# Brandon Pecoraro

Curriculum vitae (November 2023)

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#### **Current Position**

Economist: United States Congress, Joint Committee on Taxation. June 2015 - Present

#### Education

Ph.D. Economics: Fordham University, 2015

Dissertation: "Why Don't Voters 'Put the Gini Back in the Bottle'?"

Committee: Philip Shaw (Chair), Johanna Francis, Robert Brent, Alexandre Olbrecht

M.A. Economics: Fordham University, 2011

B.A. Economics, summa cum-laude: Ramapo College, 2010

#### Research

Interests: Macroeconomics, Public Finance, Quantitative Heterogeneous-Agent Modeling

### **Working Papers**

1. 'Tax Policy and Retirement Saving: A Lifecycle Perspective" with Rachel Moore.

### **Publications**

- 1. "Quantitative Analysis of a Wealth Tax for the United States: Exclusions and Expenditures" with Rachel Moore. (Forthcoming: Journal of Macroeconomics)
- 2. "A Tale of Two Bases: Progressive Taxation of Capital and Labor Income" with Rachel Moore, (Previously Titled: "Modeling the Internal Revenue Code in a Heterogeneous-Agent Framework: An Application to TCJA") Public Finance Review, Volume 49, No. 3, pp. 335-391, May 2021.
- 3. "Dynamic Scoring: An Assessment of Fiscal Closing Assumptions" with Rachel Moore, *Public Finance Review*, Volume 48, No. 3, pp. 340-353, April 2020.
- 4. "Macroeconomic Implications of Modeling the Internal Revenue Code in a Heterogeneous-Agent Framework" with Rachel Moore, *Economic Modelling*, Volume 87, pp. 72-91, April 2020.
- 5. "Macroeconomic Effects of Reducing OASI to Payable Benefits: A Comparison of Seven Overlapping Generations Models" with Jaeger Nelson, Kerk Phillips, Seth Benzell, Robert Carroll, Guillermo Cuevas, Jason DeBacker, John Diamond, Jagadeesh Gokhale, Laurence Kotlikoff, James Mackie, Rachel Moore, Brandon Pizzola, Kent Smetters, Victor Ye, and George Zodrow, National Tax Journal, Volume 72, No. 4, pp. 672-692, December 2019.
- 6. "Macroeconomic Modeling of Tax Policy: A Comparison of Current Methodologies" with Alan Auerbach, Itai Grinberg, Thomas Barthold, Nicholas Bull, W. Gavin Elkins, Pamela Moomau, Rachel Moore, Benjamin Page, and Kyle Pomerleau, *National Tax Journal*, Volume 70, No. 4, pp. 819-836, December 2017.

- 7. "Why Don't Voters 'Put the Gini Back in the Bottle'? Inequality and Economic Preferences for Redistribution" *European Economic Review*, Volume 93, pp. 152-172, April 2017.
- 8. "On the Determinants of Educational Corruption: The Case of Ukraine" with Philip Shaw and Marina-Selini Katsaiti, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, Volume 33, No. 4, pp. 698-713, October 2015.
- 9. "Inequality in Democracies: Testing the Classic Democratic Theory of Redistribution" *Economics Letters*, Volume 123, No. 3, pp. 398-401, June 2014.

### **Teaching**

### Johns Hopkins University, DC Center

Lecturer: Macroeconomic Theory, Masters Level: Fall 2020 - Summer 2022 (Online), Summer - Fall 2019

Fordham University, Rose Hill and Lincoln Center

Lecturer: Principles of Macroeconomics, Undergraduate Level: Fall 2012 - Spring 2015

### Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars

(† denotes coauthor presentation)

2023: National Tax Association Conference, Eastern Economic Association Conference

2022: Southern Economic Association Conference, National Tax Association Spring Symposium

2021: National Tax Association Conference

2019: National Tax Association Spring Symposium<sup>†</sup>, Eastern Economic Association Conference, Penn-Wharton Budget Model, American Economic Association Conference<sup>†</sup>

2018: Congressional Budget Office Overlapping Generations Modeling Symposium,

National Tax Association Conference, Fordham University Spring Seminar Series

2017: Tax Economists Forum, National Tax Association Spring Symposium<sup>†</sup>

2016: National Tax Association Conference

2013: Eastern Economic Association Conference

### **Professional Service**

#### Discussant

2020: National Tax Association Conference

2019: Eastern Economic Association Conference

2015: Eastern Economic Association Conference

#### Referee

European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Inequality, Economics Letters, National Tax Journal, Eastern Economic Journal, Journal of Business and Economic Studies

### Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

#### Fordham University

GSAS Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Fall 2012 - Spring 2015 Graduate Student Association Professional Development Grant, 2015 GSAS Summer Research Fellowship, 2013 GSAS Graduate Assistant Fellowship, full tuition remission, Fall 2010 - Spring 2012

# Other Professional Experience

Summer Analyst: Export and Agency Finance, Citigroup. Summer 2009

# Computing Knowledge

MATLAB, R, Stata, EViews

## Hobbies

Bouldering, Calisthenics, Gardening, and Lawncare