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EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Economics	2016 – 2022 (expected)
	Columbia University, New York, NY	

	Sc.B. in Applied Math-Economics, <i>magna cum laude</i>	2011 – 2015
	Brown University, Providence, RI	

RESEARCH	Applied Microeconomics, Industrial Organization (primary)
INTERESTS	Urban Economics, Health and Education (secondary)

WORKING PAPERS	Residential Segregation and the Demand for Schooling (<i>Job Market Paper</i>) This paper studies how schools affect where families choose to live. Using administrative data from New Zealand, I estimate a dynamic model of residential choice and benchmark the results against the standard reduced form approach. In a simplified counterfactual, I show that schools reduce segregation in part because families experience a disutility of changing schools when moving houses.
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	What Drives the Efficiency in Ridesharing Markets? (<i>with Vinayak Iyer</i>) This paper studies a ridesharing company in Austin, Texas to understand how centralized dispatching and dynamic (surge) pricing improve upon traditional taxicabs. We show how existing inefficiencies in a decentralized transportation market are solved by these two features and evaluate alternate pricing and matching rules that can improve outcomes.
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	Cutoff from Support: The Effects of Losing Cash Welfare (<i>with Lucas Husted</i>) We evaluate a policy reform in Michigan, which unexpectedly removed over 16,000 families from TANF. Families affected increase their employment, but become poorer as they are unable to offset the loss of welfare benefits.
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WORK IN PROGRESS	Lunches for Loyalty: The Effect of Direct-to-Physician Advertising in New Drug Markets	
	The Efficiency Effects of Drug Acquisitions from Access to Sales Representatives (<i>with Kritika Goel</i>)	
ACADEMIC AWARDS	Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia University	2021
	NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant [\$24,300]	2020
	Lewis A. Sanders Endowed Fellowship in Economics	2020
	Dean's Fellowship, Columbia University	2016–2020
	Program for Economic Research Research Grant [\$5,000]	2019
	Wueller Pre-Dissertation Award, Runner-Up	2019
	Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University	2015
	Omicron Delta Epsilon, Brown University	2015
	Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award	2015
TEACHING AWARDS	Wueller Teaching Award (Best Teaching Assistant)	
	Undergraduate Core Courses (runner-up)	2021
	Undergraduate Core Courses	2019
	Undergraduate Core Courses	2018
	Ph.D. Courses	2018
	Finalist, Presidential Teaching Award (10 of 500 nominations)	2021
	Best Ph.D. T.A., Association of Graduate Students in Economics	2019
CONFERENCES	National Tax Association Annual Conference*	2021
	Delhi School of Economics Winter School*	2020
	(Nominated for Best Paper Prize)	
	Urban Economics Association Virtual Meeting*	2020
	NBER Health Economics Boot Camp	2018
	(* indicates presented by co-author)	
WORK EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant, Brown University	2015–2016
	R.A. for Professor Emily Oster and the Rhode Island Innovative Policy Lab (RIIPL)	
	Intern, New Zealand Superannuation Fund	2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Columbia University	
	Labor Economics (instructor)	Summer 2019
	Intermediate Microeconomics	Fall 2020, Spring 2020
		Fall 2018, Spring 2018
	Advanced Microeconomics	Spring 2019
	Ph.D. Microeconomics	Fall 2017
	Brown University	
	Public Economics	Spring 2015
	Environmental Economics	Fall 2014
	Intermediate Microeconomics	Fall 2014
COMPUTER SKILLS	Python, R, SQL, Julia, Stata, L ^A T _E X, QGIS, MATLAB, Excel Github: github.com/motazAC	
PERSONAL INFORMATION	<i>Citizenship:</i> New Zealand <i>U.S. work authorization:</i> Eligible for 3-year OPT <i>Languages:</i> English (native), Arabic (conversational)	
REFERENCES	Miguel Urquiola (msu2101@columbia.edu) Chair and Professor of Economics and International and Public Affairs, Columbia University Bernard Salanié (bs2237@columbia.edu) Professor of Economics, Columbia University Cailin Slattery (crs2200@columbia.edu) Assistant Professor, Columbia Business School	