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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Uppsala University, expected June 2027

M.S. in Economics, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2022 (GPA: 3.83/4.0)

B.A. in Economics & Public and Nonprofit Administration, Rutgers University, 2020 (GPA: 3.98/4.0)

B.Mgmt. in Public and Nonprofit Administration, Northeast Normal University, 2020 (GPA: 89/100)

Research Visit , FAIR Centre, Department of Economics, Norwegian School of Economics, 2026

Research Interests

Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Health Economics

Working Papers

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1. "How Do Teaching Styles Affect Students' Outcomes?" **(Job Market Paper)**.
2. "Classrooms as Workplaces: Student Composition and Teacher Sick Leave" (with Krzysztof Karbownik, Helena Svaleryd, and Jonas Vlachos). *NBER Working Paper* No. 34841.
3. "Carrots, Sticks, or Both? The Causal Impact of Awards and Discipline on Socio-Emotional Skill Formation" (with Axel Norgren).

Selected Work in Progress

1. "The Skill-Based Marriage Gap: Gender Norms and Child Investment".

Selected Presentations and Seminars

Conferences and Workshops: Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) Conference, Peking University, 2026 (scheduled); International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) Annual Congress, Lisbon, 2026; 11th LEER Conference on Economics of Education, KU Leuven, 2026; Swedish Conference in Economics; 5th Stockholm–Uppsala Education Economics Workshop; Stockholm–Uppsala Doctoral Student Workshop.

Seminars: Norwegian School of Economics (NHH); Stockholm School of Economics (SSE); Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University; Uppsala Center for Labor Studies (UCLS).

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

Hedelius Scholarship (SEK 250,000), 2024.

Summa Cum Laude, Rutgers University, 2020.

Morris H. Beck Student Achievement Award, Rutgers University, 2020.

Dean's List, Rutgers University, 2018–2019.

First Prize Scholarship, Northeast Normal University, 2016–2018.

Excellent Student Award, Northeast Normal University, 2016–2018.

Scholarship for Outstanding Student Leaders, Northeast Normal University, 2017.

Provincial Excellent Volunteer Award, Jilin, China, 2017.

Research Experience

Research Project, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2020–2022.
"The Effect of School Reopening on Parental Labor Supply in the United States." Supervisor: Christopher Taber.
"Gender Discrepancy in Employment Loss during COVID-19." Supervisor: James Walker.

Undergraduate Research, Rutgers University, 2016–2020.
"Validity of Taylor's Rule in Modernized Economies." Supervisor: Jun Xiang.
"Comparative Analysis of Three Historical Economic Expansions." Supervisor: John Graham.
College Federal Reserve Challenge Competition. Supervisor: John Graham.

Teaching Experience

Mathematical Methods I and II (Ph.D. course), Uppsala University, 2023–2024.

Introduction to Microeconomics (undergraduate) Math part, Uppsala University, 2023–2025.

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Grader), University of Wisconsin–Madison, Fall 2021.

Workshop Physics I (Tutor and Learning Assistant), Rutgers University, Fall 2019.

Introduction to Finance (Teaching Assistant), Rutgers University Institute at Northeast Normal University, Summer 2019.

Industry Experience

Intern, China-US Chamber of Commerce, September–December 2019.

Intern, Nanhua Futures, Shanghai, China, July–August 2019.

Intern, Public Utility Board, Shanxi, China, August–September 2018.

Intern, CMST Development Co., Ltd., Beijing, China, December 2020–January 2021.

Professional Service and Affiliations

Affiliations: Department of Economics, Uppsala University; Uppsala Center for Labor Studies (UCLS); Women in Economics.

Skills and Languages

Programming: Python (advanced), Stata, R, LaTeX.

Languages: Mandarin Chinese (native), English (advanced), Swedish (B2), Japanese (A1).

References

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