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### **Education**

Ph.D., Economics, University of Virginia, 2006  
M.A., Economics, University of Virginia, 2001  
B.A., Economics, Oberlin College, 1995

### **Current Research Interests**

Undergraduate Economics Education, Charitable Giving, Applied Microeconomics

### **Work Experience**

Advanced Instructor and Principles of Economics Coordinator, Virginia Tech, 2013-present  
Instructor and Principles of Economics Coordinator, Virginia Tech, 2009-2013  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Virginia Tech, 2007-2009  
International Economist, U.S. International Trade Commission, 2005-2007  
Senior Associate, LECG, Inc., 1997-1999  
Research Assistant, The Urban Institute, 1996-1997

### **Honors and Awards**

Principles Teacher of the Year, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2011-12, Virginia Tech  
Department of Economics  
Favorite Faculty Member, Virginia Tech Housing and Residence Life, 2010 and 2012  
Selected as an “Outstanding Faculty Member” by the Panhellenic community at Virginia Tech, 2012 and 2013  
DuPont Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2004-2005  
Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Bankard Fund for Political Economy, 2003-2004  
President’s Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1999-2002  
Hansen Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Economics, Oberlin College, 1994

## **Working Papers and Publications**

- [1] “The Effect of Homework on Exam Performance: Experimental Results from Principles of Economics,” (with Djavad Salehi-Isfahani), Southern Economic Journal, vol. 79, no. 1, 2012.
- [2] “Gender and Economics Education: A Study of Patterns in Learning and Performance in Principles of Economics.” Working Paper, 2012
- [2] “Crowding Out in Corporate Charitable Giving,” Working Paper, 2008
- [3] “The Role of Managerial Compensation in Determining Levels of Corporate Charitable Giving,” Working Paper, 2006.
- [4] “The Effects of Increasing Chinese Demand on Global Commodity Markets” (Co-author, USITC Staff Research Study). USITC Publication 3864, June 2006.
- [5] “Explaining Drops in Charitable Giving in the Post-War Era,” Working Paper, 2005.

## **Teaching Experience**

Principles of Microeconomics (large lectures), Virginia Tech, 2007-present  
Principles of Microeconomics (small classes) University of Virginia, 2002-2004  
Principles of Macroeconomics (small classes) University of Virginia, 2002-2004

Teaching Assistant for the following: Graduate Probability and Statistics,  
Intermediate Microeconomics, Game Theory, Industrial Organization, Introduction to Statistical Analysis, Economics of Health, University of Virginia, 1999-2002

## **Professional Activities**

### **Presenter:**

“Assessing the Effect of Online Homework on Exam Performance: A Large Sample Size Experiment”

American Economic Association Annual Meetings, January 2010  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, November 2009

“Crowding Out in Corporate Charitable Giving”

American University Workshop Series, October 2006  
Miami University Workshop Series, October 2006  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, November 2005  
University of Virginia Workshop Series, October 2004

**Session Chairperson:**

Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Session 21K “Student Performance,” November 2009

**Discussant:**

Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings

Session Title: Economic Behavior, November 2009

Session Title: Antidumping Issues, November 2006

Session Title: Antidumping Petition Filings and Outcomes, November 2005

Session Title: Guns, Drugs, and Crime, November 2004

**Referee:**

Southern Economic Journal, Journal of Cultural Economics, Journal of Economics Education

**Service**

Principles of Economics Coordinator, Virginia Tech, 2007-present

Career Advisor, Department of Economics, Virginia Tech, 2008-present

Senior Fellow for the Residential College at West Ambler Johnson (2012-present)

Designated as a LGBTU “Safe Zone” 2011-present

Faculty Advisor, Virginia Tech Skateboarding Club, 2007-2008

Representative for Virginia Tech and the Department of Economics at the First Annual  
LIKES (Living in the KnowlEdge Society) Conference, 2008

Representative for Virginia Tech at the First Annual Clicker Conference, Louisville, KY,  
2008.

**Research Advising**

Mehmet Altin, Masters in Hotel and Hospitality Management, Virginia Tech, 2011