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Research Interests

Behavioral Economics, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence

Academic Positions

Affiliated Faculty, Burgess Institute for the Global Economy, Dickinson College	July 2024-present
Assistant Professor, Data Analytics (tenure-track), Dickinson College	July 2022-present
Contributing Faculty, Economics, Dickinson College	July 2021-present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Data Analytics, Dickinson College	July 2021-2022

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of South Carolina	May 2021
<i>Committee:</i> Alexander Matros (chair), Philip Brookins, Lindsey Woodworth, Edsel Peña	
<i>Dissertation Title:</i> “Essays in the Economics of Tournaments”	
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. “The Queen’s Gambit: Explaining the Superstar Effect Using Evidence from Chess”, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 215, November 2023, pp. 307-324, with Alexander Matros.
2. “Search Less for a Better Price”, *Canadian Journal of Economics/Revue canadienne d’économique*, 2023, with Deniz Dizdar and Chun-Hui Miao.
3. “Online Cheating Amid COVID-19”, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 182, February 2021, pp. 196-211, with Alexander Matros.
News coverage on Forbes: [Link](#)
San Fransisco Chronicle: [Link](#)
Inside Higher Ed: [Link1](#) [Link2](#)

Working Papers

1. “Disaster Preparedness and Experience: Evidence from Sales of Emergency Supplies Before and After Hurricanes”, with Tamara Sheldon and Crystal Zhan.
2. “Nationalism in Online Games: Impacts of International Conflicts on Chess Player Behavior”, with Nino Doghonadze, Robizon Khubulashvili, and David Smerdon.
3. “Peer Effects and Motivation in High Level Performers”, with Robert Pettis.
4. “When AI Gives Bad Advice: Experimental Evidence on the Effect of Chatbots on Students’ Critical Thinking”, with Justine Hervé.

5. “Tip-offs: Why Bother?”, with Andrew Scheiner and Barry Tesman.
6. “Is Economics STEM? OPT Reform, Reclassification, and Diversity in U.S. Higher Education”, with Emily Marshall and Tony Underwood.

Work in Progress

1. “Impact of Asymmetric Productivity Spillovers in Job-to-Job Transitions: Evidence from Labor Mobility in Academia”, with Xiaozhou Ding and Paul Ko.
2. “Moral Problems and Dishonesty in Online Environments: A Controlled Experiment in Amazon Mechanical Turk”, with Alexander Matros. Obesity”.
3. “Masks, Facial-Expressions, and Strategic Interaction: Evidence from Word Series Poker”, with Joaquín Gómez-Miñambres.

Book Chapters

1. “The Superstar Effect”, *Encyclopedia of Heroism Studies*, Springer Cham, 2023, with Alexander Matros.

Seminar/Conference Presentations

Fordham University (scheduled), Bronx, NY	April 2025
West Virginia University (scheduled), Morgantown, WV	February 2025
LACBEE 2024, Colorado Springs, CO	July 2024
Chinese Economists Society North America Conference, Lewisburg, PA	March 2024
Southern Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans LA	November 2023
Lafayette College, Easton PA	October 2023
Dickinson College Rush Hour Seminar, Carlisle PA	September 2023
MAA MathFest 2023*, Tampa, FL	August 2023
LACBEE 2023, Swarthmore, PA	July 2023
Syracuse University, Syracuse NY	April 2023
American Economic Association Meetings CEE, New Orleans LA	January 2023
Southern Economic Association Meetings, Fort Lauderdale FL	November 2022
Southern Economic Association Meetings, Houston TX	November 2021
Dickinson College Economics Brownbag, Carlisle PA	October 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 (LISH), Boston MA	September 2020
University of South Carolina Economics Brownbag, Columbia SC	September 2020
Contests: Theory and Evidence, Norwich, UK	June 2020
University of South Carolina Economics Brownbag, Columbia SC	February 2020

*indicates student co-author presentation.

Southern Economic Association Meetings, Fort Lauderdale FL
American Society of Health Economists Conference, Washington D.C.

November 2019
June 2019

Teaching Experience

Dickinson College, Department of Data Analytics

Introduction to Data Science

Fall 2023, 2022, 2021

Data Systems for Data Analytics

Fall 2024, 2023, 2022; Spring 2023

Capstone in Data Analytics

Spring 2025, 2024, 2023; Fall 2024

Dickinson College, Department of Economics

Game Theory

Spring 2022

Dickinson College, Department of Mathematics

Elementary Statistics

Spring 2022, Fall 2021

University of South Carolina, Department of Economics

Introduction to Economics

Fall 2018, 2019, 2020; Spring 2019, 2020, 2021

Service and Activities

Hearing board member for student violations, Dickinson College

Fall 2023-present

Search committee member for VP of Enrollment, Dickinson College

2023-2024

Search committee member for AP in Data Analytics (x2), Dickinson College

2022-2024

Social media accounts for Dickinson Data Analytics Dept:  and 

2021-present

Web-maintenance for seminars: ehealthecon.org and tobaccopolicy.org

2020-present

Faculty advisor for Dickinson Chess Club

2021-2022

Preparing for Future Faculty, CTE, University of South Carolina

June 2020

Independent Studies Offered

Pranav Azad, AI for Rubik's Cube: Mimicking Human Solving Techniques

2025

Andrew Scheiner, Turning Point: A Statistical Analysis of the 1964 Game of Strategy II

2025

Minh Trinh, Tennis Grand Slam Analysis: A Statistical Approach

2024

Andrew Scheiner, Turning Point: A Statistical Analysis of the 1964 Game of Strategy

2024

Michael Freda, Using Natural Language Processing to Enhance Google Reviews

2024

Pranav Mishra, Improving Object Recognition Models in Detecting Rattlesnakes

2023

Andrew Scheiner, Tip-off in Basketball

2023

Suong Tran, Finding Orthogonal Bioluminescent Probes Using Machine Learning

2023

Ben Stoopack, The Impact of Playing on a New Team: Evidence from MLB

2023

Journals Refereed

Economics of Education Review (3), *Ethics and Behavior* (3), *Ethics and Information Technology* (1), *International Review of Economics Education* (2), *Journal of Economic Education* (3), *Journal of Economics Teaching* (2), *Southern Economic Journal* (2), *Psychological Reports* (1), *Scientific Reports* (1)

Professional Societies and Affiliations

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

Awards

Dickinson College Research Grant \$3,000; \$1,500	Summer 2024, Fall 2024
Dickinson College Research Assistant Grant (x3)	Fall 2023 & 2024, Spring 2024
Dickinson College Research Assistant Grant (x1), with Barry Tesman	Summer 2023
Dickinson College Research Assistant Grant (x3), with Xiaozhou Ding and Paul Ko	2022-23
Moore School Research Grant \$5,000; \$3,000, with Alexander Matros	2020, 2019
Ph.D. Fellowship, Darla Moore School of Business	2016-2021
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 & Entrepreneurship Award, Turkish Industry and Business Assoc.	2013

Software

Programming: Python, C	Web: HTML
Math/Stat: R, Stata, Matlab, SAS	Data-science: ML, text mining, web-scraping
Database: SQL	Typography: L ^A T _E X

Personal Information

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