

Curriculum Vitae
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Current Positions

Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, Riverside, July 2022-Present
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, Riverside, July 2018-Present
Research Affiliate, Robert Presley Center of Crime and Justice Studies, September 2018-Present

Publications

“The Long-Run Effects of a Comprehensive Teacher Performance Pay Program on Student Outcomes,” (with Sarah Cohodes and Orgul Ozturk), *Journal of Public Economics*, *forthcoming*
“School Accountability Pressures, Long-Run Criminal Activity, and Self-Sufficiency,” (with David Figlio, Naci Mocan and Orgul Ozturk), *Journal of Human Resources*, *forthcoming*
“Student Accountability, Exit Exams and Long-Run Outcomes,” (with Orgul Ozturk), *Journal of Human Resources*, *forthcoming*
“Student Accountability, Exit Exams and Long-Run Outcomes,” (with Naci Mocan), *American Law and Economics Review*, *forthcoming*
“Curriculum Reforms and Infant Health,” (with Bahadir Dursun and My Nguyen), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2024, 106, 394-408
“Economic Booms and Recidivism” (with Emily Owens), *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 2024, 40, 343-372
“In-group Bias at Work: Evidence from Performance Evaluations,” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2023, 206, 296-312
“The Effect of Grade Retention on Adult Crime: Evidence from a Test-Based Promotion Policy,” (with Michael Lovenheim and Naci Mocan), *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2022, 40, 361-395
“Juvenile Punishment, High School Graduation and Adult Crime: Evidence from Idiosyncratic Judge Harshness,” (with Naci Mocan), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2021, 103, 34-47

- “Teacher Incentives and Student Achievement: Evidence from an Advancement Program,” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2019, 38, 867-890
- “Effects of FDI on Entrepreneurial Activity: Evidence from Right-to-Work and Non-Right-to-Work States,” (with Masayuki Onda and Bulent Unel), *Labour Economics*, 2019, 58, 98-109
- “Emotional Judges and Unlucky Juveniles,” (with Naci Mocan), *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2018, 10, 171-205
- “Judges and Juveniles,” (with Briggs Depew and Naci Mocan), *Journal of Law and Economics*, 2017, 60, 209-239 (lead article)
- “Test Based Promotion Policies, Dropping Out and Juvenile Crime,” (with Briggs Depew and Stephen Barnes), (lead author) *Journal of Public Economics*, 2017, 153, 9-31
- “Differential Peer Effects, Student Achievement and Student Absenteeism: Evidence from a Large Scale Randomized Experiment,” *Demography*, 2017, 54, 745-773
- “Born on the Wrong Day? School Starting Age and Juvenile Crime,” (with Briggs Depew) *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2016, 96, 73-90
- “Peer Effects in Disadvantaged Primary Schools: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment,” (with Heather Antecol and Serkan Ozbeklik), *Journal of Human Resources*, 2016, 51, 95-132
- “What Do Right-to-Work Laws Do? A Case Study Using Synthetic Control Method,” (with Serkan Ozbeklik), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2016, 35, 173-194
- “The Effect of Teacher Gender on Student Achievement in Primary School: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment,” (with Heather Antecol and Serkan Ozbeklik), *Journal of Labor Economics*, 2015, 33, 63-89
- “Leadership Activities in High School and Future Earnings: Is There a Causal Relation?” (with Serkan Ozbeklik), *Journal of Human Capital*, 2015, 9, 45-63
- “Who Benefits from Job Corps? A Distributional Analysis of an Active Labor Market Program,” (with Serkan Ozbeklik), *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 2014, 29, 586-611
- “The Effect of Ability on Earnings of Young Men: A Distributional Analysis with Measurement Error Correction,” (with Serkan Ozbeklik), *Labour Economics*, 2013, 24, 293-304
- “The Effect of Teach for America on the Distribution of Student Achievement in Primary School: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment,” (with Heather Antecol and Serkan Ozbeklik), *Economics of Education Review*, 2013, 37, 113-125
- “Are We Wasting Our Children’s Time by Giving them More Homework?” (with Daniel J. Henderson), *Economics of Education Review*, 2011, 30, 950-961

“Does Membership Pay Off for Covered Workers? A Distributional Analysis of the Free Rider Problem,” *Industrial Labor and Relations Review*, 2009, 62, 367-380

“The Impact of Homework on Student Achievement,” (with Daniel J. Henderson), *Econometrics Journal*, 2008, 11, 326-348

“The Information Basis of Matching with Propensity Score Matching,” (with Esfandiar Maasoumi) *American Statistical Association Proceedings*

“Time to Learn? The Organizational Structure of School and Student Achievement,” (with Daniel L. Millimet), *Empirical Economics*, 2007, 32, 301-332

“Measuring the Union-Nonunion Wage Gap Using Propensity Score Matching,” *Industrial Relations*, 2007, 46, 766-780

Research in Progress

“The Long-Run and Intergenerational Effects of School Quality” (with Krzysztof Karbownik and Orgul Ozturk)

“The Out-of-Court and Long-Run Consequences of In-Group Judicial Bias” (with Randi Hjalmarrsson and Orgul Ozturk)

“Curriculum Reforms, Adult Health, and Mortality” (with Bahadir Dursun, Kathryn Johnson and Erdal Tekin)

“Diversity and Team Production: Evidence from Teaching Using a Large-Scale Randomized Experiment,” (with My Nguyen and Serkan Ozbeklik)

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Southern Methodist University, August 2007

M.A., Economics, Southern Methodist University, August 2004

Grants

Arnold Ventures (2025) “Juvenile Incarceration, Long-Run Outcomes, and Family Spillovers,” \$244,721

UCR OASIS Internal Funding (2023) “Curriculum Reforms and Health Outcomes,” \$25,000

California Workforce Development Board (2022) “Evaluation of Prison to Employment Initiative,” (Co-Investigators: Matthew Mahutga and Sharon Oselin), \$500,000

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (2018) “Realignment, Re-Entry and Recidivism: A Mixed Methods Impact Evaluation of the Riverside County Probation Department’s Day Reporting Centers,” Co-Investigator (Co-Investigator: Sharon Oselin), \$380,000

Selected Press Coverage

“Teacher Incentives and Student Achievement: Evidence from an Advancement Program”

- Yahoo News and Science Daily (July 23, 2019)

“Emotional Judges and Unlucky Juveniles,” (with Naci Mocan)

- Fortune Magazine (July 23, 2016)
- The Washington Post (September 7, 2016)

“Judges and Juveniles,” (with Briggs Depew and Naci Mocan)

- The Washington Post (February 24, 2015)

“The Effect of Teacher Gender on Student Achievement in Primary School: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment,” (with Heather Antecol and Serkan Ozbeklik)

- The Washington Post (April 5, 2013)
- Education Week (January 15, 2013)

“Right-to-Work Laws and State Level Outcomes: Evidence from the case Studies of Oklahoma and Idaho Using Synthetic Control Method,” (with Serkan Ozbeklik)

- The Washington Post (December 10, 2012)
- USA Today (January 29, 2011)

“Are We Wasting Our Children’s Time by Giving Them More Homework,” (with Daniel J. Henderson)

- Boston Globe: Keith O’Brien (September 17, 2011)
- Sunday Telegraph: Jane Hansen (June 12, 2011)
- New York Times: David Brooks (May 13, 2011)

“The Impact of Homework on Student Achievement,” (with Daniel J. Henderson)

- Times Daily: Lisa Singleton-Rickman (October 6, 2008)

Teaching Experience

Ph.D.: Labor Economics, Microeconometrics

Undergraduate: Econometrics, Labor Economics, Price Theory, Economics of Regulation, Principles of Statistics, Intermediate Statistics, Global Economics

Seminar and Conference Presentations

Conference Organization

15th Annual All California Labor Economics Conference-Co-organizer, 2022

Conferences on Empirical Legal Studies-Reviewer, 2022

Workshop in Non-Parametric Econometrics-Organizer, 2012

Seminar

San Diego State University (2025), University of California, Merced (2025), Pomona College (2022), UC Center Sacramento (2021), Auburn University (2021), University of California, Irvine (2019), Purdue University (2018), University of California, Riverside (2017), University of Alabama (2017), University of South Carolina (2017), University of Oklahoma (2017), University of California-Merced (2016), Oklahoma State University (2016), University of Manitoba (2015), Georgia State University (2015), LSU (2013), University of Nevada, Reno (2011), University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2011), Western Washington University (2008)

Conference

Economics of Risky Behavior (2025), Southern Economic Association (2024), Econometric Society Summer Meetings (2023), Society of Labor Economics (2023), European Economic Association (2021), Western Economic Association (2021), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2018), Association for Education, Finance and Policy (2016 and 2017), Southern Economic Association (2015), Society of Labor Economics (2015), Association for Education, Finance and Policy (2015), Society of Labor Economics (2014), Impaq International (2013), American Economic Association (2013), European Econometric Society (2009), Econometric Society Winter Meetings (2009), American Economic Association (2009), Econometric Society Summer Meetings (2008), Canadian Economic Association (2008), Texas Camp Econometrics (2007)

Referee Service

American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Economic Journal, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Nature (Human Behavior), Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Business and Economics Statistics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, National Science Foundation, European Economic Review, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Science Advances, Labour

Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Economic Inquiry, Oxford Economic Papers, Empirical Economics, Journal of Economic History, Industrial Relations, Industrial Labor and Relations Review, Econometric Reviews, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance & Policy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Labor Research, American Educational Research Journal, Journal of Comparative Economics

Honors and Awards

Tiger Athletic Foundation Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Louisiana State University, 2017
Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher, Louisiana State University, 2016
E.J. Ourso College of Business Faculty Award (\$10,000)

Ph.D. Student Supervision

Pete Pridanonda (chair, 2026-Assistant Professor/Tenure Track-Goucher College)
Opinder Kaur (chair, 2023-Clinical Assistant Professor/Tenure Track-SUNY Buffalo)
My Nguyen (chair, 2020-Assistant Professor/Tenure Track-Ho Chi Minh University)
Han Yu (committee member, 2018)
Jhacova Williams (committee member, 2018)
Masayuki Onda (chair, 2017-Assistant Professor/Visiting, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University)
Sujana Kabiraj, (committee member, 2017)
Ting Wang (committee member, 2016)
Sukriye Elif Filiz (committee member, 2016)

University Service

Graduate Admission Committee, Chair, University of California, Riverside, 2025-Present
Hiring Committee, Chair, University of California, Riverside, 2023-2024
Graduate Admission Committee, Member, University of California, Riverside, 2020-2024
Graduate Affairs Committee, Member, University of California, Riverside, 2018-2020
Hiring Committee, Member, University of California, Riverside, 2019-2020
College of Business Scholarship Committee, Member, Louisiana State University, 2013-2018
Hiring Committee, Member, Louisiana State University, 2013-2014 and 2015-2016

Previous Positions

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Louisiana State University, April 2016-June 2018

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Louisiana State University, August 2013- April 2016

Associate Professor (Tenured), Department of Economics, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2007-2013

Editorial Activity

Editor, *Journal of Labor Research*, 2015-Present

Associate Editor, *Journal of Labor Research*, 2014-2015