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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

Associate Professor, Department of Economics

September 2020 – present

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

August 2013 – August 2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, BOSTON COLLEGE, 2013

M.A., Economics, BOSTON COLLEGE, 2008

B.S., Physics, Mathematics, *magna cum laude*, MERCER UNIVERSITY, 2006

B.A., Economics (minor in German), *magna cum laude*, MERCER UNIVERSITY, 2006

RESEARCH

INTERESTS

Matching, Market and Mechanism Design, Choice Theory

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- “The impossibility of strategy-proof, Pareto-efficient, and individually rational rules for fractional matching markets,” (with Vikram Manjunath)
Games and Economic Behavior, 2020, 119, 15-29
- “Strategy-proof Pareto-improvement,” (with Vikram Manjunath)
Journal of Economic Theory, 2019, 181, 121-142
- “WARP and combinatorial choice”
Journal of Economic Theory, 2018, 173, 320-333

WORKING PAPERS

- “When is manipulation all about the ones and twos?”
(Revise and Resubmit at *Games and Economic Behavior*)
- “Stable-dominating rules,” (with Vikram Manjunath)
- “Stability and matching with aggregate actors”
- “The Impact of a DROP Program on the Age of Retirement and Employer Pension Costs,” (with Norma Coe and Anthony Webb)

IN PROGRESS

- “Consistent rules for school choice”

- “Pairwise stability and complementarity in matching”
- “Robustly efficient random mechanisms for object allocation,” (with Eun Jeong Heo and Vikram Manjunath)
- “Combinatorial choice with graded criteria”
- “Political polarization and social influence networks”
- “Stability and the core in choice-based matching”

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020: Osaka-Rochester Workshop on Alternatives-to-Market Design (*scheduled, cancelled due to COVID-19*), 20th SAET Conference on Current Trends in Economics (Seoul) (*scheduled, cancelled due to COVID-19*)
- 2019: Rice U, 19th SAET Conference on Current Trends in Economics (Ischia), 3rd Ottawa Theory Workshop (U Ottawa), 8th Texas Economic Theory Camp (U Texas at Austin), Southern Economic Assoc. Meetings (Ft. Lauderdale), 15th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (ISI New Delhi)
- 2018: U Rochester, Eighth Annual Law and Economic Theory Conference (GMU) (Discussant), 14th Meeting of the Society of Social Choice and Welfare (Seoul National U)
- 2017: U Montreal, 13th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (ISI New Delhi), 1st Ottawa Theory Workshop (U Ottawa), Midwest Theory Conference (SMU), MATCH-UP 2017 (Microsoft Research New England)
- 2016: 5th Texas Economic Theory Camp (Rice U), 13th Meeting of the Society of Social Choice and Welfare (Lund U), Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting (U Penn), Workshop on Matching (ITAM)
- 2015: U Laval, 4th Texas Economic Theory Camp (U Texas at Austin), 15th SAET Conference on Current Trends in Economics (Cambridge U), 9th Conference on Economic Design (Bilgi U)
- 2014: 3rd Texas Economic Theory Camp (SMU), Public Economic Theory Conference (U Wash), 12th Meeting of the Society of Social Choice and Welfare (Boston College)
- 2013: Texas A&M, U Texas at San Antonio, Amherst College, U Vienna

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

REVIEWER

American Economic Review, Journal of Economic Theory, Theoretical Economics, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Public Economics, Social Choice and Welfare, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Economics Letters, Mathematical Social Sciences, Review of Economic Design, International Review of Law and Economics, Oxford University Press, MIT Press

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Session Chair

- 19th SAET Conference on Current Trends in Economic Theory (Ischia), Jul 2019
- 13th Meeting of the Society of Social Choice and Welfare (Lund U), Jun 2016

Econometric Society's North American Summer Meeting (U Penn), Jun 2016

2nd Texas Economic Theory Camp (Texas A&M), Oct 2013

Organizer

Session on "Choice and Matching", 20th SAET Conference on Current Trends in Economic Theory (Seoul), Jul 2020, (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)

Boston College Theory Workshop, 2010 – 2011, 2012 – 2013

Other

Local Coordinator at UTSA for the annual Texas Economic Theory Camp, 2013 – present

MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, The Econometric Society, Society for Social Choice and Welfare

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

UTSA College of Business Dean's Distinguished Research Award, Summers 2018, 2019

UTSA College of Business Teaching Honor Roll, Fall 2014

Donald J. White Teaching Fellow Excellence Award, 2010

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Award of Excellence, 2006

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

Ph.D.: Quantitative Methods for Business and Economics

Masters: Game Theory and Business Strategy, Microeconomic Theory

Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomics, Environmental and Resource Economics

BOSTON COLLEGE

Ph.D.: Math for Economists, Math Review for incoming students

Undergraduate: Game Theory in Economics, Microeconomic Theory, Principles of Microeconomics

Other: Stata Tutorials @ Research Services

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

DEPARTMENT:

Program Assessment Coordinator for B.A. in Economics, Fall 2019 – present

Graduate Admissions Committee for M.A. in Economics, 2014 – 2015, 2019 – present

Department Faculty Advisory Committee (DFAC), 2013 – 2015, 2015 – present

Faculty Recruiting Committee, AY 2019 – 2020

Department Appraisal Review Committee, Springs 2015, 2018

Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee, 2014 – 2016

COLLEGE:

Research Award Redesign Team, Spring 2020

Pre-Ph.D. Research Advisor, Spring 2020 – present

Undergraduate Programs Committee, Fall 2019 – present
COB Downtown Expansion Committee, Fall 2019
COB China Immersion Program (Applicant Review), Fall 2016
Website Redesign Committee, Spring 2015

UNIVERSITY:

Faculty Senate (and Budget Committee), AY 2019 – 2020