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Education

Ph.D., Economics, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA	2025
<i>Fields: Theory of the Market Process, Economic Sociology & Political Economy. GPA: 3.71</i>	
M.A., Economics, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA	2024
B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i> , Economics, Grove City College, Grove City, PA	2022

Publications

“Tacit Knowledge in Large Language Models.” *Review of Austrian Economics* (2025).
Peng, Bo, Ruichong Zhang, Daniel Goldstein, Eric Alcaide, Haowen Hou, **Janna Lu**, William Merrill et al. "RWKV-7" Goose" with Expressive Dynamic State Evolution." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2503.14456* (2025). *COLM 2025* (top 1% of submissions).
Goldstein, Daniel, Eric Alcaide, **Janna Lu**, and Eugene Cheah. "RADLADS: Rapid Attention Distillation to Linear Attention Decoders at Scale." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2505.03005* (2025). *COLM 2025* (top 5% of submissions).
“Don’t Forget Institutions: A Review Essay of *Economics of Prosperity*.” *Review of Austrian Economics* (2024).

Working Papers

“Evaluating LLMs on Real-World Forecasting Against Human Superforecasters”
“Claude, Gemini, and ChatGPT Walk into an Auction”
“Spinning Tales of Doom: From Factory Looms to Artificial Intelligence”

Academic Conferences

Public Choice 61st Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX: March 2024. “Cradle of Firefighting.”
SEA 93rd Meeting, New Orleans, LA: November 2023. “Auctions, Bargaining, and Price Formation”
APEE 47th Meeting, Cancun, Mexico: April 2023. “Cradle of Organized Firefighting”
Austrian Student Scholars Conference, Grove City, PA: February 2023. “The Hidden Costs of Dairy Subsidies”
Markets and Society Conference, Vienna, VA: October 2022. “Cradle of Organized Firefighting”

Austrian Student Scholars Conference, Grove City, PA: February 2022. “Cradle of Organized Firefighting,” “Ownership of Fire Protection Services”

Awards & Fellowships

Grant Recipient, Emergent Ventures, 2024

#7 (out of 40+ contestants) in Metaculus Q4 AI Forecasting Benchmark Tournament, 2024

#9 (out of 50+ contestants) in Metaculus Q3 AI Forecasting Benchmark Tournament, 2024

2nd Place, Manifold Christmas Hackathon, 2024

Finalist and Special Category Winner, AI Agents Hackathon with Lablab and MindsDB, 2024

Participant, Harwood Advanced Colloquium on Classical Liberalism, American Institute of Economic Research, 2024

Participant, Harwood Graduate Colloquium on Public Choice, American Institute of Economic Research, 2024

Bradley Fellowship, Lynne and Harry Bradley Foundation, 2023-2024

Graduate Summer Fellow, American Institute of Economic Research, 2023

Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship, Mercatus Center, 2023

Participant, Harwood Graduate Colloquium, American Institute of Economic Research, 2023

Young Scholars Award, Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2023

Graduate Fellow, F. A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2022-2025

Ph.D. Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2022-2025

- Graduate Research Assistant for Rosolino Candela ('22-'23), Peter Boettke ('23-'24), Tyler Cowen ('24-'25)

Participant, Summer Honors Program, American Enterprise Association, 2022

Fellow, Don Lavoie Fellowship Program, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2021

Paper of the Year (Social Sciences, 2nd), Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK), Grove City College, 2020

Research Assistant, Grove City College, 2021-2022

- TA for Caleb Fuller, Jeffrey Bilbro, Adam Loretto, and David Ayers

Tutor, Grove City College, 2020-2022

Select Public Writings

[RADLADS: Dropping the cost of AI architecture experiments by 250x](#) (with Eugene Cheah), FeatherlessAI, 2025

[Robots Free Humans from Repetitive Tasks](#), American Institute for Economic Research (AIER), 2023

[Ownership of Churches](#) (with Chris Lingl), American Institute for Economic Research (AIER), 2023

[Why Tip Waiters, but not Nurses?](#), Marginalia, 2022