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Education

Ph.D. student in Economics Specialization: Labor Economics, Economics of Education, and Health Economics	University of Oklahoma Oklahoma , Norman	Aug 2020 - present
Master of Sc. in Applied Math.	University of Central Oklahoma Edmond, Oklahoma	Jan 2018 - Dec 2019
Associate degree in Mathematics	Oklahoma City Community College Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Jan 2016 - Dec 2017
Master of Business Administration	University of Central Oklahoma Edmond Oklahoma	Jan 2012 - Dec 2014
Bachelor of Arts in Finance	Knowledge Computer and Business Institute Rabat, Morocco	Aug 2007 - Jan 2011

Employment

Research assistant Department of Economics	University of Oklahoma Norman, OK	Aug 2021 - present
Teaching assistant Department of Economics	University of Oklahoma Norman, OK	Aug 2020 - July 2021
Teaching assistant Department of Economics	University of Central Oklahoma Edmond, OK	Jan 2018 - Dec 2019

Research Fields

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, and Health Economics

Research

Pre-Doctoral Publications

- Aktas, Mehmet E., Esra Akbas, and Ahmed El Fatmaoui. Persistence homology of networks: methods and applications [Applied Network Science](#), 4.1 (2019): 1-28.

Submitted or Forthcoming Papers

- From High School to Higher Education: Is recreational marijuana a consumption amenity for US college students? (Sole Author)

Abstract: This paper examines how recreational marijuana legalization (RML) affects first-time college enrollment in the US using a unique college-level dataset and various estimation methods such as difference-in-differences, event study, and synthetic controls. I find that RML increases enrollments by 4.6% to 9%, without compromising degree completion, and it boosts college competitiveness in RML states by offering a positive amenity, as evidenced by the rise in non-local enrollments relative to neighboring states. In addition, I find no evidence that RML affects college prices, quality, or local enrollment. This effect is stronger for non-selective public colleges in early-adopting RML states.

Working Papers

1. What is the Role of College Athletics? An Analysis of the Population of NCAA Athletes (with Tyler Ransom)

Abstract: Admissions at elite private universities in the United States are becoming increasingly competitive. As competition increases, seats become more and more scarce. This paper analyzes the population of athletes at all Division I NCAA institutions. Using publicly available data from the US Department of Education, the NCAA, and institutions' athletic rosters, we document several novel facts. First, elite institutions enroll more athletes and field more varsity teams than even the largest public institutions, despite having drastically smaller student bodies. To provide further context on the background of athletes at elite institutions, we supplement the institution-level analysis with individual-level data taken from publicly available athletic rosters. Finally, we analyze the effect of a hypothetical policy that would restrict student athletes at each universities to be less than a certain fraction of the overall student body.

2. What Spurs Investment in the Vaccine Industry? Interplay of Competition and Subsidies (with Myongjin Kim, Junying Zhao, Ghosh Pallab, and Firat Demir)

Abstract: This paper investigates the impact of supply- and demand-side policy interventions on firms' output and innovation. Leveraging a unique dataset on vaccine production and development, we evaluate the effectiveness of a tort reform, a supply-side policy intervention that reduces vaccine manufacturers' product liability, and a demand-side policy intervention, the expansion of Medicare coverage of select vaccine products. Our difference-in-differences analysis indicates that while both interventions result in significant increases in vaccine production, the impact of the demand-side policy can be 3-6 times greater in magnitude. There is also evidence suggesting that vaccine development responds exclusively to the demand-side policy.

Work in Progress

1. From Minutes to Insights: Using Text Analysis To Determine the Effect of College Fees on Student Outcomes.
2. Effects of Federal Recommendation on Vaccination and Neonatal Mortality: Evidence from HBV (with Pallab Ghosh and Junying Zhao)
3. Fracking and Tracking: The Effects of Oil and Natural Gas Wells on the Housing Market (with Brent Norwood)

Conference Presentations

- Midwest Economics Association, Cleveland, Ohio, March 2023
- Society of Labor Economists, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 2023
- Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (expected in November 2024)

Awards and Honors

- Dodge Family College of Arts and Science Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, 2023
- Third Place Winner of the Chong Liew Summer Research Award, University of Oklahoma, 2022
- Chong Liew Outstanding 1st Year Graduate Student Award, University of Oklahoma, December 2021
- President's Honor Roll, University of Central Oklahoma, July 2018 - December 2019
- 3rd Place in Three Minute Thesis competition, University of Central Oklahoma, April, 2019

Teaching

University of Oklahoma

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| 1. Principles of Macroeconomics | Winter 2023-2024 (expected) |
| 2. Principles of Microeconomics | Winter 2022-2023 |
| 3. Elements of Statistics | Winter 2021-2022 & Summer 2022 |

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| 4. Developmental mathematics | Fall 2018 |
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Skills

- Coding experience: R, Stata, Julia, MATLAB, Mathematica, Python, and C++
 - Other coding/software experience: SPSS, ArcGIS, Latex, and Git
 - Languages: English (Fluent), French (Intermediate), Arabic (Native)
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References

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