

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal

Date of Birth: November 25, 1964, Paris, France
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Degrees

B.A., Pitzer College, May 1986, with honors.
M.S., California Institute of Technology, June 1988.
Ph.D., California Institute of Technology, June 1991.

Employment

School of Social Sciences, Rice University, Professor of Economics, 2011–.
School of Social Sciences, Rice University, Associate Professor of Economics, 2005–2011.
School of Social Sciences, Rice University, Visiting Associate Professor of Economics, 2004–2005.
School of Business, University of Alabama, Professor of Economics, 2004–2005.
School of Business, University of Alabama, Associate Professor of Economics, 2002–2004.
School of Business, University of Mississippi, Croft Associate Professor of International Economics, 2000–2001.
Olin School of Business, Washington University, Associate Professor of Managerial Economics, 1996–2000.
Olin School of Business, Washington University, Assistant Professor of Managerial Economics, 1990–1996.

Courses Taught

Undergraduate level: Principles of Microeconomics; Managerial Economics; Intermediate Microeconomics; International Trade; Law and Economics; Bureaucracy and Public Policy; Mathematical Economics; Organizational Design; Business, Law and Economics; Game Theory

MBA: Competitive Strategy.

Ph.D.: Mathematical Economics, Microeconomic Theory; Empirical Microeconomics; Game Theory.

Publications

Papers in Refereed Journals

“Laws of large numbers for dynamical systems with randomly matched individuals,” *Journal of Economic Theory* 57 (1992), 473–504.

“Fictitious play: a statistical study of multiple economic experiments,” with M. El-Gamal, *Games and Economic Behavior* 5 (1993), 205–222.

“Equilibria resistant to mutation,” *Games and Economic Behavior* 7 (1994), 10–34.

“Continuous approximation of dynamical systems with randomly matched individuals,” *Journal of Economic Theory*, (1995), 615–625.

“Voting over economic plans,” with R. McKelvey, *American Economic Review*, (1995) 860–871.

“Voting over investment,” *Journal of Mathematical Economics*, (1996), 187–208.

“Political competition in a model of economic growth: Some Theoretical Results,” with J. Ledyard and R. McKelvey, *Economic Theory*, (1996), 191–205.

“Coalition-proof implementation,” *Journal of Economic Theory*, (1998), 132–143.

“An optimal auction perspective on lobbying,” *Social Choice and Welfare*, (2000), 55–68.

“Private bills: a theoretical and empirical study of lobbying,” *Public Choice*, (2002), 19–47.

“A survey of state house reporters’ perception of public corruption,” with Cheryl Long, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, (2003), 420–438.

“Firm size and monitoring,” with Cheryl Long, *Economics Bulletin*, (2003), 1–5.

“Do the sentencing guidelines influence the composition of federal judges?” *Journal of Legal Studies*, (2004), 231–253.

“Salaries, turnover, and performance in the federal criminal justice system,” *Journal of Law & Economics*, (2004), 75–92.

“Tracking variations in cocaine deaths across U.S. cities,” with Vivian Ho, *Addiction Research and Theory*, (2004), 461–468.

“Salaries, plea rates, and the career objectives of federal prosecutors,” with Cheryl Long, *Journal of Law & Economics*, (2005), 627– 651.

“What do prosecutors maximize? Evidence from the careers of U.S. attorneys,” *American Law and Economics Review*, (2005), 379– 402.

“Incorporating Fairness in Generalized Games of Matching Pennies,” with Simon Grant, *International Journal of Economic Theory*, (2008), 445–458.

“Political distortions in state forecasts,” *Public Choice*, (2008), 411– 427.

“The Effect of Punishment Severity on Plea Bargaining,” *Journal of Law & Economics*, (2012), 565–591.

“Intended and Unintended Consequences of Prison Reform” (with Naci Mocan), *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization*, (2014), 558–586.

“Power to the People: Does Ownership Type Influence Electricity Service?” *Journal of Law & Economics*, (2016), 441-476.

“Revenue swings and the provision of health, welfare, education, and government services” (with Vivian Ho), *National Tax Journal*, (2017), 329-366.

“The impact of district elections on municipal pensions and investment” (with Dru Stevenson), *Journal of Law, Economics & Policy*, (2017), 127-150.

“The Impact of Court-Ordered District Elections on City Finances,” forthcoming, *Journal of Law & Economics*, (2019), 633-661.

Papers in Unrefereed Volumes

“Political Competition in a Model of Economic Growth: An Experimental Study,” with J. Ledyard, S. Lupia, R. McKelvey, and P. Ordeshook, in *Laboratory Research in Political Economy*, Palfrey (ed), 1991.

Working Papers

“Does disbanding police departments make law enforcement more transparent and accountable?”

“Imputation methods make crime studies suspect: Detecting biases via regression discontinuity.” Presentation: First Annual Conference on Crime, Risk and Economics (University College London), May 16, 2019.

“Does private ownership reduce political distortions? Evidence from U.S. electric utilities.” Presentations: Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics (HEC Monreal), June 2018; Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics Seminar Series,

February 16, 2018; Keynote Speaker at International Workshop on Economic Analysis of Institutions, Xiamen, China, May 2015; Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics (Harvard University), June 2015.

Presentations: Summer Institute Law & Economics Workshop, July 27, 2017, National Bureau of Economic Research; Annual Municipal Finance Conference, July 17, 2017, Brookings Institution; American Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting, May 13, 2017, Yale University; Annual Empirical Legal Studies Conference, November 19, 2016, Duke University; Public Policy Conference on Solving the Public Pension Crisis, George Mason University, December 2, 2016.

“The ties that bind: Property taxation and neighborhood stability.” Presentations: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2012; American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, May 2013.

Service (since 2005)

Coordinator, brown bag seminar series, 2019-

Member, Economics Honors Thesis Committee, 2017-2019.

Member, University Committee for Faculty & Staff Benefits, 2016-2020.

Member, Economics Department Teaching Committee, 2015-2017.

Member, Economics Department Master’s in Energy Economics Committee, 2014–2015.

Director of Graduate Studies, Economics, Rice University, 2012–2014 .

Member, University Graduate Council, Rice University, 2012–2013, 2014–2015.

Member, University Committee on Examinations and Standing, 2013–2014.

Associate, Brown College, Rice University, 2008– (advise students who live at Brown College).

Member, University Undergraduate Admissions Committee, Rice University, 2011-2012.

Member, University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Rice University, 2008–2010.

Member, Economics Department Curriculum Committee, Rice University, 2008–2011.

Co-organizer, Rice University-University of Houston Empirical Microeconomics Seminar Series, 2007–2014 .

Member, Social Science Dean's Advisor Committee, Rice University, 2005– 2009 (advised Dean on changes in administration; awarded faculty and graduate student grants).

Director of the Managerial Studies Program, Rice University, 2005–2008. (Each year, between 40 and 45 students graduate with a B.A. in Managerial Studies; tasks included advising of students, verifying graduation requirements, scheduling of courses, insuring donor funding and selecting students for leadership awards, managing web page, updating the curriculum, prepared accreditation reports for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.)

Ph.D. committee chair: Ibrahim Baris Esmerok 2015 (Direct Energy—Risk Management Analytics Analyst).

Ph.D. committee member: Rustam Zufarov 2020 (Assistant Professor, University of Illinois Chicago), Gary Lind, 2019 (Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh), Stephen Pickett, 2018 (Researcher, HealthCore), Woohyeon Kim, 2016 (Associate Research Fellow, Korea Institute of Public Finance), Naoko Matsumura, 2015 (Adjunct Research Associate, Hitotsubashi University), Jerome Dugan, 2012 (Assistant Professor, University of Maryland), Daina Chiba, 2011 (Postdoctoral Associate, Duke University), Sule Celik, 2011 (Lecturer, San Francisco State University), Levent Kutlu, 2010 (Assistant Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology), David Goodman, 2009 (Research Specialist, Texas Education Agency), Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel, 2009 (Assistant Professor, Dalhousie University), Nguyen Nguyen, 2009 (Credit Risk Researcher, Barclays).