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INFORMATION
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Green Card holder

EMPLOYMENT
Postodctoral Fellow in the Data Intensive Development Lab, UC-Berkeley
2020 -

Data Science Lecturer, UC-Berkeley
2020 Faculty Associate, UW-Madison
Associate Economist, Analysis Group Inc., Menlo Park, CA
2017 - 2018

DEGREES PhD in Applied Economics, UW-Madison 2017
MS in Economics, University of Lausanne, Switzerland 2011
BS in Economics, Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest, Romania 2008

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS I use statistical, machine learning, and record linkage methods to study the economic consequences of health-related problems. My current research focuses on the prediction and estimation of shelter in place policy effects on the COVID-19 pandemic around the world. In a different project, I analyze the causal implications of long term pollution exposure on cognition and respiratory and cardiovascular conditions. I also teach Applied Machine Learning for the MS in Data Science program at UC Berkeley.

WORKING PAPERS The Effect of Lockdown Policies in the wake of COVID-19 (with J. Blumenstock, S. Hsiang, Xiao Hui Tai, Sebastien Annan-Phan, Shikhar Mehra, 2020).

The Role of Birth and Contemporaneous Pollution Exposure on Health Outcomes (with D. Phaneuf, 2019).

Air Pollution and Cognitive Health. Evidence from Nairobi, Kenya (with E. Tjernstroem, M. FNO, A. Weiner-Kaplow, 2019).

Competition, Price Dispersion and Capacity Constraints: The Case of the U.S. Corn Seed Industry (with G.Shi, 2017, *submitted to journal*).

Adoption vs. Diffusion. The Evolution of Learning: The Case of the U.S. Soybean Seed Industry (with G. Shi, 2016).

Contribution to Manuscripts & Posters Patient Quality of Life and Benefits of Leptin Replacement Therapy (LRT) in Generalized and Partial Lipodystrophy (study funded by Aegerion Pharmaceuticals Inc., 2018).

Effect of Leptin Replacement Therapy (LRT) on Survival and Disease Progression in Generalized and Partial Lipodystrophy (study funded by Aegerion Pharmaceuticals Inc., 2018).

LITIGATION CONSULTING

I contributed to several high-profile litigation cases in the healthcare and tech industry: Des Roches, et al. v. Blue Shield and Magellan, Confidential v. Blue Shield, Confidential v. Google, Confidential v. Apple, Confidential v. FTC.

Research

RA to Prof. Guanning Shi, UW-Madison, 2012 - 2017

EXPERIENCE,

EMPLOYMENT

RA to Prof. Armin Schmutzler, University of Zurich, Switzerland, 2011

OTHER

RA to Prof. Panos Papadimitratos, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne, 2010

Intern Business Analyst, DHL European Headquarters, Belgium, 2009

 ${\rm Teaching}$ 

At UC-Berkeley:

EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Applied Machine Learning, Summer 2020

At UW-Madison:

Lecturer, Practicum for Applied Economists, Fall 2019

Lecturer, Object Oriented Programming and Data Analytics with Python, Summer 2019

Lecturer, Quantitative and Applied Economics Seminar, Spring 2019 Undergrad TA, World Hunger and Malnutrition, Spring 2017

Graduate TA, Applied Econometric Analysis I, Fall 2016 Graduate TA, Applied Microeconomic Theory, Fall 2014

Lecturer, AAE Math Camp, Summer 2014

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND

Grants

Research Grant, American Bar Association, Section of Antitrust Law, 2016

Ph.D. Summer Program (competitive), Edgeworth Economics, Washington, DC, 2016

Kenneth and Pauline Parsons Graduate Fellowship Fund, UW-Madison, 2016

Vilas Travel Grant, UW-Madison, 2016

Best Paper Presentation Award, AAE UW-Madison, 2016 SASC Graduate Funds, University of Lausanne, 2010 - 2011

Hessen Summer School (competitive), Goethe University of Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 2008 WU Summer School (competitive), Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria, 2007 Excellency in Research Award, Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest, Romania, 2007

Seminar and

2020: Association of Environmental and Resource Economics (virtual)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS 2019: UW-Madison, Healthcare Economics Group seminar

2017: University of Connecticut, Department of Economics

2016: European Association for Research in IO (Rising Stars Section), Lisbon, Portugal 2016: Agricultural and Applied Economic Association Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts

2016: UW-Madison, Department of Economics, IO seminar

Professional Activities Reviewer for the American Public Health Association (APHA), 2019 -

Assistant Program Director, MS in Quantitative and Applied Economics, 2018 - 2020

Social Chair, THC Club of AAE Department, UW-Madison, 2015 - 2016 Seminar Organizer, THC Club of AAE Department, UW-Madison, 2014 - 2015

CODING SKILLS

Java, Python, R, GIS with Python

Data Science

SKILLS

Statistics, machine learning, design, implementation, and analysis of quantitative surveys, record

linkage, manipulation of high-dimensional (un)structured data, geospatial analysis.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Romanian (native), English (fluent), French (basic)