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EDUCATION

University of Calgary, Calgary, AB

Master of Arts, Economics

Expected August 2026

- **Relevant Coursework:** Microeconomic Theory, Macroeconomic Theory, Econometrics, Behavioural Economics, Energy Economics, Empirical Public Economics, Labour Economics, Regulatory Economics

St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS

Bachelor of Arts, Honours in Economics with concentration in Mathematics and Public Governance

May 2025

- Undergraduate Thesis: "The Determinants of Postsecondary Enrollment: A Conjoint Analysis"
- RBC Undergraduate Student Research Award Recipient & Rosemary Scanlon Award in Economics Recipient
- **Relevant Coursework:** Money and Financial Markets, Research Methods, Economic Data Analysis, Comparative & Global Politics, Public Policy & Governance, Public Management

EXPERIENCE

The School of Public Policy, Calgary, AB

Graduate Research Assistant, The Canadian Climate Policy Partnership (C2P2)

May 2025-Present

- Co-authored the national C2P2 database and methodology, covering federal, provincial, and territorial climate-mitigation and carbon-removal policies.
- Analyzed climate frameworks across the three levels of government to assess policy consistency, jurisdictional coverage, and funding mechanisms.
- Led a national policy scan mapping the regulatory landscape for carbon dioxide removal technologies across jurisdictions, identifying advances, gaps, and emerging opportunities for CDR in Canada.

Atlantic Economic Council, Halifax, NS

Research Assistant Summer Intern

May 2025-August 2025

- Conducted applied economic and policy research for major publications on productivity, international trade, national defense, and regional economic growth.
- Synthesized findings from literature and stakeholder consultations into accessible insights for policymakers and business leaders, contributing to reports, business profiles, and policy commentary.
- Developed report outlines and storyboards in collaboration with subject-matter experts, enhancing clarity, communication, and policy relevance of Council reports.

St. Francis Xavier University Economics Department, Antigonish, NS

Research and Teaching Assistant

April 2023-April 2025

- Supported faculty research by developing economic models to analyze policy-relevant research questions, contributing to academic publications and presentations on applied economics.
- Delivered tutorials and managed the Economics Help Centre, improving student learning outcomes, engagement in class, and accessibility of academic support for undergraduate students.

LEADERSHIP

St. FX Students' Union, Antigonish, NS

President & CEO, Board of Governors Representative

May 2023-February 2025

- Acted as the primary spokesperson and representative for 4,000+ students while overseeing day-to-day operations and ensuring effective governance, financial stewardship, and student advocacy.
- Advocated for student priorities at municipal, provincial, and federal levels, collaborating with policymakers and external organizations to influence policy and government recommendations on issues such as affordability, accessibility, and campus safety.
- Served concurrently as Treasurer for the Canadian Alliance of Students Association (CASA) and Chair of the Policy Committee in Students Nova Scotia (SNS).

Programming Experience: Python, Stata, R, RATS, LaTeX, Microsoft Office