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APPOINTMENTS

M.A. Program Director and Graduate Advisor, Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2015-present
Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2013-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Texas A&M University, Fall 2008-Spring 2013

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Teaching Interests: Microeconomics (principles through advanced), Industrial Organization, Antitrust, Econometrics
Research Interests: Industrial Organization, Applied Microeconomics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics (May 2008), Duke University, Durham, NC, USA
Dissertation: Spatial Competition and Network Economies among Retail Chains
Committee: Christopher Timmins (chair), Paul Ellickson, Arie Beresteanu, Shakeeb Khan

M.A. in Economics (September 2004), Duke University, Durham, NC, USA

B.A. in Economics, B.S. in Business Administration (May 2002), summa cum laude, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX, USA

PUBLICATIONS

“[Bidding for Incomplete Contracts: An Empirical Analysis of Adaptation Costs](#),” (2014), with Patrick Bajari and Steve Tadelis, *American Economic Review*, 104(4): 1288-1319. Earlier version available as NBER Working Paper 12051.

“[Estimating Network Economies in Retail Chains: A Revealed Preference Approach](#),” (2013), with Paul Ellickson and Christopher Timmins. *The RAND Journal of Economics*, 44: 169–193. Earlier version available as NBER Working Paper 15832.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS

Courses Taught:

University of Texas at Austin

Introduction to Economics (ECO 304K)	Fall 2014
Live Online version	Spring 2015-Spring 2017
Current Issues in Business Economics (ECO 351K – Writing Flag)	Spring 2014-Spring 2015
Introduction to Econometrics (ECO 341K – Honors Section)	Spring 2014
Microeconomics (ECO 394K) – masters level	Fall 2013-Fall 2015
	Fall 2017-Fall 2020*
*Fall 2020 taught in hybrid format, in-person and synchronous online meetings	
Microeconomic Theory (ECO 420K)	Fall 2013

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Introduction to Econometrics (ECMT 463 – Writing Flag)	Fall 2012, Spring 2013
Graduate Industrial Organization II (ECON 650)	Spring 2010, Spring 2012, Fall 2012
Economics of Antitrust and Regulation (ECON 426 – Writing Flag)	Spring 2009, Fall 2009-2011, Spring 2012
Principles of Economics (ECON 202 – Honors Section)	Fall 2009

Duke University, Durham, NC

Introduction to Econometrics (ECON 139)	Summer 2007
Teaching Assistant for:	
Intermediate Microeconomics (Spring 2004), Macroeconomic Analysis I - PhD level (Fall 2003), and PhD Math Camp (Summer 2003)	

Awards:

Outstanding Graduate Instructor of the Year, Department of Economics, Texas A&M University, 2012

Montague-CTE Scholar, College of Liberal Arts, Texas A&M University (award given annually in recognition of excellence in undergraduate teaching), 2010-2011

Top Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Economics Department, Duke University, 2004

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Referee for *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Industrial Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, *International Journal of the Economics of Business*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Review of Industrial Organization*, *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*.

External Reviewer for promotion case (Lecturer to Senior Lecturer), Fall 2015

Member: American Economic Association, Industrial Organization Society

RTI International, Research Triangle Park, NC - Economist for the Technology, Energy, and the Environment Program, 2005-2006.

Department of Economics, Duke University, Research Assistant, 2004-2008.

Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Duke University, Research Assistant, 2003.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Related to the MA Program

Internship Course for MA Economics Program

Coordinator, Fall 2016-Spring 2021 (9 students from Summer 2020-Spring 2021)

MA Research Experience Initiative

Co-organizer, Fall 2017-Spring 2020

Annual Progress Report for Option III Degree Programs, Spring 2016-Spring 2021

Institutional Assessment, Fall 2016-Fall 2020

MA Admissions Committee, Spring 2016-Spring 2021

Author, Self-Study for External Review of the MA Economics Program, Fall 2016

Related to Teaching

Member, Committee to Review Economics Department's Use of Lecturers, Fall 2019

Peer Teaching Reviews

Helen Schneider, Fall 2019

Shalah Mostashari, Fall 2019

Anastasia Zervou, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2022

Seminars

Participant, Industrial Organization PhD Writing Seminar, Fall 2013-Spring 2021

PERC Applied Micro Speaker Series

Co-organizer, Fall 2010-2012

Participant, Fall 2008-Spring 2010

Participant, Moshbacher Interdisciplinary Research Lunch Group, Bush School, Spring 2010-Fall 2010

Other

Faculty Mentor for Jester West Wing, Division of Housing and Food Service at UT-Austin, Fall 2014-Spring 2015

College of Liberal Arts Diversity Committee, TAMU,

Departmental Representative, Fall 2009-Spring 2013

Department Committee for EUROP (Economic Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program)

Member, Spring 2011-present

Department Intellectual Climate and Diversity Committee

Chair, Fall 2010-present

Member, Fall 2009-Spring 2010

Author, Report on Distance Learning and Online Course Delivery in the Department of Economics, Spring 2011

Reviewer, U.S. Applications to Ph.D. Program, Spring 2009

DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

Committee Co-chair for Ph.D. in Economics: Jian-Da Zhu (2013)

Committee Member for PhD in Economics: Xiaoyuan Wang (2014), Sungmin Han (2013),
Jeremy Nighohossian (2013), Priyanka Sharma (2013), Xin Tang (2013), Jose Pellerano
(2013), Fan Ji (2012), Cesar Cancho (2012), Sungbok Lee (2010)

Committee Member for Master's in Economics: Carolyn Hulme-Lowe (2009)

PRESENTATIONS

2011 STATA Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference

2009 Texas A&M University Agricultural Economics, Rice/University of Houston, UT-Austin

2008 NBER IO Program Meeting, Boston College, Texas A&M University, Drexel University,
University of Toronto - Rotman School of Business, Department of Justice, Federal
Trade Commission, Furman University, Trinity University

2007 Duke University Applied Microeconomics Seminar, Triangle Econometrics Conference

OTHER ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

Service Appreciation Award, Graduate Program, Department of Economics, UT-Austin (2016-
2017)

Service Appreciation Award, Undergraduate Program, Department of Economics, UT-Austin
(2014-2015)

Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, Economics Department, Duke University (2005)

Duke University Tuition & Fees Scholarship (2002-present)

Duke University Joseph G. Spengler Graduate Fellowship (2002-2003)

Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award for Economics (2002)

Phi Beta Kappa (2001)

Omicron Delta Epsilon and Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Societies (2001)

Trinity University Murchison Scholar (1998-2002)

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