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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025-Current      Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

## EDUCATION

2025      Ph.D. in Economics, [University of Oklahoma](#), Norman, OK  
Dissertation: Higher Education Dynamics: Assessing the Nexus of College Costs, Sports, and Amenities  
Committee: [Tyler Ransom](#) (Chair), [Ghosh Pallab](#), [Greg Burge](#)

2019      M.S. in Applied Mathematics, [University of Central Oklahoma](#), Edmond, OK

2015      M.B.A., [University of Central Oklahoma](#), Edmond, OK

2011      B.A. in Finance, [Knowledge Computer and Business Institute](#), Rabat, Morocco

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary:      Labor Economics, Economics of Education

Secondary:    Health Economics, Public Economics

## PUBLISHED & FORTHCOMING PAPERS

2025      “[Vaccine Production and Innovation: Insights from Tort Reform and Medicare Expansion](#)” (with [Myongjin Kim](#), [Firat Demir](#), [Qi Ge](#), [Pallab Ghosh](#), and [Junying Zhao](#)), *Economics of Innovation and New Technology*

2024      “[From High School to Higher Education: Is Recreational Marijuana a Consumption Amenity for US College Students?](#)” (Sole Author), *Economic Inquiry*, 62(3), 1024-1045

     “Impacts of Federal Recommendation on Neonatal Vaccination and Mortality: HBV Vaccine Evidence” (with [Pallab Ghosh](#), and [Junying Zhao](#)), Accepted, *Pediatrics Open Science*

2019      “[Persistence homology of networks: methods and applications](#)” (with Mehmet Aktas, and Esra Akbas), *Applied Network Science*, 4(1), 1-28

## WORKING PAPERS

- “[Do Elite Universities Pick Sports to Pick Students? Athletic Admissions and SES Targeting](#)” (with [Tyler Ransom](#))

- “Dollars and Degrees: The Asymmetric Impact of State Appropriations on STEM and Non-STEM Fields” (Sole Author)
- “Vaccine Hesitancy and Neonatal Mortality: The Life-Saving Power of Hepatitis B Immunization” (with Pallab Ghosh, and Junying Zhao), Under review at *Health Economics Review*

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Balancing Tuition and Fees: Do Growing College Fees Affect Student Outcomes?” (Sole Author)
- “Marijuana and Demand for Vaccination” (with Myongjin Kim and Pallab Ghosh)
- “Language Diversity: Does Mother Tongue Affect School Achievement?” (Sole Author)
- “Fracking and Tracking: The Effects of Oil and Natural Gas Wells on the Housing Market” (with Brent Norwood, Samantha R. Johnson, and William Townsend)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025	MidSouth Education Policy Workshop, University of Kentucky (October)
2024	Global Labor Organization Conference (December)
	The Missouri Valley Economic Association, Kansas City, Missouri (October)
2023	Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (November)
	The Missouri Valley Economic Association, Kansas City, Missouri (October)
	Society of Labor Economists, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (May)
	Midwest Economics Association, Cleveland, Ohio (March)

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2024	Chong Liew Summer Research Award, University of Oklahoma
	Dodge Family College of Arts and Science Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Oklahoma
2023	Graduate Student Award, Southern Economic Association
2023	Dodge Family College of Arts and Science Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Oklahoma
2022	Chong Liew Summer Research Award, University of Oklahoma
2021	Chong Liew Outstanding 1st Year Graduate Student Award, University of Oklahoma
2019	Third Place in Three Minute Thesis Competition, University of Central Oklahoma

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025 (Spring)	Principles of Economics-Micro. (ECON-1123), University of Oklahoma
2023 (Fall)	Principles of Economics-Macro. (ECON-1113), University of Oklahoma
2022 (Fall)	Principles of Economics-Micro. (ECON-1123), University of Oklahoma
2022 (Summer)	Elements of Statistics (ECON 2843), University of Oklahoma
2021 (Fall)	Elements of Statistics (ECON 2843), University of Oklahoma
2018 (Fall)	Fundamental Algebra (DMAT-0115), University of Central Oklahoma

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

2021-2025	Research Assistant, University of Oklahoma
2020-2021	Teaching Assistant, University of Oklahoma
2018-2019	Teaching Assistant, University of Central Oklahoma

## REFeree SERVICE

2025	European Economic Review, Contemporary Economic Policy, Eastern Economic Journal
2024	Social Sciences & Humanities Open

## SERVICE

2024	Graduate Student Liaison, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma
2023	Graduate Student Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Economics, University of Oklahoma Presenter, Economics Club Research Seminar, University of Oklahoma

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

2024	Study evaluates effects of legalized marijuana on higher education, by Marie O. Uberti Benz, MedicalResearch.com, June 27, 2024 Legal recreational cannabis encourages college enrollment, by Joanna Mulvaney, medicalnewsbulletin.com, June 17, 2024 Research examines how recreational marijuana legalization affects a state's college enrollment, Phys.org, May 29, 2024
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## SKILLS

Coding Expertise	R, Stata, Python, MATLAB, Julia, C++, and $\text{\LaTeX}$
Coding Experience	SPSS, ArcGIS Pro, Mathematica, and Git