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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Memphis, 2012-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012
M.A. in Economics, Washington University in St. Louis, 2008
B.S. in Economics, Universidad del Pacifico, Lima-Peru, 2002

PUBLICATIONS

1. Astorne-Figari, C. and Yankelevich, A. "Consumer Search with Asymmetric Price Sampling." *Economics Letters* 122.2 (2014): 331-333.
2. Astorne-Figari, Carmen, and Jamin D. Speer. "Drop out, switch majors, or persist? The contrasting gender gaps." *Economics Letters* 164 (2018): 82-85.
3. Astorne-Figari, Carmen and Joonhyung Lee. "An empirical investigation on the transfer of expatriates within MNCs from a knowledge perspective." *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* (2018), forthcoming.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Advertising for Consideration (with Joaquin Lopez and Aleksandr Yankelevich – under second revision at the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*)
2. Are Changes of Major Major Changes? The Roles of Grades, Gender, and Preferences in College Major Switching (with Jamin Speer – under review at *Economics of Education Review*)
3. Expectations and Follow-Through: The Roles of Confidence and Non-Cognitive Skills for Self-Employment (with Andrew Hussey and Daniel Mangrum – under review at the *IZA Journal of Labor Economics*)
4. Production Hierarchies, Expatriates and Korean MNCs (with Joonhyung Lee)
5. Asymmetric Sequential Search (with Aleksandr Yankelevich – extended version of Consumer Search with Asymmetric Price Sampling)
6. Kin-Targeted Altruism with Noise

INTERDISCIPLINARY WORK

1. Research Initiation: Forming the Empathic Engineer - A Path to Gender Equity in the Profession (with Eddie L. Jacobs, Yonghong J. Xu and Amy de Jongh Curry)
2. Smart City Innovation Hub: Phase 1, Connected and Autonomous Vehicles Readiness Index (with Ahmadreza Talebian, Sabyasachee Mishraa, Mihalis Golias, Junaid Ahmed Khan, Charles A. Santo, Lan Wang and Eddie L. Jacobs)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Memphis

Instructor:

Graduate: Advanced Microeconomics I and II, Economic Theory and Decisions, Industrial Organization, 2012-2017

Undergraduate: Behavioral Economics, Introduction to Microeconomics, 2013-2017

Washington University in St. Louis

Instructor:

Graduate: Summer Math Review, Summer 2008-2011

Undergraduate: Mathematical Economics, Fall 2009-2010

Teaching Assistant:

Graduate: Microeconomic Theory, Game Theory, 2007-2008

Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Spring 2011

Universidad del Pacifico (Lima, Peru)

Instructor:

Undergraduate: Managerial Economics, Principles of Microeconomics, 2004-2006

Teaching Assistant:

Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Principles of Microeconomics, 2001-2004

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Washington University in St. Louis

Research Assistant to Professor David Levine, 2009

Research Assistant to Professor David Levine at the Economic Theory Center, 2007-2008

Universidad del Pacifico

Junior Researcher, 2004-2006

Research Assistant, 2002-2004

GRANTS

External

NSF grant for "Research Initiation: Forming the Empathic Engineer - A Path to Gender Equity in the Profession," (Co-Investigator), 2016

University of Memphis

Smart City Innovation Hub: Phase I-Development of a Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Readiness Index, Research Investment Fund, University of Memphis, Division of Research and Sponsored Research Programs, 2017-2018

Fogelman College of Business Competitive Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2016

Fogelman College of Business Competitive Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2015

New Faculty Summer Research Grant, Fogelman College of Business and Economics, 2014

New Faculty Summer Research Grant, Fogelman College of Business and Economics, 2013

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

University of Memphis

2014 Outstanding paper award, first place in the conceptual/theoretical category, for Consumer Search with Asymmetric Price Sampling, 2015

Washington University in St. Louis

Graduate Scholarship, 2006-2011

John Stuart Mill Fellowship, 2006-2011

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, 2011-2012

NSF grant to attend the 3rd Meeting of Nobel Laureates at Lindau, 2008

SERVICE

Economics Ph.D. Microeconomics Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2013-present

Graduate Committee (Department of Economics), University of Memphis, 2012-present

Graduate Study Abroad Scholarship Committee, University of Memphis, 2014-present

Outstanding Paper Awards Committee, Member, University of Memphis, 2014

Economics Department Hiring Committee, Member, University of Memphis, 2013-2014

Search Committee for MBA Director, University of Memphis, 2013

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conferences

Southern Economic Association Conference, coauthor, Fall 2016

Western Economic Association Conference, presenter and chair, Summer 2015

International Industrial Organization Conference, presenter, discussant and chair, Spring 2013

Midwest Economic Theory and International Trade Meetings, presenter, Fall 2012

Southern Economic Association Conference, presenter and discussant, Fall 2012

6th Washington University Annual Graduate Student Conference, presenter and discussant, Fall 2011

Southern Economic Association Conference, presenter and discussant, Fall 2011

Georgetown University, presenter, Summer 2011
Southern Economic Association Conference, presenter and discussant, Fall 2010
Missouri Economics Conference, presenter, Spring 2009

Seminars

University of Columbia – Missouri, 2013
University of Memphis, 2012
Mississippi State University, 2012
Bowdoin College, 2012
Universidad del Pacifico, 2010
Universidad de Piura, 2010

Refereeing

International Journal of Game Theory, Review of Economic Studies, Eastern Economic Journal

Other

Honors Thesis Adviser for Jeffrey Babin, University of Memphis, Spring 2013
Participant in the Meeting of Economics Nobel Laureates, Lindau, Summer 2008
Senator, Graduate Student Senate, Washington University in St. Louis, 2007-2008
Member, Graduate Student Association, Washington University in St. Louis, 2008-2011
Student Representative, Universidad del Pacifico, 2000-2001