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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics 2026 (expected)
Georgia State University Atlanta, GA, USA

Fields: Applied Microeconomics, Environmental, Health, and Labor Economics Additional: Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Data Management and Analysis

M.A. in Public Administration 2021

ADA University

Baku, Azerbaijan

B.A. in Economics – Summa cum Laude

Baku Engineering University

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EMPLOYMENT

Instructor of Record, Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant 2021-present Georgia State University | Department of Economics Atlanta, GA, USA 2020-2021 **Economist** Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan | Department of Monetary Policy Baku, Azerbaijan **Project Manager** 2019-2020 ERA Marketing Center | Department of Market Research Baku, Azerbaijan Research Associate 2018-2019 Center for Economic and Social Development | Department of Research Baku, Azerbaijan

RESEARCH

Working Papers

"Harvesting Hunger: Opium Ban and Food Security," with Singh, T.

Job Market Paper

- 2025 Global Engagement Award Winner
- "Air Pollution and Time Use: Evidence from India," with Sahoo, S. and Singh, T.
 - 2023 Sustainability Award Winner
 - Media coverage (in Azerbaijani) [Link]

Works in Progress

"Commons of Tragedy: Persisting Disparities in Mental Health."

"Breathing Through Generations: The Genetic Footprint of Air Pollution."

"Labor Supply Reallocations of Farmers to Arms in Afghanistan," with Gonzalez, R., Najam, R., and Singh, T.

"Air Pollution, Labor Supply, and Spillovers," with Sahoo, S. and Singh, T.

"Highly Sleepy: Effects of Recreational Marijuana Laws on Sleeplessness."

"COVID-19 and The Gender Gap in Educational Achievement."

[&]quot;Peace of Mind: Examining Election-Induced Sleeplessness among Minorities," with Singh, T.

Other Publications

Breban, D., Hasanov, R., Jafarov, J., and Suleymanova, L. (2019). "The Business Environment: Economic Reforms in the Context of Institutional Shortcomings," CESD Press.

Breban, D., Jafarov, J., and Mukhtarov, E. (2018). "The CESD Assessment on the 2019 State Budget Project," CESD Press.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record | Department of Economics, GSU ECON 2105: Principles of Macroeconomics Fall 2023 ECON 4220: Environmental Economics and Policy Summer 2023 Fall 2022 ECON 2106: Principles of Microeconomics Total Course Rating: 4.6/5.0 Total Rating of Instructor: 4.7/5.0 **Teaching Assistant** | Department of Economics, GSU ECON 9710: Econometrics I: Statistical Foundations Fall 2024, Fall 2025 ECON 9030: Advanced Microeconomic Theory II Spring 2023, Spring 2024 ECON 4750: Introduction to Game Theory Fall 2022, Fall 2023 ECON 4100: Economics, Philosophy, and Public Policy Spring 2023 **Teaching Certification** | Department of Economics, GSU **Teaching Seminar** Spring 2022 AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025
2023-2025
2025
2023-2024
2024
2023
2021-2025
2021
2019-2021
2015-2019
2018
2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

2025: SEA Annual Meeting (95th), Tampa, FL, USA | Southern Economic Association – scheduled, Nov. 2025 [Link] World Labor Conference (6th), Toronto, ON, Canada | Society of Labor Economists – Jun, 2025 [Link] ASHEcon Conference (14th), Nashville, TN, USA | American Society of Health Economists – Jun, 2025 [Link] Youth Summit 2025, Washington, D.C., USA | World Bank Group - May, 2025 [Link] SEEDS (5th) Annual Conf., Atlanta, GA, USA | The South East Exchange of Develop. Studies - Apr. 2025 [Link]

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Time Use Conference, College Park, MD, USA | Maryland Population Research Center – Apr, 2025 [Link] MEA (89<sup>th</sup>) Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO, USA | Midwest Economics Association – Mar, 2025 [Link] Graduate Conference for Research (3<sup>rd</sup>), Atlanta, GA, USA | Georgia State University – Feb, 2025 [Link]
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2024: NEUDC Conference, Boston, MA, USA | The North East Universities Develop. Consortium – *Nov, 2024* [Link] APPAM Fall Research Conference (46th), National Harbor, MD, USA | Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management – *Nov, 2024* [Link]

SEA Annual Meeting (94th), Washington, D.C., USA | Southern Economic Association – *Nov, 2024* [Link] Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day (CREED), Charlotte, NC, USA | University of North Carolina-Charlotte – *Oct, 2024* [Link]

ERSA Congress (63rd), Azores, Portugal | European Regional Science Association – Aug. 2024 [Link]

Camp Resources, Asheville, NC, USA | North Carolina State University – Aug, 2024 [Link]

EAERE (29th), Leuven, Belgium | KU Leuven – *Jul, 2024* [Link]

Brown Bag, Auburn, AL, USA | Auburn University - Mar, 2024

Inequality and the Environment Symposium, Paris, France | Sciences Po's – Jan, 2024 [Link]

2023: Development Impact Conf. (4th), Washington, D.C., USA | World Bank DIME-KDI School – Nov, 2023 [Link] APPAM Conf. (45th), Atlanta, GA, USA | Assoc. for Public Policy Analysis and Manag. – Nov, 2023 [Link] Brown Bag, Auburn, AL, USA | Auburn University – Nov, 2023 SWEEEP (2nd), Atlanta, GA, USA | Georgia Institute of Technology – Oct, 2023 [Link] Graduate Conference for Research (2nd), Atlanta, GA, USA | Georgia State University – Oct, 2023 [Link]

Climate Risk Manag. Conf., Atlanta, GA, USA | Center for the Economic Analysis of Risk – Sep, 2023 [Link]

2018: International Summer School in Environment (6th), Beijing, China | Tsinghua University – Aug, 2018 [Link]

WORKSHOPS

- 2025: Atlanta/Athens Health Economists Day Athens, GA, USA | University of Georgia scheduled, Oct, 2025
 Ph.D. Seminar Atlanta, GA, USA | Georgia State University scheduled, Oct, 2025
 Ph.D. Summer Symposium 2025 Atlanta, GA, USA | Georgia State University Aug, 2025
 Resilience Concepts Training, Fairfax, VA, USA | George Mason University Jun, 2025
 Dissertation Workshop, Atlanta, GA, USA | Georgia State University Mar, 2025
- 2024: Ph.D. Summer Symposium 2024, Atlanta, GA, USA | Georgia State University Jul, 2024 Interdis. PhD Workshop in Sustain. Develop. (15th), NYC, NY, USA | Columbia University Apr, 2024 [Link] Dissertation Workshop, Atlanta, GA, USA | Georgia State University Jan, 2024
- 2023: Digital Landscape Initiative Lightning Talks, Atlanta, GA, USA | Georgia State University Nov, 2023
- 2021: Monetary Policy, Vienna, Austria | IMF and JVI Feb, 2021 [Link]
- 2020: Financial Programming and Policies, Washington, D.C., USA | IMF Dec, 2020 [Link] Digital Tools, Bansko, Bulgaria | Erasmus Plus Nov, 2020 [Link]
- 2019: Future Leaders Diplomacy and Critical Thinking, Tbilisi, Georgia | US Department of State Mar, 2019 [Link]
- 2018: International Summer School in Environment (6th), Beijing, China | Tsinghua University *Aug, 2018* [Link] EY Business School, Baku, Azerbaijan | EY *Aug, 2018* [Link]
- 2017: Intensive Business Academy, Baku, Azerbaijan | AAA Oct, 2017 [Link]

REFEREEING

Journals

Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Journal of Labor Research

Conferences

American Society for Health Economists (ASHEcon) 14th Annual Conference 2025, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) at the Southern Economic Association (SEA) 95th Annual Conference 2025, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting 2024

MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association (AEA), Royal Economic Society (RES), Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE), European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE), Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Southern Economic Association (SEA), Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Midwest Economic Association (MEA)

REFERENCES

Dr. Rusty Tchernis (chair)

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MISCELLANEOUS

Software Skills

Stata, R, Python, Tableau, SQL, SPSS, LATEX, Microsoft Office

Languages

English, Azerbaijani, Russian, Turkish