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Areas of Interest

Immigration, Income Inequality and Distribution, International Economics, Labor Studies, Terrorism

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Alabama, 2009
M.S. Finance, University of Alabama, 2009
M.A. Economics, University of Alabama, 2006
MBA, Auburn University, 2004
B.A. International Trade, Bogazici University, 2003

Dissertation

Topic: "Immigration, Income Inequality, and Stochastic Dominance" (Chair: [Dr. Gary Hoover](#))

Employment

Assistant Professor, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, Sep. 2009 - Present.
Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, Aug. 2005 - Jul. 2009.

Teaching

Eastern Michigan: International Trade (Graduate and Undergraduate), Labor Economics (Graduate and Undergraduate), Foundations of Economics (Graduate), Financial Economics, Principles of Microeconomics.

Alabama: Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics.

Publications

"Racial and Ethnic Income Inequality Responses to Government Maintenance Programs in the US," with Gary Hoover, *forthcoming*.

"Gender Differences in Income Inequality Among Immigrant Populations to the United States," (Mar. 2009), with Gary Hoover, *Social Science Journal*, 47, 2010, 593-608.

"Racial and Ethnic Differences in Income Inequality Across U.S. Regions," with Gary Hoover, *Review of Black Political Economy*, 37(2), 2010, 79-114.

"Terrorism and Tourism: The Case of Turkey," (Feb. 2009), *Defence & Peace Economics*, 20(6), 2009, 477-497.

"Immigration, Trade and Wages in Germany", *Romanian Journal of European Studies*, 5-6/2007, 85-100.

Working Papers

“Income Distribution and Determinants of Income Inequality of Immigrants in the United States,” *under review*.

“Persistence of Institutions, Openness to Trade and Economic Growth: New Evidence,” with Michael Bonnal, *under review*.

“The Real Effective Exchange Rate and Trade Performance in China,” with Xiaoxia Lu, *under review*.

“Private Insurance Consumption of Immigrants in US” with Jennifer Rice, *in progress*.

“The Impact of Guerilla Attacks on Stock and Commodity Markets in Colombia” with Ali M. Kutan, *in progress*.

“Assimilation of Immigrants and Their Impact on Income Inequality in United States,” *in progress*.

“Immigration and Income Inequality: A Theoretical Approach,” *in progress*.

Presentations

“The Impact of Terrorist Attacks on Stock and Commodity Markets,” Euroconference 2011, Jun. 2011, Izmir, Turkey *scheduled*

Income Distribution and Determinants of Income Inequality of Immigrants in the United States, Wayne State University, Feb. 2011, Detroit, MI. *scheduled*

“Racial and Ethnic Income Inequality Responses to Government Maintenance Programs in the US,” 80th Southern Economic Association Meetings, Nov. 2010, Atlanta, GA.

“Racial and Ethnic Income Inequality Responses to Government Maintenance Programs in the US,” Hispanic Economic Issues Conference, Nov. 2010, Atlanta, GA.

The Short-Run Relationship between Real Effective Exchange Rate and Balance of Trade in China.” Missouri Valley Annual Conference, Oct. 2010, St. Louis, MA.

“Persistence of Institutions, Openness to Trade and Economic Growth: New Evidence,” Auburn University Seminar Series, Apr. 2010, Auburn, AL.

“Persistence of Institutions, Openness to Trade and Economic Growth: New Evidence,” Midwest Economic Association Meetings, Mar. 2010, Chicago, IL.

“Income Distribution and Determinants of Income Inequality of Immigrants in the United States,” Grand Valley State University, Jan. 2010, Grand Valley, MI.

“Income Distribution and Determinants of Income Inequality of Immigrants in the United States,” Western Michigan University, Dec. 2009, Kalamazoo, MI.

“Racial and Ethnic Differences in Income Inequality across U.S. Regions,” Conference on Hispanic and African American Economic Issues, Sep. 2009, College Station, TX.

“Racial and Ethnic Differences in Income Inequality across U.S. Regions,” University of Alabama Brown Bag Seminar Series, Apr. 2009, Tuscaloosa, AL.

“Gender Differences in Income Inequality among Immigrant Populations to the United States,”

9th Annual Missouri Economic Conference, Mar. 2009, Columbia, MA.

“Income Distribution and Determinants of Income Inequality of Immigrants in the United States,
Eastern Michigan University Job Talk, Mar. 2009, Ypsilanti, MI.

“Gender Differences in Income Inequality among Immigrant Populations to the United States,”
78th Southern Economic Association Meetings, Nov. 2008, Washington, D.C.

“Racial and Ethnic Differences in Income Inequality across U.S. Regions,” 78th Southern
Economic Association Meetings, Nov. 2008, Washington, D.C.

“Turkish Tourism Industry, Terrorism, and Warfare,” 78th Southern Economic Association
Meetings, Nov. 2008, Washington, D.C.

“Turkish Tourism Industry, Terrorism, and Warfare,” International Conference On Social Sciences,
Aug. 2008, Izmir, Turkey.

“Turkish Tourism Industry, Terrorism, and Warfare,” Auburn University Seminar Series, Apr.
2008, Auburn, AL.

“Turkish Tourism Industry, Terrorism, and Warfare,” 11th Annual GSA Research Conference, Feb.
2008, Tuscaloosa, AL.

“Immigration, Income Inequality and Stochastic Dominance: An Empirical Study on the
Immigrants in U.S.,” 77th Southern Economic Association Meetings, Nov. 2007, New Orleans, LA.

“Immigration, Trade and Wages in Germany,” Auburn University Seminar Series, Apr. 2004,
Auburn, AL.

Honors and Awards

McNair Scholars Program Mentor, 2010

Celebration of Student Support Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2010

Provost's New Faculty Research Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2009

Travel Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Eastern Michigan University, 2009

Travel Award, Manderson Graduate School of Business and Culverhouse College of Commerce and
Business Administration, University of Alabama, 2009

Will Byington Student Involvement Award, CCSO, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, Apr.
2007

Mises Institute Supporters Summit 2005 Scholarship, Auburn, AL, Sep. 2005

W. Vogtle, Jr., Memorial Fellowship, Auburn University, Auburn, AL, Jun. 2004

Honors Certificate, International Trade Department, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, Jun.
2003

Grossen Sprachzertifikat Wirtschaftdeutsch (German Language Certificate for Business), Institut
für Internationale Kommunikation (Institute for International Communication), Dusseldorf
Universität, Dusseldorf, Germany, Aug. 2002

Zertifikat Deutsch (German Language Certificate), Goethe Institut, Bremen, Germany, Aug. 2000

Professional Services

Committees

- Economics Club Advisor (2010-Present), Eastern Michigan University
- Undergraduate Instruction Committee (2009-Present), Eastern Michigan University
- College Advisory Council (2009-2010), Eastern Michigan University
- Graduate Council (2006-2008), University of Alabama
- Equal Opportunity Committee (2004-2006), University of Alabama
- Graduate Student Association, President (2007-2008), Research Conference Chair (2006-2007), University of Alabama
- International Student Association, Vice President (2006-2007), Executive Officer (2004-2006), University of Alabama

Refereeing

- Eastern Economic Journal
- Emerging Markets Finance and Trade
- Journal of Peace Research
- International Trade Journal
- Defence & Peace Economics (2)

Advising

- Sondra Collins, 2010, Ph.D., University of Alabama, in progress
- Xiaoxia Lu, M.A., 2010, Eastern Michigan University
- Rreze Zejnulahi, M.A., 2010, Eastern Michigan University, in progress
- Walter W. Reggans, B.A., 2010, Eastern Michigan University, in progress
- Danielle Tuttle, B.A., 2010, Eastern Michigan University, in progress

Professional Organization Memberships

American Economic Association

Southern Economic Association

Midwest Economic Association

Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan (TACAM)

Skills

Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent), German (conversational), Spanish (conversational)

Computer Skills: C++, L^AT_EX , Rats, Stata