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**EDUCATION**

12/2014 **George Mason University**  
Ph.D. in Economics

06/2010 **Lund University**  
BA in Economics.

**EMPLOYMENT**

05/2022-  
present **ViviFi Ventures**  
Founder and Co-CIO. Private investments in the cannabis industry.

06/2015-  
05/2022 **William Blair**  
Macroeconomic Analyst

12/2013-  
05/2014 **The World Bank**  
External consultant for a report on the competitiveness of the Dominican Republic.

01/2013-  
05/2013 **George Mason University School of Management**  
Graduate Assistant in finance.

06/2012-  
12/2015 **George Mason University Economics Department**  
Ph.D. candidate teacher of Macroeconomic Principles, International Economic Policy, Intermediate Macroeconomics, International Economics.

06/2010-  
08/2010 **The Ratio Institute, Stockholm**  
Research assistant.

08/2009-  
10/2009 **Swedish Foreign Ministry, Kaliningrad, Russia**  
News coverage, translations, visa issuance, administrative tasks in closing the consulate general.

06/2009-  
07/2009 **Timbro, Stockholm**  
Researcher.

2006-2008 **Swedish defense forces, Kosovo**  
Two missions of six months each, in signals intelligence and as liaison officer.

09/2004-  
09/2005 **Swedish Foreign Ministry, Kaliningrad, Russia**  
Coordinating Swedish delegations, news coverage, translations, administrative tasks.

**OTHER ENGAGEMENT**

2019-Present **Member of the Board of Trustees of the CFA Institute Research Foundation**  
Vice chair of the Research Committee since 2021.

2020-Present **Co-chair of the CFA Society Chicago Education Advisory Group**  
Planning of events and hosting a podcast.

**PUBLICATIONS**

2021 **Special Economic Zones and Liberalization Avalanches**  
Co-authored with Vlad Tarko. Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy, 10(1).

2018 **“Refugee Special Economic Zones”**  
Co-authored with Sebastian Reil. Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy, 7(3): 290-303.

2018 **“Liberalizing Rent-Seeking”**  
Journal of Private Enterprise, 33(4), 2018, 61-89.

2018 **“The Political Economy of Special Economic Zones: Lessons for the United States”**  
Chapman Law Review, Spring 2018, 2: 407-442.

2017 ***The Political Economy of Special Economic Zones: Concentrating Economic***

### *Development*

Routledge, UK. 2017.

- 2014      **“The Political Economy of Special Economic Zones”**  
Journal of Institutional Economics, 2015, 11(1): 167-190.
- 2014      **“The political economy of state-provided targeted benefits”**  
Co-authored with Christopher J. Coyne. Review of Austrian Economics, 2015, 28(3):337-356.
- 2014      **“It worked in China, so why not in Africa? The political economy challenge of Special Economic Zones”**  
Co-authored with Thomas Farole. United Nations University WIDER Working Paper 2014/152
- 2014      **“How to sustain export dynamism by reducing duality in the Dominican Republic: A World Bank trade competitiveness diagnostic”**  
Co-authored. Document of The World Bank, November 2014.
- 2014      **“Default Without Capital Account: The Economics of Municipal Bankruptcy”**  
Co-authored with Richard E. Wagner. Public Finance and Management, 2014, 14(1): 30-47.
- 2013      **”How Hard Can It Be? Nine Questions and Answers on Reform in Western Democracies”** (In Swedish)  
Co-authored with Andreas Bergh. Ekonomisk Debatt, 2013, 41(5): 45-55.
- 2012      **“Cartelizing Taxes: Understanding the OECD’s Campaign against ‘Harmful Tax Competition’ ”**  
Co-authored with Andrew P. Morriss. Columbia Journal of Tax Law, 2013, 4: 1-64.

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### ***AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS***

- 03/2015      **Public Choice Society**  
Student Fellowship for the 2015 Annual Conference
- 08/2014-  
05/2015      **Thomas C. and Irene W. Graham Fellow**  
Humane Studies Fellowship Program
- 10/2013      **Don Lavoie Essay Competition Award**  
Award for the paper “The Political Economy of Special Economic Zones”.
- 08/2013-  
05/2014      **William and Rebecca Dunn Fellow for the Advancement of Right Thinking**  
George Mason Economics Department
- 08/2012-  
05/2014      **Bradley Fellow**  
George Mason Economics Department
- 01/2011-  
05/2012      **Mercatus Fellow**  
Mercatus Center/ George Mason Economics Department

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### ***MILITARY SERVICE***

- 06/2003–  
08/2004      **The Electronic Warfare Company of the Defense Forces, S1, Enköping**  
Second lieutenant. Russian studies and education in electronic warfare.

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### ***LANGUAGES***

Swedish (native), English (fluent), Russian (good), French, Spanish (conversational)