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Employment:

Brown University, Department of Economics and Watson Institute
Nancy Donohue and Diane Elam Assistant Professor, 2020–present
Stephen Robert Assistant Professor, 2019–2020
Assistant Professor, 2018–2019

Education:

Ph.D., Business Economics, Harvard University, 2018
A.B., Mathematics-Economics, Brown University, *magna cum laude*, 2013

Visiting Positions:

Princeton University, Industrial Relations Section, Department of Economics
Visiting Research Scholar, 2022–2023
briq – Institute on Behavior & Inequality
Senior Visiting Fellow, 2023
University of Chicago, Kenneth C. Griffin Department of Economics
Visiting Assistant Professor, Spring 2019

Professional Activities:

Associate Editor *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2021–2023
Junior Associate Editor *Journal of Mathematical Economics*, 2022–present

Research Papers:

“*When Are Estimates Independent of Measurement Units?*” with Linh T. Tô

“*Two-Stage Differences in Differences*,” with John Gardner, Linh T. Tô, and Luther Yap

“*Wage Differentials and the Price of Workplace Flexibility*,” with Marshall Drake and Linh T. Tô

“*An Anticipatory Utility Model of Consumption and Savings*,” with Georgios Angelis

“*Anticipation and Consumption*,” with Linh T. Tô

“*Anticipation and Temptation*,” with Linh T. Tô

“*Anticipatory Utility and Intertemporal Choice*”

“*Bayesian Adaptive Choice Experiments*,” with Marshall Drake, Fernando Payró, and Linh T. Tô

“*Behavioral Spillovers from Promoting Healthier Consumer Choices*,” with Mathias Wagner Barløse, Kfir Eliaz, and Sarit Weisburd

“*A Welfare Analysis of Public Housing Allocation Mechanisms*,” with Canishk Naik

Publications:

Thakral, Neil, and Linh T. Tô. 2021. “Daily Labor Supply and Adaptive Reference Points.” *American Economic Review*, 111 (8): 2417-43.

Other Publications:

Thakral, Neil. 2019. “Matching with Stochastic Arrival.” *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 109: 209-12.

Thakral, Neil. Forthcoming. “The Design of Public-Housing Policies” in *More Equal by Design: Economic Design Responses to Inequality*, eds. Scott Duke Kominers and Alexander Teytelboym, Oxford University Press.

Presentations:

- 2023 *Invited lectures:* briq – Institute on Behavior & Inequality. *Seminars:* Warwick Business School; Princeton University. *Conferences:* Interactions: Bringing Together Econometrics and Applied Microeconomics; East Coast Behavioral and Experimental Workshop.
- 2022 *Seminars:* University of Minnesota, Applied Economics; Stanford University; Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University; Federal Reserve Bank of New York; University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School; University of Zürich; University of Utah, Eccles School of Business; Yale Behavioral Sciences Workshop. *Conferences:* Asian and Australian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE) Conference; Society for Judgment and Decision Making (SJDM) Annual Meeting; Policy Impacts Conference; North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society.
- 2021 *Seminars:* Aix-Marseille School of Economics; Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Tel Aviv University; Berkeley-Chicago Behavioral Economics Workshop; Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University; California Institute of Technology; Universidad de los Andes. *Conferences:* Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF); International Association for Research in Economic Psychology (IAREP) Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics (SABE) Conference; Early-Career Behavioral Economics (ECBE) Conference; Royal Economic Society (RES) Annual Conference; NBER Public Economics; CESifo Area Conference on Public Economics; Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev).
- 2020 *Seminars:* Brown University; University of Chicago. *Conferences:* Econometric Society Winter Meeting; Delhi Winter School, Centre for Development Economics; Society for Judgment and Decision Making (SJDM) Annual Meeting; National Tax Association (NTA) Annual Conference; North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC); BREAD / CEPR / STICERD / TCD Conference on Development Economics; Taubman Center for American Politics and Policy, Brown University; CEPR Conference on New Consumption Data.
- 2019 *Seminars:* Cornell University; University of California, Berkeley. *Conferences:* Institute on Behavior & Inequality (briq) Conference on Structural Behavioral Economics; American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting.
- 2018 *Seminars:* Brown University; University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School; Cornell University; London School of Economics; University of Chicago, Booth School of Business. *Conferences:* Mechanism Design for Social Good; Behavioral Economics Annual Meeting (BEAM).
- 2017 *Seminars:* University of California at San Diego, Rady School of Management; Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Tel Aviv University, Coller School of Management. *Conferences:* Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE): Psychology and Economics.
- 2016 *Conferences:* HCEO Conference on Market Design Perspectives on Inequality; Matching in Practice, Paris School of Economics.
- 2015 *Conferences:* INFORMS Annual Meeting; World Congress of the Econometric Society; Auctions, Market Mechanisms and Their Applications (AMMA); ACM Conference on

Economics and Computation.

Reviewing:

Journals	<i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Econometrica, Economic Journal, Economics of Transition, Games and Economic Behavior, Italian Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Management Science, Mathematical Social Sciences, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Theoretical Economics</i>
Grants	<i>National Science Foundation</i>
Conferences	<i>Academy of Management, Society for Judgment and Decision Making</i>

Service:

Program committee	<i>AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society, 2023; ACM conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization, 2021–2023; Mechanism Design for Social Good, 2020</i>
Discussions	<i>NBER Behavioral Finance, 2022; AEA session on Behavioral Intertemporal Consumption, 2022; NBER Decentralization Conference: Mechanism Design for Vulnerable Populations, 2021</i>

Teaching:

Courses	<i>MPA 2040: Statistics for Program Evaluation ECON 1629: Applied Research Methods for Economists ECON 1825: Behavioral Economics and Public Policy</i>
Ph.D. advising	<i>2023: N. Babarcich, C. Cheng; 2022: C. Lopez, M. Milgrom, Z. Murra-Anton, D. Gentile Passaro, M. Petterson, V. Zurla; 2021: F. Brugués, J. Tanndal, D. Verdugo; 2020: G. Angelis, S. Hut, H. Ng, S. Wadhwa; 2019: M. Pellerin</i>

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships:

2023–2024	<i>Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant on Social, Political, and Economic Inequality (\$74,800; with Lisa Abraham and Linh Tô)</i>
2022–2025	<i>William T. Grant Foundation Research Grant on Reducing Inequality (\$417,950; with Lisa Abraham and Linh Tô)</i>
2022–2025	<i>National Science Foundation Grant SES-2149371 (total award \$488,253; with Linh Tô)</i>
2021–2022	<i>Policy Impacts Early-Career Scholars Grant</i>
2020–2021	<i>Bravo Center Research Grant</i>
2019	<i>AER Excellence in Refereeing Award</i>
2017	<i>Roger Martin Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research</i>
2016	<i>Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Fellowship</i>
2014 and 2015	<i>Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Bok Center, Harvard University</i>
2013	<i>Samuel C. Lamport Prize, Brown University</i>
2012	<i>H. P. Manning Prize, Brown University</i>
2009–2011	<i>Academic Competitiveness Grant</i>
2009–2011	<i>Federal Pell Grant</i>

