AYDEN YOUNG

EDUCATION

- University of California, Santa Cruz • PhD in Economics • Expected June 2027
  - Committee: Peter Christensen (chair), Justin Marion (advisor), Jeremy West, David Schönholzer (USC)
  - Fields: Urban Economics, Public Economics
- University of California, Santa Cruz • MA in Economics • 2023
- University of Illinois at Chicago • BS in Economics and Applied Statistics • 2022
  - Summa Cum Laude

WORKING PAPERS

2. Does Strong Credit Overcome Racial Discrimination in Rental Housing? (with P. Christensen & J. West)
   Job Market Paper; link
   - Links experimental audit data on housing discrimination to panel consumer credit records to examine the credit profiles of renters who secure housing in more discriminatory neighborhoods. Conducted in R and SQL through the California Policy Lab Secure Data Hub.
1. Bridge Sufficiency and Shared Maintenance Responsibilities (with J. Marion)
   Draft in preparation
   - Examines how shared state–local maintenance responsibility affects bridge condition across the US network, using FHWA administrative data on over 600,000 bridge inspections and Mahalanobis matching with panel methods.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

- San José State University • Lecturer • Fall 2026
  - Intermediate Macroeconomics (Econ 102)
- University of California, Santa Cruz • Graduate Student Instructor • Summer 2025
  - Intermediate Macroeconomics (Econ 100B)

Teaching Assistant, UC Santa Cruz

- *Graduate:* Mathematical Methods for Economic Analysis (Econ 210B)
- *Undergraduate:* Intermediate Macroeconomics (Econ 100B), Introduction to Econometrics (Econ 113), Public Finance (Econ 150), Economic History of the US (Econ 125), Economic Rhetoric (Econ 197), Introductory Macroeconomics (Econ 2), Introduction to Python for Data Science (Econ 22P)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCSC • $19,000 • 2026–2027
- Institute for Social Transformation Catalyze Award (with J. West) • $9,500 • 2025
- Dissertation Research Grant, UCSC • $9,500 • 2025
- Regents Fellowship, UCSC • $16,000 • 2022–2023

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- Guest Speaker, HUD Office of Economic Affairs Research Roundtable • October 2026

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation • Student Trainee Economist • Jan–Aug 2022
  - Produced economic reports and data dashboards for internal policy audiences; maintained economic datasets in Haver Analytics.

COMPUTING

- R, Python, SQL; secure administrative-data environments (California Policy Lab); spatial analysis (sf, tigris, tidycensus)

REFERENCES

- Justin Marion • Professor, UC Santa Cruz • advisor and coauthor
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