

Matthew Easton

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Education

Ph.D., Economics, Columbia University, 2019 – Present

M.Phil., Economics, Columbia University, 2022

M.A., Economics, Columbia University, 2021

B.S., Mathematics, Pennsylvania State University, 2016

Research Areas

Urban and Spatial Economics, Macroeconomics, Labor Economics

Working Papers

“Zipf’s Law in Spatial Equilibrium.” (With Patrick Farrell). 2023.

“Interest Spreads and Margins in Collateral Equilibrium with Heterogeneous Beliefs.”
(With Robert Barsky and Avery Bogus). *Chicago Fed Working Paper Series*, 2022-36,
2022.

Work in Progress

“Why Have Warmer Cities Grown?”

“A Survey of Unemployment in Metro Areas” (with Donald Davis and Tomasz Michalski)

“Dynamics of Segregation” (with Donald Davis and Stephan Thies)

Federal Reserve Publications

“The Global Saving Glut and the Fall in U.S. Real Interest Rates: A 15-Year Retrospective.”
(With Robert Barsky). *Chicago Fed Economic Perspectives*, 2021-1, 2021.

Research Experience

Research Assistant to Donald Davis, Columbia University, Summer 2022

Senior Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 2018 – 2019

Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 2016 – 2018

Visits

Visiting Scholar, Sciences Po, June and July 2023

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards

David C.F. Hsiung '34 M.A. and Vivian S.Y.W. Hsiung Fellowship in Economics
(supporting Columbia GSAS fellowship), 2022 – 2023
Wueller Teaching Award (Runner-Up prize), 2022
Columbia Dean's Fellowship, 2019 – Present
Leonard Euler Memorial Scholarship, 2016
Christopher R. Dyckman and Susan Scotto Scholarship, 2015
Schreyer Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2012 – 2016

Teaching Experience

Columbia University, Undergraduate

Finance and the Real Economy, teaching assistant for Matthieu Gomez, SP2023
Economic Development of Japan, teaching assistant for David Weinstein, FA2022
Economics of NYC, teaching assistant for Donald Davis, SP2022
Financial Crises, teaching assistant for José Scheinkman, FA2021
Financial Economics, teaching assistant for Tamrat Gashaw, SU2021
Financial Economics, teaching assistant for Martina Jasova, SP2021
Intermediate Macroeconomics, teaching assistant for Irasema Alonso, FA2020

Presentations

2023

Regional, Urban, Spatial, and Housing (RUSH) Graduate Student Brownbag

Clearances and Grants

Data Clearances

French CASD Access

Grants

Program for Economic Research Summer Research Assistant Grant, 2023
Alliance Doctoral Mobility Grant, 2023
Program for Economic Research Student Conference Support Program, 2022

Languages

English (native), French (beginner)