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OVERVIEW

I am an applied microeconomist focusing on topics in labor economics, regulation, and the economics of digital infrastructure. My research examines how technological change, regulation, and connectivity shape labor markets and economic opportunity. In a separate line of work, I study partisanship and voting behavior.

AFFILIATIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics <i>University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX</i>	2026-
Faculty, Center for Free Enterprise <i>University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX</i>	2026-
Research Affiliate, Knee Regulatory Research Center <i>West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV</i>	2026-

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics <i>George Mason University, Fairfax, VA</i>	2026
M.A. in Economics <i>George Mason University, Fairfax, VA</i>	2021
B.S. in Economics (Mathematics Minor) <i>Troy University, Troy, AL</i> Outstanding Economics Undergraduate (2020)	2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Thomas Stratmann George Mason University, Department of Economics	2024–2025
Research Assistant, Timothy Groseclose George Mason University, Department of Economics	2022–2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor on Record

- **Money and Banking** — Fall 2026, University of Texas at El Paso
- **History of Economic Thought** — Fall 2026, University of Texas at El Paso
- **Intermediate Macroeconomics** — Online: Summer 2023, Summer 2024, Summer 2025; In Person: Spring 2024 (with Timothy Groseclose), Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant

- **PhD Econometrics** — Spring 2025
- **Economics for the Citizen** — Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024
- **Economics for Public Policy** — Summer 2022

RESEARCH

Accepted or Published Work

2. [P. Sharma](#), V. Geloso and A. Plemmons, “Income Mobility, Automation, and Occupational Licensing,” *Southern Economic Journal*, 2026. [doi:10.1002/soej.70037](https://doi.org/10.1002/soej.70037)
Coverage: “Regulatory Burden Falls Hardest on the Poor,” *The Daily Economy*.
1. [P. Sharma](#) and V. Geloso, “Regulation and Income Mobility,” *The Economists’ Voice*, 2025. [doi:10.1515/ev-2025-0007](https://doi.org/10.1515/ev-2025-0007)

Working Papers

1. [P. Sharma](#) and T. Stratmann, “Digital Infrastructure in Thin Markets: Evidence from a Tribal-Led Broadband Rollout.” [Latest Draft](#)
Coverage: “What Happens When a Community Wires Itself: Lessons from Colville on the Power of Indigenous-Led Connectivity,” *Internet Society*.

Work in Progress

- Using Straight-Ticket Ballots to Measure Strict Partisans in the Electorate (with Timothy Groseclose) [Draft available upon request]
- Minimum Wage and Firm Locations
- Broadband Access and Firm Dynamics in Native American Reservations (with Thomas Stratmann) **Proposal Revision Requested**
- Shocks and Income Mobility (with Vincent Geloso)

Other Publications

1. Geloso, V., & P. Sharma (2025). *Income mobility is promoted by markets if you let them work*. In D. Stansel, J. Torra, M. D. Mitchell, & Á. Carrión-Tavárez (Eds.), *Economic Freedom of North America 2025* (pp. 53–76). Fraser Institute. <https://www.fraserinstitute.org/studies/economic-freedom-north-america-2025>

Non-Academic Writing

1. V. Geloso and P. Sharma, “Don’t Fear AI—Fear Government Regulations,” *Fraser Institute*, March 2026. [Link](#)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

6. Estimating Strict Partisans Using Straight Ticket Voting, Public Choice Society Meetings, March 2026
5. Broadband Access and Economic Outcomes: Evidence from a Tribal Rollout, SEA Meetings, Nov 2025
4. Broadband Access and Economic Outcomes: Evidence from a Tribal Rollout, Markets and Society Conference, Oct 2025
3. Income Mobility, Automation and Occupational Licensing, Appalachian State University & The Stephenson Institute, August 2025
2. Foreign Aid as Non-compensated Transfers, SEA Meetings, Nov 2023
1. Rent Seeking in Development Aid, SEA Meetings, Nov 2021

FELLOWSHIPS

Institute for Humane Studies Residency Funding	2026
Institute for Humane Studies Junior Fellow	2026
Humane Studies Fellowship (Institute for Humane Studies)	Fall 2025
Mercatus Center PhD Fellowship	2020–2025
Graduate Fellow, F.A. Hayek Program	2020–2022
Mercatus Summer Research Fellowship	2020–2023
Chancellor’s Scholarship, Troy University	2016–2020

OCCASIONAL REVIEWER

European Journal of Political Economy

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

R; Stata; L^AT_EX; Python (NumPy; pandas)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association; Southern Economic Association

REFERENCES

Vincent Geloso — Assistant Professor of Economics, GMU; vgeloso@gmu.edu

Timothy Groseclose — Professor of Economics, GMU; tingroseclose@gmail.com

Thomas Stratmann — Distinguished University Professor of Economics, GMU; tstratma@gmu.edu