TYLER JACOBSON

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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Booth School of Business *June 2027 (Expected)*
Ph.D. in Economics
Fields: Industrial Organization and Urban Economics

University of California, Berkeley *August 2019*
B.S. in Environmental Economics & Policy (Honors)
B.A. in Applied Math

WORK IN PROGRESS

Streamlining the Approval of New Housing: Evidence from California
I study the effect of reducing uncertainty in the approval process for new housing. Developers may not propose projects that appear lucrative on paper when risk of rejection or delays significantly eat into expected returns. Using data on affordable housing production in California, I find a Los Angeles streamlining program that guaranteed timely approval sharply increased development proposals. In contrast, response to a statewide policy that relaxed zoning limits but left local approval procedures in place was much weaker. These results suggest that streamlining reform is an effective tool for increasing housing supply, especially when the local permitting authority is on board.

PROJECTS AS RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Growing Class Gaps and Shrinking Black-White Race Gaps in Life Expectancy
with Raj Chetty, Janet Currie, John N. Friedman, Ines Guix Sauquet, Nathaniel Hendren, Hannes Schwandt, Michael Stepner, Dhruv Gaur, Emma Lee, Ana Sanchez-Chico, Thomas Foster, and Sonya Porter

The Economic Impacts of COVID-19: Evidence from a New Public Database Built Using Private Sector Data
Raj Chetty, John Friedman, Michael Stepner, The Opportunity Insights Team

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant *September 2022-September 2023*
Prof. Milena Almagro, Booth School of Business

Predoctoral Fellow *July 2019-July 2021*
Opportunity Insights, Harvard University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor *Summer 2023, 2024*
PhD Math Camp, Booth School of Business

Teaching Assistant *Spring 2025*
MBA Market Design, Eric Budish, Booth School of Business

Teaching Assistant *Fall 2024, 2025*
MBA The Economics of Companies, Chad Syverson, Booth School of Business

Teaching Assistant *Fall 2023*
Ph.D. Price Theory, Kevin Murphy, University of Chicago

Teaching Assistant *Summer 2023, Winter 2024*
MBA Competitive Strategy, Milena Almagro, Booth School of Business

PRESENTATIONS

2025

University of Chicago: Student Applied Micro Lunch, Student Research in Economics Seminar, Workshop in Industrial Organization, Spatial/Trade Workshop

2024

University of Chicago: Student Applied Micro Lunch, Student Research in Economics Seminar, Workshop in Industrial Organization

2023

University of Chicago: Student Applied Micro Lunch, Student Research in Economics Seminar

AWARDS

Melis Medal *2019*

College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley

- Best Honors Thesis in Social Sciences