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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Memphis, 2012-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012
M.A. in Economics, Washington University in St. Louis, 2008
B.S. in Economics, Universidad del Pacifico, Lima-Peru, 2002

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Applied Microeconomic Theory
Secondary: Behavioral Economics, Industrial Organization, Game Theory

PUBLICATION

1. Astorne-Figari, C. and Yankelevich, A. Consumer Search with Asymmetric Price Sampling. *Economics Letters* 122/2 (2014), pp. 331-333.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Are Changes of Major Major Changes? The Roles of Grades, Gender, and Preferences in College Major Switching (with Jamin Speer – under review)
2. Drop Out, Switch Majors or Persist? The contrasting Gender Gaps (with Jamin Speer – under review)
3. An empirical investigation on the transfer of expatriates within MNCs from a knowledge perspective (with Joonhyung Lee – under review)
4. Advertising and Pricing When Attention is Limited (with Joaquin Lopez and Aleksandr Yankelevich – revise and resubmit at the Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization)
5. Expectations and Follow-Through: The Roles of Confidence and Non-Cognitive Skills for Self-Employment (with Andrew Hussey and Daniel Mangrum – under review)
6. Asymmetric Sequential Search (with Aleksandr Yankelevich – extended version of Consumer Search with Asymmetric Price Sampling)
7. Kin-Targeted Altruism with Noise

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Research Initiation: Forming the Empathic Engineer - A Path to Gender Equity in the Profession," (with Eddie L. Jacobs, Yonghong J. Xu and Amy de Jongh Curry)
2. Entrepreneurship, Risk Aversion and Risk Sharing with a Competitive Insurance Market (with Bill Smith)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Memphis

Instructor:

Graduate: Advanced Microeconomics I and II, Economic Theory and Decisions, Industrial Organization, 2012-2017

Undergraduate: Behavioral Economics, Introduction to Microeconomics, 2013-2017

Washington University in St. Louis

Instructor:

Graduate: Summer Math Review, Summer 2008-2011

Undergraduate: Mathematical Economics, Fall 2009-2010

Teaching Assistant:

Graduate: Microeconomic Theory, Game Theory, 2007-2008

Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Spring 2011

Universidad del Pacifico (Lima, Peru)

Instructor:

Undergraduate: Managerial Economics, Principles of Microeconomics, 2004-2006

Teaching Assistant:

Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Principles of Microeconomics, 2001-2004

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Washington University in St. Louis

Research Assistant to Professor David Levine at the Economic Theory Center, 2007-2008

Research Assistant to Professor David Levine, 2009

Universidad del Pacifico

Junior Researcher, 2004-2006

Research Assistant, 2002-2004

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

University of Memphis

NSF grant for "Research Initiation: Forming the Empathic Engineer - A Path to Gender Equity in the Profession," (Co-Investigator), 2016

2014 Outstanding paper award, first place in the conceptual/theoretical category, for Consumer Search with Asymmetric Price Sampling, 2015

Summer Research Grant, 2016

Summer Research Grant, 2015

New Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2014

New Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2013

Washington University in St. Louis

Graduate Scholarship, 2006-2009

John Stuart Mill Fellowship, 2006-2011

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, 2011-2012

NSF grant to attend the 3rd Meeting of Nobel Laureates at Lindau, 2008

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conferences

Southern Economic Association Conference, coauthor, Fall 2016

Western Economic Association Conference, presenter and chair, Summer 2015

International Industrial Organization Conference, presenter, discussant and chair, Spring 2013

Midwest Economic Theory and International Trade Meetings, presenter, Fall 2012

Southern Economic Association Conference, presenter and discussant, Fall 2012

6th Washington University Annual Graduate Student Conference, presenter and discussant, Fall 2011

Southern Economic Association Conference, presenter and discussant, Fall 2011

Georgetown University, presenter, Summer 2011

Southern Economic Association Conference, presenter and discussant, Fall 2010

Missouri Economics Conference, presenter, Spring 2009

Seminars

University of Columbia – Missouri, 2013

University of Memphis, 2012

Mississippi State University, 2012

Bowdoin College, 2012

Universidad del Pacifico, 2010

Universidad de Piura, 2010

Refereeing

International Journal of Game Theory, Review of Economic Studies, Eastern Economic Journal

Other

Economics Ph.D. Microeconomics Comprehensive Exam Committee , 2013-2016

Graduate Committee (Department of Economics), University of Memphis, 2012-2016
Graduate Study Abroad Scholarship Committee, University of Memphis, 2014-2016
Outstanding Paper Awards Committee, Member, University of Memphis, 2014
Economics Department Hiring Committee, Member, University of Memphis, 2013-2014
Search Committee for MBA Director, University of Memphis, 2013
Honors Thesis Adviser for Jeffrey Babin, University of Memphis, Spring 2013
Participant in the Meeting of Economics Nobel Laureates, Lindau, Summer 2008
Senator, Graduate Student Senate, Washington University in St. Louis, 2007-2008
Member, Graduate Student Association, Washington University in St. Louis, 2008-2011
Student Representative, Universidad del Pacifico, 2000-2001

MEMBERSHIPS

Southern Economic Association