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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor Department of Economics, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, August 2016 - Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics Tulane University, May 2016

Dissertation: The Economic Effects of Broad-Based and Flat-Rate Tax Systems

Advisors: James Alm (chair), Alan Barreca, Steven Sheffrin

B.A. Economics and Mathematics. Coe College, May 2011

PUBLICATION IN JOURNALS

- “[Can Reform Waves Turn the Tide? Some Case Studies Using the Synthetic Control Method.](#)” (with Romain Duval, Bingjie Hu, and Prakash Loungani), 2018, *Open Economies Review*, 29(4):879-910
- “[Evaluating the Economic Effects of Flat Tax Reforms Using Synthetic Control Methods.](#)” (with James Alm), 2016, *Southern Economic Journal*, 83(2):437-463.

PUBLICATION IN BOOK CHAPTERS AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- “The Role of Tax Exemptions, Deductions, and Credits.” (with James Alm), 2018, [Exploring Long-term Solutions for Louisiana’s Tax System](#), Editors James Alm, James Richardson, Steven Sheffrin, Louisiana State University Press.
- “[Taxpayer Responses to Third-Party Income Reporting: Preliminary Evidence from a Natural Experiment in the Taxicab Industry.](#)” (with James Alm, Brett Collins, Michael Sebastiani, and Eleanor Wilking), 2017, *IRS Research Bulletin*, Washington, D.C.
- “[Internal Revenue Services and the American Middle Class.](#)” (with James Alm), 2017, *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*, Editor Robert Rycroft, ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press.
- “[Did Latvia’s Flat Tax Reform Improve Growth?](#)” (with James Alm), 2016, *National Tax Association Proceedings from the 106th Annual Conference in Taxation.*

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “[When Does Introducing a Value-Added Tax Increase Economic Efficiency? Evidence from the Synthetic Control Method.](#)” 2015, Tulane University Working Paper No. 1524. *Conditionally Accepted, Economic Inquiry*
- “Decentralization and Regional Convergence: Evidence from Night-time Lights Data” (with Saroj Dhital) *Under Review*
- “Taxpayer Responses to Third-Party Income Reporting: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in the Taxicab Industry.” (with James Alm, Brett Collins, Michael Sebastiani, and Eleanor Wilking). *Selected through 2014 IRS Joint Statistical Research Program*
- “Taxpayer Responses to Third-Party Income Reporting: Evidence from Spatial Variation across the U.S.” (with James Alm and Timothy Harris). *Selected through 2016 IRS Joint Statistical Research Program*
- “The Economic and Behavioral Effects of a Value-Added Tax: Firm-level Evidence from France.” *Supported by doctoral dissertation grants from National Science Foundation and Horowitz Foundation*

RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2019, \$1,500	James V. Koch - Economic Advisory Board Faculty Development Award, Illinois State University
2019, \$3,500	Pre-Tenure Faculty Initiative Grant, Illinois State University
2018, \$3,500	Undergraduate Women in Economics Award, National Bureau of Economic Research (with Dimitrios Nikolaou)
2017	Internal Revenue Services 2016 Joint Statistical Research Program
2017, \$3,500	New Faculty Initiative Grant, Illinois State University
2017, \$1,000	The Irving Fisher Article Award, Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honors Society for Economics
2016, \$3,500	New Faculty Startup Support Program, Illinois State University
2015	Internal Revenue Services 2014 Joint Statistical Research Program
2015, \$13,455	Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation
2015, \$7,500	Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy
2015, \$5,000	Summer Merit Fellowship, School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University
2014, \$700	Murphy Research Fund Mini-Grant, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University
2011 - 2016	Murphy Doctoral Fellowship, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University
2011, \$2,000	Dr. Ramakrishna and Janaki Vaitheswaran Award for Academic and All-Round Accomplishment, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College
2011, \$500	LaVerne Marie Tucker Best Thesis Award, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College
2011, \$350	Spellman Optimum Optimorum Ph.D. Economics Science Award, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College
Summer of 2009 & 2010, \$7,000	Spellman Summer Research Fellowship, Coe College
2007 - 2011	Coe College Endowed Scholarship, Coe College

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2019	Office of Tax Analysis, Department of Treasury, Washington, D.C.
2019	Internal Revenue Services-Tax Policy Center Joint Research Conference on Tax Administration, Washington, D.C.
2018	National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, New Orleans, LA
2018	Midwest Economics Association Annual Meetings, Evanston, IL
2018	American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA
2017	National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Philadelphia, PA
2017	Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
2017	Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA
2017	Applied Research in Public Finance, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
2016	Internal Revenue Services-Tax Policy Center Joint Research Conference on Tax Administration, Washington, D.C.

- 2015 Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA
- 2015 Fiscal Affairs Department Seminar, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C
- 2015 Jobs, Growth, and Structural Reforms Seminar, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C
- 2014 Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Santa Fe, NM
- 2014 American Economic Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA
- 2013 National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation, Tampa, FL

COURSES TAUGHT

Illinois State University

- Current Economic Issues: Public Finance and Policy. Spring 2017, Spring 2018
- Principles of Microeconomics. Spring 2019, Fall 2019
- Principles of Macroeconomics (Online). Summer 2019
- Principles of Economics. Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018
- Principles of Economics (Online). Summer 2017, Summer 2018
- Seminar in Local Economic Development (M.A.). Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019

Tulane University

- Principles of Macroeconomics. Spring 2015, Fall 2015

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Intern Research Department, International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C, June-September 2015

Short Term Consultant The World Bank, Washington D.C, May-June 2012

Intern Project Governance Office, Aegon Asset Management, Cedar Rapids, IA, 2010-2011

CITIZENSHIP

Nepal, Permanent Resident of the U.S.