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Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Tournaments, Competition, Academic Integrity

Employment

Visiting Assistant Professor of Data Analytics, Dickinson College

Fall 2021-Present

Education

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| Ph.D. Economics, University of South Carolina | May 2021 |
| <i>Committee:</i> Alexander Matros (chair), Philip Brookins, Lindsey Woodworth, Edsel Pena | |
| M.A. Economics, University of South Carolina | May 2016 |
| C.A.S. Applied Statistics, University of South Carolina | May 2016 |
| B.A. Economics, Izmir University of Economics | May 2015 |
| B.A. International Trade and Finance, Izmir University of Economics | May 2015 |

Publications

1. “Online Cheating Amid COVID-19”, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 182, February 2021, pp. 196-211, with Alexander Matros.
News coverage on Forbes: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/dereknewton/2020/09/30/research-students-may-opt-out-of-online-test-monitoring-with-big-catch/#6f8e0e9055c4>
San Fransisco Chronicle: <https://www.sfchronicle.com/education/article/Online-cheating-surges-during-the-pandemic-15696066.php>

Working Papers

1. “The Queen’s Gambit: Explaining the Superstar Effect Using Evidence from Chess”, with A. Matros
2. “Peer Effects and Motivation in High Level Performers”, with R. Pettis.
3. “When Trader Joe’s Comes to Town: The Effects of Trader Joe’s Store Openings on Adult Obesity”.
4. “To Drive or Bike?: The Effects of Transportation Method Choice on Obesity”.

Work in Progress

1. “Optimal Size of Groups in a Group Contest: Evidence from Kaggle”, with P. Brookins and A. Smyth.
2. “Disaster Preparedness and Experience: Evidence from Sales of Emergency Supplies Before and After Hurricanes”, with T. Sheldon and C. Zhan.
3. “Search Less for a Better Price”, with C-H. Miao.
4. “Smoking and COVID-19: A Spatial Investigation Using Nielsen Homescan Data”, with S. Xu.
5. “Returns to Higher Education: Evidence from the 1997 Headscarf Ban in Turkey.”

Seminar/Conference Presentations

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| Southern Economic Association Meetings (scheduled), Houston TX | November 2021 |
| American Society of Health Economists Conference, Washington D.C. | June 2021 |
| Dickinson College, Carlisle PA | March 2021 |
| Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville IL | February 2021 |
| Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey | January 2021 |
| University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha NE | January 2021 |
| Murray State University, Murray KY | January 2021 |
| Southern Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans LA | November 2020 |
| Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK | October 2020 |
| Laboratory Innovation Science at Harvard, Boston MA | September 2020 |
| Economics Brownbag, University of South Carolina, Columbia SC | September 2020 |
| Contests: Theory and Evidence, Norwich, UK | June 2020 |
| Economics Brownbag, University of South Carolina, Columbia SC | February 2020 |
| Southern Economic Association Meetings, Fort Lauderdale FL | November 2019 |
| American Society of Health Economists Conference, Washington D.C. | June 2019 |

Teaching Experience

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| Department of Data Analytics, Dickinson College | 2021-Present |
| Elementary Statistics | Fall 2021 |
| Introduction to Data Science | Fall 2021 |
| Department of Economics, University of South Carolina | 2018-2021 |
| Introduction to Economics | Fall 2018-2020, Spring 2019-2021 |
| Spring 2021 Evaluation: 4.4/5.0 | |
| Fall 2020 Evaluation: 4.3/5.0 | |
| Spring 2020 Evaluation: 3.9/5.0 | |
| Fall 2019 Evaluation: 4.0/5.0 | |
| Spring 2019 Evaluation: 4.3/5.0 | |
| Fall 2018 Evaluation: 4.4/5.0 | |

Professional Service and Activities

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| Maintaining websites for two seminar series: ehealthecon.org and tobaccopolicy.org | 2020-present |
| Preparing for Future Faculty, Center of Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina | June 2020 |
| Reviewer, American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) | January 2020 |
| Referee, Discover USC Day, University of South Carolina, Columbia SC | April 2019 |
| International Student Ambassador, University of South Carolina, Columbia SC | Spring 2019 |

Referee Service

Ethics and Information Technology, Journal of Economic Education, Scientific Reports

Professional Societies and Affiliations

American Economic Association, American Society of Health Economists, Southern Economic Association

Awards

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| Moore School Research Grant \$5,000; \$3,000 | 2020, 2019 |
| Ph.D. Fellowship, Darla Moore School of Business | 2016-present |
| MAEC Financial Award, Darla Moore School of Business | 2015-2016 |
| High Honor Student Award, Izmir University of Economics | 2015 |
| Full Undergraduate Scholarship, Izmir University of Economics | 2011-2015 |
| Project Development and Entrepreneurship Award, Turkish Industry and Business Association | 2013 |

Computer Skills

Programming: Python, C
Math/Stat: R, Stata, Matlab, SAS
Database: SQL

Web: HTML
Data-science: ML, text mining, scraping
Typography: L^AT_EX

Personal Information

South Carolina Chess Champion, 2019 (U1400)
Citizenship: Turkey
Languages: English (Fluent), Turkish (Native), German (Basic)