



## Omer Kara

## Curriculum Vitæ

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<b>RESEARCH INTERESTS</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Data Science, Time Series Econometrics, Spatial Econometrics, Cryptoeconomics <b>Secondary:</b> Agricultural Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Applied Macroeconomics	
<b>INDUSTRY INTERESTS</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Data Scientist, Econometrician, Consultant <b>Secondary:</b> Quantitative Analyst, Software Developer	
<b>ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS</b>	<b>Faculty Member, Ph.D.</b> Department of Economics Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Eskisehir, Turkey  <b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b> Department of Economics North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA	January 2019 – Present      May 2018 – August 2018
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>Ph.D., Economics</b> North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA • Dissertation: <i>Three Essays in Applied Spatial and Time Series Econometrics</i> • Advisor: Professor Barry Goodwin • Area of Study: Time Series Econometrics and Spatial Econometrics  <b>M.S., Agricultural and Resource Economics</b> North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA  <b>B.A., Economics</b> Bahcesehir University, Istanbul, Turkey	May 2018          May 2012          June 2008
<b>INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Data Scientist</b> The World Bank, Washington, DC, USA • Job: Sierra Leone CEM - Agriculture Sector Deep Dive (in progress) • Tools: FAOSTAT, R, R Markdown, ETL, EDA  <b>Data Scientist and Econometrician</b> CHS Inc., Inver Grove Heights, MN, USA • Job: Churn Loss Analysis (in progress) • Tools: Statistics, Econometrics, Machine Learning, R, R Markdown, ETL, EDA  <b>Software Developer</b> CHS Inc., Inver Grove Heights, MN, USA • Job: Building the “Crack Spread Platform”, a shiny web app (in progress) • Tools: R, R Markdown, shiny, HTML, CSS, Azure DevOps, Git, ETL, EDA  <b>Software Developer</b> CHS Inc., Inver Grove Heights, MN, USA • Job: Building the “Hog Crush Platform”, a shiny web app (in marketing) • Tools: R, R Markdown, shiny, HTML, CSS, Azure DevOps, Git, ETL, EDA	June 2023 – Present          July 2022 – Present          January 2022 – Present          August 2021 – Present

**RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE**

**Postdoctoral Researcher**

May 2018 – August 2018

Department of Economics

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA

- Project Details:
  - Funding: USDA Forest Service
  - Supervisor: Professor Barry Goodwin and Professor Jeffrey Prestemon
  - Project Title: “Understanding Global Forest Product Market Effects of Trade Measures to Address Illegal Wood Fiber Sourcing”
- Created a collaborative reproducible research environment using [Git](#), [R](#), [R Markdown](#).
- Accelerated data collection/cleaning and statistical/exploratory data analysis steps with flexible user-written [R](#) functions and check procedures.

**Research Assistant**

August 2016 – January 2017

Department of Economics

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA

- Project Details:
  - Funding: North Carolina State University
  - Supervisor: Professor Barry Goodwin
  - Project Title: “Dynamics of U.S. Housing and Primary Building Materials in the Presence of Structural Breaks”
- Created a conceptual framework, collected data in a reproducible way, and performed a through econometric analyses on [R](#) and [GAUSS](#).

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

**Independent Instructor**

January 2019 – Present

Department of Economics

Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Eskisehir, Turkey

- Created course design, lecture format, course materials, and online assessment materials.
- Authored course materials are available at the [Akademi Ekonometri Web Site](#).
- Course videos are available on [Akademi Ekonometri YouTube Channel](#).
- Courses in English: Economics
- Courses in Turkish: Econometrics I, Econometrics II, Time Series Analysis, Econometric Research I, Econometric Research II, Economics, Introduction to Economics, Econometrics, Econometric Modelling and Time Series Analysis - Masters, Financial Econometrics - Masters

**Teaching Assistant**

January 2017 – May 2018

Department of Economics

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA

- Assisted Dr. Margolis and Dr. Fiori with grading assignments and exams.
- Courses: Intermediate Microeconomics, Macro Fundamentals

**Independent Instructor**

August 2014 – May 2016

Department of Economics

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA

- Created course design, lecture format, and assessment materials.
- Developed and lectured course materials.
- Mentored students providing individualized learning support and online assignments.
- Courses: Fundamentals of Economics, Principles of Microeconomics

**Teaching Assistant**

August 2013 – May 2014

Department of Economics

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA

- Assisted Dr. Hyman as head teaching assistant and lab instructor.
- Developed and lectured lab materials independently.
- Improved students’ performance by implementing a collaborative learning environment.
- Courses: Fundamentals of Economics

**TECHNICAL  
SKILLS**

- **Programming:** R, Python, SQL, SAS, MATLAB, GAUSS
- **Data Science:** Statistics, Econometrics, Machine Learning, Web Scraping, ETL, EDA
- **GIS:** Geo-Spatial Data, ArcGIS, QGIS, GeoDa
- **Digital Typesetting:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown
- **Other Skills:** R Markdown, shiny, Shell, Git, Azure DevOps, Reproducible Research

**CERTIFICATIONS  
AND  
CERTIFICATES****Certifications**

- Data Scientist Associate Certification, DataCamp  January 2023 – January 2025

**Certificates**


\*Only selected certificates are shown. More information can be found on my web site.

- Data Scientist Professional with R, DataCamp
- Data Scientist with R, DataCamp
- Data Analyst with R, DataCamp
- R Programmer, DataCamp
- Data Scientist with Python, DataCamp
- Data Analyst with Python, DataCamp
- Python Programmer, DataCamp
- Statistical Inference, Coursera
- Reproducible Research, Coursera
- Exploratory Data Analysis, Coursera
- Getting and Cleaning Data, Coursera
- R Programming, Coursera
- The Data Scientist's Toolbox, Coursera
- Maps and the Geospatial Revolution, Coursera and PennState
- SAS Programming 2: Data Manipulation Techniques, SAS
- SAS Programming 1: Essentials, SAS
- SAS Programming Introduction: Basic Concepts, SAS

**SCHOLARSHIPS  
FELLOWSHIPS  
HONORS  
AND  
AWARDS**

- **Graduate Research Assistantship** August 2016 – January 2017  
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA
- **Graduate Teaching Assistantship** August 2013 – May 2018  
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, USA
- **Scholarship for Graduate Education in the U.S.** August 2010 – August 2017  
Ministry of National Education, Ankara, Turkey  
Full-tuition scholarship including stipend, health insurance, and travel expenses.
- **Grant for Outstanding Academic Performance** September 2005 – June 2007  
Bahcesehir University, Istanbul, Turkey  
Stipend for attaining a GPA of at least 3.8 for four semesters.
- **Scholarship for Undergraduate Education** September 2003 – June 2008  
Bahcesehir University, Istanbul, Turkey  
Full-tuition scholarship including stipend.

**REFEREED  
JOURNAL  
PUBLICATIONS**

- [1] **Kara, O.**, Acaroglu, H., Najafi, A., and Yuruk, B., (2021). AN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL REVIEW FOR THE UTILIZATION OF HVDC IN TURKEY AND IN THE WORLD. *Konya Journal of Engineering Sciences*, 9(3) 809-835. 

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

- [1] **Kara, O.**, Price Dynamics and Structural Breaks in Speculative Markets: A Case Study of Cryptocurrency. International Conference on Economics (EconTR2020@Eskişehir), Eskişehir, Turkey, 10-12 September 2020.

- [2] **Kara, O.**, Identifying and Understanding the Structural Break in Meat Demand in the USA. International Conference on Economics (EconTR2020@Eskişehir), Eskişehir, Turkey, 10-12 September 2020.

**OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS**

- [1] **Kara, O.**, (2018). Emek Piyasası, İstihdam ve İşsizlik. MAKROEKONOMİ Politika ve Uygulama (pp.544-570), Ankara: Nobel Yayın Dağıtım. *Book Chapter Translation*.

**WORKING  
PAPERS**

- “Dynamics of U.S. Housing and Primary Building Materials in the Presence of Structural Break” with [Barry Goodwin](#) and [Jeffrey Prestemon](#)
- “The Impact of Religion on Environmental Performance: Applied Spatial Econometrics”
- “Price Dynamics and Structural Breaks in Speculative Markets: A Case Study of Cryptocurrency”
- “Structural Break in U.S. Meat Demand: Evidence from LA/AIDS Model”
- “The Effect of Quality of Institutions on Agricultural Productivity”

**WORKS IN  
PROGRESS**

- “Price Dynamics Between Cryptocurrency, Fiat Money, Stocks, Gold, and OIL: Before and After COVID-19”
- “Impacts of Quality of Institutions on Income”
- “Economic Consequences of Foreign Player Restriction in European Soccer Leagues”

**ACADEMIC  
SERVICE**

**Erasmus Coordinator**

January 2019 – Present

Department of Economics

Eskişehir Osmangazi University, Eskişehir, Turkey

**Referee Service**

- Çankırı Karatekin Üniversitesi İktisadi ve İdari Bilimler Fakültesi Dergisi

**LANGUAGES**

- English (C2 Proficiency - fluent)
- Turkish (native)

**POPULAR MEDIA**

- Founder of [Akademi Ekonometri Website](#) and [Akademi Ekonometri YouTube Channel](#).

**MORE  
INFORMATION**

More information and auxiliary documents can be found on [my web site](#).

## REFERENCES

### Dr. Barry Goodwin

William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor  
Agricultural and Resource Economics  
North Carolina State University  
Raleigh, NC 27695-8109

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✉ : [bkgoodwi@ncsu.edu](mailto:bkgoodwi@ncsu.edu)

👤 : Dr. Goodwin was my graduate advisor and post doctoral supervisor.

### Dr. Walter Thurman

William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor  
Agricultural and Resource Economics  
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👤 : Dr. Thurman was a member of my doctoral committee.

### Dr. Jeffrey Prestemon

Adjunct Professor  
Forestry and Environmental Resources  
North Carolina State University  
Raleigh, NC 27695-8109

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👤 : Dr. Prestemon was a member of my doctoral committee.

\*More references are available upon request.