Teaching Assistant for David Easley and Joe Halpern, Networks (U)
- Spring 2021 Teaching Assistant for Jennifer Wissink, Introductory Microeconomics (U)
- Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant for David Easley, Microeconomics (Ph.D. Core)

### Sciences Po Paris, Reims campus

- Spring 2018 Lecturer in Introductory Econometrics (sole instructor, U and M.A.)

## Research Experience

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- 2021-2023 Research Assistant for Maria Fitzpatrick, Cornell University
- Summer 2017 Research Assistant for Amine Ouazad, HEC Montreal
- Summer 2016 Research Assistant for Laura Mayoral, Institute for Economic Analysis (Barcelona)

## Presentations

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2025	AREUEA National Conference - Washington D.C.; Data-Intensive Research Conference - Minneapolis, MN
2024	APPAM Research Conference - National Harbor, MD; Labor Work In Progress Seminar – Cornell University; Public Economics Seminar - Cornell University
2023	Labor Work In Progress Seminar - Cornell University
2022	Work In Progress Seminar - Cornell University

## Grants and Fellowships

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2019-2024	Cornell Sage Fellowship
2024	Cornell Research Travel Grant (Graduate school and Economics Department)
2017	ENSAE thesis nominated for best paper
2016	Fonds Sarah Andrieux grant

## Service

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2015	Founding member of Agora ENSAE, social science association dedicated to encouraging dialogue among the social sciences through the organization of public lectures by experts
2014-2016	Elected student representative to the ENSAE advisory board

## Other

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Citizenship	American and French
Languages	English (native), French (native), German (upper-intermediate level: Goethe-Zertifikat B2), Spanish (intermediate), Russian (basic)
Programming	R, Julia, GNU Make, $\LaTeX$ , Markdown, Stata

## References

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