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Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D. in Business and Economics

2025 - 2031 (expected)

– National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

2022 - 2023

Visiting Student

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2020 - 2022

Bachelor of Science in Consumer Economics, with Distinction

Research

Publications

1. **Aguilar, Octavio M.** “Can online learning alter labor force attachment? Evidence from U.S. labor markets.” *Applied Economics* (2025): 1–15.
Presented at: Ninth Annual Conference on Network Science and Economics; 2024 Society of Labor Economists; 2024 American Causal Inference Conference; 2024 American Council on Consumer Interests Conference; Southern Economic Association 94th Annual Meeting

Working Papers

1. **Aguilar, Octavio M.**, and Cristina Fuentes-Albero. “Energy Consumption and Inequality in the U.S.: Who are the Energy Burdened?” *Finance and Economics Discussion Series* 2025-026. Washington: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
Presented at: National Academies’ Workshop on Macroeconomic Implications of Decarbonization Policies and Actions; Workshop of the G7 CCMWG Modeling Experts, Southern Economic Association 94th Annual Meeting; 2025 Midwest Macroeconomics Meeting; World Bank Eleventh Conference of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality; CESifo Conference on Energy and Climate Economics; 2026 International Association for Applied Econometrics; EEA-ESEM
2. **Aguilar, Octavio M.** “Work From Home, Disability Employment and Productivity.”
– *Best Student Paper Award*, 2026 Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) Conference
– *Runner-Up*, Kathy Terrell Prize for Best PhD Student Paper, University of Michigan
Presented at: Federal Reserve System RA Conference; 2025 Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research Remote Work Conference; 2026 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting; 2027 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting
3. **Aguilar, Octavio M.** “Remote Work and Political Diversity.”
Presented at: 2026 Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research Remote Work Conference (scheduled)

Research Experience

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Graduate Research Assistant for [Francesca Truffa](#)

Winter 2026 –

Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Washington, DC 2022 – 2025
Senior Research Assistant, Macroeconomic and Quantitative Studies, Division of Research & Statistics
 • Research Assistant for [Camilo Morales-Jimenez](#), [Cristina Fuentes-Albero](#), [Erick Sager](#), [Joonkyu Choi](#), and [William B. Peterman](#)

Fellowships and Awards

Runner Up, Kathy Terrell Prize for Best PhD Student Paper, University of Michigan	2026
Best Student Paper Award, Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA) Conference	2026
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP)	2026
Honorable Mention, NSF GRFP	2025
UM Rackham Merit Fellowship	2025 - 2030
UM Ross PhD Fellowship	2025 - 2030

Conference Presentations (including scheduled)

**selected co-author presentations*

Oral Presentations

2027: AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting

2026: AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting; CESifo Conference on Energy and Climate Economics*; Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) Remote Work Conference

2025: Federal Reserve System RA Conference; Midwest Macroeconomics Meeting; World Bank Eleventh Conference of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality; Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) Remote Work Conference

2024: Society of Labor Economists (SOLE); Southern Economic Association 94th Annual Meeting (x2)

Poster Presentations

2024: Ninth Annual Conference on Network Science and Economics; American Causal Inference Conference (x2); National Academies' Workshop on Macroeconomic Implications of Decarbonization Policies and Actions

Refereeing

Applied Economics

Other

Programming: Stata, $\text{\LaTeX}$

Citizenship: USA

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