

# Ryan McWay

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Primary Fields      Development Economics | Environmental Economics  
Secondary Fields    Urban Economics | Behavioral Economics

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Applied Economics – University of Minnesota	Present
M.S. in International and Development Economics – University of San Francisco	2020
B.S. in Economics – Saint Louis University	2018
B.S. in International Business – Saint Louis University	2018
<b>Visiting Student</b>	
Saint Louis University – Madrid	2017 – 2018
Bond University	2016
Spring Hill College – Bologna	2016

## PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of Minnesota</b> <i>Research Assistant   Department of Applied Economics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervised by Dr. Chengyan Yue — Neuroeconomics</li></ul>	Aug. 2023 – Dec. 2023 <i>Saint Paul, MN</i>
<b>University of Michigan</b> <i>Research Area Specialist Associate   Population Studies Center</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervised by Dr. Dean Yang and Dr. Tanya Rosenblat — Development &amp; Behavior Economics</li></ul>	Jun. 2020 – Aug. 2022 <i>Ann Arbor, MI</i>
<b>University of San Francisco</b> <i>Research Assistant   Economics Department</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervised by Dr. Jesse Anttila-Hughes — Environmental Economics</li></ul>	Feb. 2019 – Aug. 2020 <i>San Francisco, CA</i>
<b>BRAC Uganda</b> <i>Research Intern   Independent Evaluation and Research Center</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervised by Dr. Munshi Sulaiman and Dr. Danish Us Salam — Development Economics</li></ul>	May 2019 – Aug. 2019 <i>Kampala, Uganda</i>
<b>University of San Francisco</b> <i>Business Intelligence Analyst Intern   Office of Research and Analytics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervised by Calypso Fugit — Demography</li></ul>	Jul. 2018 – Jan. 2019 <i>San Francisco, CA</i>
<b>Saint Louis University – Madrid</b> <i>Research Assistant   Business and Economics Department</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervised by Dr. Paolo Saono and Dr. Laura Muro — Business &amp; Gender Economics</li></ul>	Jan. 2018 – May 2018 <i>Madrid, Spain</i>
<b>Saint Louis University</b> <i>Research Assistant   Economics Department</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervised by Dr. Hailong Qian — Urban Economics</li></ul>	Jan. 2017 – May 2017 <i>Saint Louis, MO</i>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor

————— Applied Economics Math Review Doctoral University of Minnesota 2023

### Teaching Assistant

APEC 5032	Economic Data Analysis	Masters	University of Minnesota	2024
APEC 3003	Intro. to Applied Econometrics	Bachelors	University of Minnesota	2023
ECON 620	Graduate Econometrics	Masters	University of San Francisco	2020
ECON 427	Applied Econometrics Capstone	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2020
ECON 312	Intermediate Macroeconomics	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2020
ECON 111	Principles of Microeconomics	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2020
ECON 615	Mathematics for Economists	Masters	University of San Francisco	2019
ECON 112	Principles of Macroeconomics	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2019

### Guest Lectures

APEC 3003	Intro. to Applied Econometrics	Bachelors	University of Minnesota	2023
ECON 312	Intermediate Macroeconomics	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2020
ECON 615	Mathematics for Economists	Masters	University of San Francisco	2019

### Tutor

MATH 106	Business Statistics	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2020, 2019
MATH 104	Algebra & Trigonometry	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2020, 2019
ECON 372	Development Economics	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2020, 2019
ECON 312	Intermediate Macroeconomics	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2020, 2019
ECON 112	Principles of Macroeconomics	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2020, 2019
BSM 302	Marketing Principles	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2020, 2019
SOC 150	Introduction to Sociology	Bachelors	University of San Francisco	2020, 2019

## PUBLICATIONS

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3. *Market Access and Quality Upgrading: Evidence from Four Field Experiments. A Replication Study of Bold et al. (American Economic Review, 2022)*, joint with Karim Nchare and Pu Sun. Forthcoming at **Journal of Comments and Replications in Economics**.
2. *Does Board Gender Diversity and Remuneration Impact Earnings Quality? An Empirical Analysis of Spanish Firms*, joint with Paolo Saono, Laura Muro, and Pablo San Martin. **Gender in Management: An International Journal**. 2024. 39 (1), 18 – 51.
1. *Cruising Through School: General Equilibrium Effects of Cruise Ship Arrivals on Employment and Education*. **The American Economist**. 2022, 67 (1), 5 – 23.

## WORKING PAPERS

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1. *The Impact of Early Childhood Development Interventions on Children's Health in Developing Countries: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials*, joint with Pallavi Prabhakar and Ayo Ellis (Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Development Effectiveness)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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5. *Locust Swarms and Economic Damages*
4. *The Economic Value of Protected Areas in Conservation*, joint with Matthew Braaskma
3. *American Tornadoes: Tornado Shocks on U.S. Metropolises*, joint with Jesse Anttila-Hughes
2. *Sex and Sexual Orientation in Economics Preferences*, joint with Alessandra Cassar
1. *Emotional Cues: Evidence from Unexpected Gains and Losses*, joint with Qingxiao Li

## PERMANENT WORKING PAPERS

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2. *Stata Tip: Consistency and Communication in Team Dofiles*, joint with James Allen IV and Hang Yu. **SSRN Working Paper Series**. 2021, (3965114).

1. *Contrasting Incentives for Earnings Management: Board Activity and Board Remuneration in Spanish Firms*, joint with Paolo Saono, Laura Muro, and Mauricio Jara-Bertin. **ResearchGate Working Paper Series**. 2019 (2.2.11103.00163).

## POLICY BRIEFS & REPORTS

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3. *An Evaluation of the PEPFAR-Funded Forca A Comunidade E Crianças (FCC) Program in Mozambique*, joint with Dean Yang, James Allen IV, Arlete Mahumane, James Riddell IV, and Hang Yu. **USAID Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Markets, Risk, & Resilience**. 2022.
2. *Combining Financial Incentives and Teaching to Improve COVID-19 Knowledge: A Policy Brief*, joint with James Allen IV, Patricia Freitag, Faustino Lessitala, Arlete Mahumane, Laston Manja, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Kwasi Tabiri, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu. **University of Michigan**. 2022.
1. *Correcting Misperceptions about Support for Social Distancing to Combat COVID-19: A Policy Brief*, joint with James Allen IV, Patricia Freitag, Faustino Lessitala, Arlete Mahumane, Laston Manja, James Riddell IV, Tanya Rosenblat, Kwasi Tabiri, Dean Yang, and Hang Yu. **University of Michigan**. 2022.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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CFANS Research Symposium, University of Minnesota	2024, 2023
Undergraduate Research Conference – SLU Madrid	2024
Applied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Annual Meeting	2024, 2021
Upper Mississippi River Basin Ecosystem Services Project (UMRBESP) Workshop	2023
Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE)	2023 <sup>o</sup>
Annual Michigan University-Wide Sustainability & Environment (MUSE) Conference	2022, 2021
Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD)	2021
Annual Creative Art and Research Day (CARD) Conference	2020
o <i>Presented by Co-author</i>	

## SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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Applied Economics Student Seminar Series, University of Minnesota	2023
Community Development Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland	2022
<b>Seminar Organizer</b>	
Applied Economics Student Seminar Series, University of Minnesota	2023 – 2025

## FUNDING

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### Internal Grants

2024 \$200	UMN COGS Community Connections Grant <i>Applied Economics (APEC) Masters Thesis Symposium</i>
2023 \$500	UMN CFANS GSB Community Events & Projects Grant <i>Applied Economics (APEC) Student Seminar Series &amp; Skills Workshop Series</i>

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Administrative:	G Suite   Git   LaTeX   Microsoft Office Suite   Prezi
Financial:	Bloomberg Marketing Concepts (BMC)   Thompson Reuters' Eikon
Languages:	Italian (Conversant)   Latin (Proficient)   Portuguese (Beginner)   Spanish (Beginner)
Statistical:	ArcGIS   Earth Engine   MatLab   Python   R   Stata   SQL   Tableau
Survey Design:	ODK   SurveyCTO   Qualtrics
Survey Implementation:	In-Person Household Visits   Phone Call Surveys   Digital Survey Forms

## RECOGNITIONS

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### Research Awards

2022	10th Michael Szenberg Prize for the Best Article Published in The American Economist
2021	Irving Fisher Graduate Research Paper Prize – Omicron Delta Epsilon
2020	Jacques Artus Award, Outstanding Thesis – University of San Francisco

### Fellowships & Scholarships

2024	Graduate Fellowship – Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy, University of Minnesota
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2022 Graduate Fellowship – Applied Economics, University of Minnesota  
 2019 Merit Based Scholarship – University of San Francisco  
 2016 Boeing Bold Scholarship – Saint Louis University  
 Sax International Business Scholarship – Saint Louis University  
 2014 Merit Based Scholarship – Saint Louis University

**Miscellaneous**

2018 Motley Fool College Competition Winner  
 2009 Eagle Scout

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND AFFILIATIONS**

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**Reviewer Services**

Journals	Environment and Social Psychology (2)	
	Gender in Management: An International Journal (1)	
	Journal of Infrastructure, Policy and Development (1)	
Conferences	ATINER Annual International Conference on Tourism	2024
	Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference	2023
Grants	Council of Graduate Students (COGS), University of Minnesota	2023

**Affiliations**

2024	Paul Glewwe Development Lab
	Population, Health, and Development (PHD) Lab
2023	American Economic Association (AEA)
	Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA)
	Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)
2022	The Johnson-Polasky Lab
	The Natural Capital Project: The Earth Economy Modelers (NatCap TEEMs)
2019	Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE)

**Committee Membership**

External	Digital Marketing Advisory Council – University of South Florida, College of Business	2022
	Alumni Committee – University of San Francisco, Economics Department	2022, 2021, 2020
Internal	DEI Committee – University of Minnesota, ISRDI	2024, 2023
	Pre-Doc Hiring Committee – University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research	2021
	Service Leadership Advisory Board – Saint Louis University	2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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2023	PhD Course on Environmental Economics – BREAD – IGC
	PhD Course on Firms and Development – BREAD – IGC
2021	World Bank Group’s Manage Successful Impact Evaluation Surveys Course – World Bank
	Accessing and Analyzing Census Data Using R – SSDAN Network
2018	Minor in Italian Studies – Saint Louis University
	Minor in Service Leadership – Saint Louis University
2016	Bloomberg Marketing Concepts – Bloomberg LP

**MENTORING**

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**Research Assistance**

Ivan Manhique	Research Assistant	—————→	University of Essex
Kwasi Tabiri	Research Assistant	—————→	McGill University
Erik Tiersten-Nyman	Research Assistant	—————→	Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Laston Manja	Research Assistant	—————→	University of Michigan
Arika Kayastha	Research Assistant	—————→	International Monetary Fund
Dedrick McCord	Research Intern	—————→	Atlanta Public School System
Sidi Cheng	Research Intern	—————→	Virginia Commonwealth University
Chenhao Yu	Research Assistant	—————→	University of Chicago