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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	<i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i> , 2021–present
Junior Associate Editor	<i>Journal of Mathematical Economics</i> , 2022–present
Program committee	ACM conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization, 2021–2022; Mechanism Design for Social Good, 2020

Research Papers:

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

“*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

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

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.
- 2022 *Seminars:* University of Minnesota, Applied Economics; Stanford University; 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, University of Nottingham; Delhi Winter School, Centre for Development Economics, Delhi School of Economics; Society for Judgment and Decision Making (SJDM) Annual Meeting; National Tax Association (NTA) Annual Conference; North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Dartmouth College; BREAD / CEPR / STICERD / TCD Conference on Development Economics; Taubman Center for American Politics and Policy, Brown University; CEPR Conference on New Consumption Data, University of Copenhagen.
- 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, Cornell University; Behavioral Economics Annual Meeting (BEAM), Yale School of Management.
- 2017 *Seminars:* University of California at San Diego, Rady School of Management; Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Tel Aviv University, Collier School of Management. *Conferences:* Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE): Psychology and Economics.
- 2016 *Conferences:* HCEO Conference on Market Design Perspectives on Inequality, University of Chicago; 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), University of Chicago; ACM Conference on Economics and Computation.

Service:

Referee	<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, National Science Foundation, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Theoretical Economics</i>
Discussions	NBER Behavioral Finance, 2022 AEA session on Behavioral Intertemporal Consumption, 2022 NBER Decentralization Conference: Mechanism Design for Vulnerable Populations, 2021
PhD advising	2022: Lopez, Milgrom, Murra-Anton, Gentile Passaro, Petterson, Zurla; 2021: Brugués, Tanndal, Verdugo; 2020: Angelis, Hut, Ng, Wadhwa; 2019: Pellerin

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships:

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

Teaching:

MPA 2040: Statistics for Program Evaluation
ECON 1629: Applied Research Methods for Economists
ECON 1825: Behavioral Economics and Public Policy