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My undergraduate degree in Economics definitely helped solidify my career. I am now an Assistant Professor of Economics at Tulane University in New Orleans. I research discrimination against minorities using field experiments. I also research how employment discrimination laws affect economic outcomes for older workers and individuals with disabilities. My work has been published in the Journal of Political Economy and the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, amongst others, and my work has been funded by the Sloan Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and the U.S. Social Security Administration. My research has been featured on NPR, PBS NewsHour, Reuters, and the New York Times, amongst others.

I got my start at the University of Regina before going to the University of Toronto for an M.A. in Economics and the University of California, Irvine for a Ph.D. in Economics. What was incredibly helpful at the University of Regina was the small class sizes and the direct interaction with faculty. They invested in me significantly by offering courses that helped me in graduate school and by providing lots of mentoring. I didn't get that kind of support at the other universities I went to. At the University of Regina, I didn't feel like a student number. At the University of Regina, I had room to grow and the support to do so.