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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

PUBLICATIONS

1. Astorne-Figari, C. and Yankelevich, A. "Consumer Search with Asymmetric Price Sampling." *Economics Letters* 122.2 (2014): 331-333.
2. Astorne-Figari, Carmen, and Jamin D. Speer. "Drop out, switch majors, or persist? The contrasting gender gaps." *Economics Letters* 164 (2018): 82-85.
3. Astorne-Figari, Carmen and Joonhyung Lee. "An empirical investigation on the transfer of expatriates within MNCs from a knowledge perspective." *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* (2018), forthcoming.
4. Astorne-Figari, Carmen, Joaquín López and Aleksandr Yankelevich. "Advertising for Consideration." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, forthcoming.
5. Astorne-Figari, Carmen and Jamin D. Speer. "Are Changes of Major Major Changes? The Roles of Grades, Gender, and Preferences in College Major Switching." *Economics of Education Review* (2019), accepted.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Production Hierarchies and MNC Expatriates (with Joonhyung Lee)
2. Expectations and Follow-Through: The Roles of Confidence and Non-Cognitive Skills for Self-Employment (with Andrew Hussey and Daniel Mangrum)
3. Kin-Targeted Altruism with Noise
4. Asymmetric Sequential Search (with Aleksandr Yankelevich – extended version of Consumer Search with Asymmetric Price Sampling)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Memphis:

Graduate: Advanced Microeconomics I and II, Economic Theory and Decisions, Industrial Organization, 2012-2018

Undergraduate: Behavioral Economics, Introduction to Microeconomics, 2013-2018

Washington University in St. Louis:

Graduate: Summer Math Review, 2008-2011

Undergraduate: Mathematical Economics, 2009-2010

Universidad del Pacifico (Lima, Peru):

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

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Universidad del Pacifico, Junior Researcher and Instructor, 2004-2006

Universidad del Pacifico, Research and Teaching Assistant, 2002-2004

GRANTS

External:

NSF grant for "Research Initiation: Forming the Empathic Engineer - A Path to Gender Equity in the Profession," (Co-Investigator with E. L. Jacobs, Y. J. Xu and A. de Jongh Curry), 2016-2018

University of Memphis:

Smart City Innovation Hub: Phase I-Development of a Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Readiness Index (with S. Mishra, M. Golias, C. A. Santo, L. Wang and E. L. Jacobs), Research Investment Fund, University of Memphis, Division of Research and Sponsored Research Programs, 2017-2018
Fogelman College of Business Competitive Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2015, 2016
New Faculty Summer Research Grant, Fogelman College of Business and Economics, 2013, 2014

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

University of Memphis:

2014 Outstanding Paper Award, 1st place in the Conceptual/Theoretical category, for “Consumer Search with Asymmetric Price Sampling”, 2015

Washington University in St. Louis:

Graduate Scholarship, 2006-2011
John Stuart Mill Fellowship, 2006-2011
Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, 2011-2011
NSF Grant to attend the 3rd Meeting of Nobel Laureates at Lindau, 2008

SERVICE

University of Memphis:

Strategic Planning Committee, 2018
Continuous Improvement Committee, 2018
Economics Ph.D. Microeconomics Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2013-present
Economics Department Graduate Committee, 2012-present
Graduate Study Abroad Scholarship Committee, 2014-present
Summer Research Grant evaluation (substituting for Albert Okunade), 2017
Economics Department Hiring Committee, 2013-2014, 2016-2017, 2018, 2019
Outstanding Paper Awards evaluation (substituting for Albert Okunade), 2014
Search Committee for MBA Director, 2013

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conferences, Seminars and Workshops:

Midwest Economic Association Conference (2019), Freshman Seminar Class for Business Majors, presentation about the Economics Major (2016, 2017), Southern Economic Association Conference (2016), 2015 ICPSR Summer Program workshop, Designing and Conducting Experiments in the Laboratory (2015), Western Economic Association Conference (2015), International Industrial Organization Conference (2013), University of Columbia – Missouri (2013), Midwest Economic Theory and International Trade Meetings (2012), Southern Economic Association Conference (2012), University of Memphis (2012), Mississippi State University (2012), Bowdoin College (2012), 6th Washington University Annual Graduate Student Conference (2011), Southern Economic Association Conference (2011), Georgetown University (2011), Southern Economic Association Conference (2010), Universidad del Pacifico (2010), Universidad de Piura (2010), Missouri Economics Conference (2009), Meeting of Economics Nobel Laureates, Lindau (2008).

Refereeing:

International Journal of Game Theory, Review of Economic Studies, Eastern Economic Journal, Quaesitum, Economics of Education Review.

Other:

Dissertation Committee Member for Karlis Pujats (2018 – Civil Engineering student), Honors Thesis Adviser for Jeffrey Babin, University of Memphis (2013), 3rd Washington University Annual Graduate Student Conference organizer (2011).