

# Mark Colas

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## EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS

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Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Oregon *2018-Present*  
Visiting Scholar, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis *2017-2018*

## OTHER POSITIONS

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Research Economist, NBER *2020-Present*  
Affiliate Member, CESifo (Center for Economic Studies and Ifo Institute), Munich *2019-Present*  
CES Visiting Scholar, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich *May-June 2019*  
Dissertation Intern, St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank *Summer 2016*

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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Primary: **Labor Economics**  
Secondary: **Public Economics, Urban Economics**

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. Economics** *2017*  
*University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA*  
Committee: John Kennan, Chris Taber, Jesse Gregory  
**Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies** *2011*  
*Tsinghua University, Beijing, China*  
**B.A. Economics** (Highest Honors) *2009*  
*UC Davis, Davis, CA, USA*

## PUBLICATIONS

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“The Environmental Cost of Land Use Restrictions” (with John M. Morehouse)  
**Quantitative Economics** (Forthcoming)  
“Heterogeneous Workers and Federal Income Taxes in a Spatial Equilibrium” (with Kevin Hutchinson)  
**American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**, 2021. 13(2): 100-134.  
“Optimal Need-Based Financial Aid” (with Sebastian Findeisen and Dominik Sachs)  
**Journal of Political Economy**, 2021. 129(2): 492–533.  
“Transformations in China’s Hukou System and Internal Labor Migration” (with Suqin Ge)  
**Journal of Labor Research**, 2019. 40(3): 296-331.

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Dynamic Responses to Immigration”  
“The Indirect Fiscal Benefits of Low-Skilled Immigration” (with Dominik Sachs)  
“Vertical Migration Externalities” (with Emmett Saulnier)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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“The Value of Performance Information on Teacher Sorting and Student Achievement” (with Chao Fu)

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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**2021** Rochester Applied Micro Conference (Scheduled)

**2020** University of Pittsburgh, University of Pennsylvania, University of Washington, Hitotsubashi University

**2019** University of Munich (LMU), Mannheim, Royal Holloway, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Banff Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Urban Economics Association Meetings, Southern Economic Association Conference

**2018** Minneapolis Fed, UW Madison Grainger Institute Conference, AREUEA-International Conference, National University of Singapore

**2017** New York University, University of Oregon, Arizona State University, University of Rochester, Virginia Tech, Tufts, St. Louis Fed, Federal Reserve Board, Midwest Search and Matching Workshop

**2016** St. Louis Fed, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**2015** University of Wisconsin-Madison

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Referee: American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, Quantitative Economics

Co-Organizer: 3rd Annual UW Madison Alumni Conference (2019)

Head Organizer: 2nd Annual UW Madison Alumni Conference (2018)

AWARDS AND HONORS

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National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant SES-1947674 (with Chao Fu)	<i>2020–2023</i>
New Junior Faculty Research Award, University of Oregon	<i>2018</i>
Leon Mears Graduate Fellowship, UW Madison	<i>2016</i>
Distinguished Undergraduate Student Award, UC Davis	<i>2009</i>
Levine Family Honors Thesis Award, UC Davis	<i>2009</i>
Phi Beta Kappa	<i>2008</i>