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I decided to study economics at Williams because I had a strong interest in pursuing academic research about issues of social and economic justice. While I also explored this interest through coursework in a variety of departments and extracurricular activities, I knew that the rigor and versatility of the economics major would best prepare me with the skills and knowledge I needed to have an impact.

Since graduating I have worked as part of several research teams, including at UC Berkeley's Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, the National Bureau of Economic Research, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and the U.S. Government Accountability Office, and in each of these roles I leveraged the economic and quantitative skills I developed as an Econ major to perform rigorous research and inform policy-making decisions.

I am currently pursuing a PhD in Public Policy at Harvard University, where I am focusing on economic research methodologies as applied to pressing social policy issues. I look forward to a career of using economic research to help address poverty and inequality across the U.S., and thanks largely to the strong foundation and connections I developed as a Williams Econ major I am closer to that goal than ever before.