

# Bibek Adhikari

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## EMPLOYMENT

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**Assistant Professor**, [Department of Economics](#), Illinois State University: 2016- Present  
Promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure in May 2022

**Affiliated Faculty**, [Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development](#), Illinois State University:  
2016- Present

**Intern**, Research Department, International Monetary Fund, Washington D.C: 2015

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

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. Economics**, Tulane University: May 2016

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

## RESEARCH

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### *Publications*

1. “[A Guide to Using the Synthetic Control Method to Quantify the Effects of Shocks, Policies, and Shocking Policies.](#)” 2022, *The American Economist*, 67(1): 46-63.
2. “[Using a Natural Experiment in the Taxicab Industry to Analyze the Effects of Third-Party Income Reporting.](#)” (Lead Author, with James Alm, Brett Collins, Michael Sebastiani, and Eleanor Wilking), 2022, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 193: 312-333.
3. “[Small Business Tax Compliance under Third-Party Reporting.](#)” (with James Alm and Timothy F. Harris), 2021, *Journal of Public Economics*, 203:104514.
4. “[Decentralization and Regional Convergence: Evidence from Night-time Lights Data.](#)” (with Saroj Dhital), 2021, *Economic Inquiry*, 59(3):1066-1088.
5. “[Information Reporting and Tax Compliance.](#)” (with James Alm and Timothy F. Harris), 2020, *AEA Papers & Proceedings*, 110:1-6.
6. “[Does a Value-Added Tax Increase Economic Efficiency?.](#)” 2020, *Economic Inquiry*, 58(1): 496-517.
7. “[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.
8. “[The Role of Tax Exemptions, Deductions, and Credits.](#)” (with James Alm), 2018, in *Exploring Long-term Solutions for Louisiana’s Tax System*, Editors: James Richardson, Steven Sheffrin, and James Alm, Louisiana State University Press.
9. “[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, in *IRS Research Bulletin*, Editor: Alan Plumley, Washington, D.C.
10. “[Internal Revenue Services and the American Middle Class.](#)” (with James Alm), 2017, in *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*, Editor: Robert Rycroft, ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press.
11. “[Evaluating the Economic Effects of Flat Tax Reforms Using Synthetic Control Methods.](#)” (with James Alm), 2016, *Southern Economic Journal*, 83(2):437-463.
12. “[Did Latvia’s Flat Tax Reform Improve Growth?.](#)” (with James Alm), 2013, *Proceedings of the Annual Conference on Taxation*, National Tax Association, 106:1-9.

### *Working Papers*

1. “Corporate Taxpayer Responses to Size-Based Enforcement and Disclosure Thresholds” (with Jason DeBacker and Erin Towery).
2. “The Largest Sin Taxes Have Smaller than Average Pass-Through”.

### GRANTS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS

#### *External*

2021, \$5,000	Summer Faculty Research Grant, Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise (ISFE), University of Kentucky
2020, \$15,000	United Nations University, Southern Africa - Towards Inclusive Economic Development Grant (with Saroj Dhital)
2019	Internal Revenue Services 2018 Joint Statistical Research Program
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, \$1,000	The Irving Fisher Article Award, Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honors Society for Economics
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
2010	Inducted to Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honors Society for Economics

#### *Internal*

2022	Scott M. Elliott Faculty Excellence Award, Illinois State University
2019	James V. Koch - Economic Advisory Board Faculty Development Award, Illinois State University
2019	Pre-Tenure Faculty Initiative Grant, Illinois State University
2017	New Faculty Initiative Grant, Illinois State University
2016	New Faculty Startup Support Program, Illinois State University
2015	Summer Merit Fellowship, School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University
2014	Murphy Research Fund Mini-Grant, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University
2011 - 2016	Murphy Doctoral Fellowship, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University
2011	Dr. Ramakrishna and Janaki Vaitheswaran Award for Academic and All-Round Accomplishment, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College
2011	LaVerne Marie Tucker Best Thesis Award, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College
2011	Spellman Optimum Optimorum Economics Award, Economics and Business Administration, Coe College
2009 & 2010	Spellman Summer Research Fellowship, Coe College
2007 - 2011	Coe College Endowed Scholarship, Coe College

## CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

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### *Conference Presentations*

- American Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022
- Applied Research in Public Finance, Indiana University: 2017
- Internal Revenue Services-Tax Policy Center Joint Research Conference on Tax Administration: 2016, 2018
- Midwest Economics Association Annual Meetings: 2018
- National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation: 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2014, 2015, 2020, 2021
- Shadow Conference: The Shadow Economy, Tax Behaviour and Institutions: 2021
- Western Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2021

### *Invited Seminar Presentations*

- University of Tennessee-Knoxville: 2022
- University of Hawaii: 2022
- Purdue University: 2022
- University of Texas at Arlington: 2022
- University of Exeter- Tax Administration Research Centre (TARC): 2022
- Online Public Finance Seminar: 2022
- OECD, Measuring the Shadow Economy in Israel using Tax Return Data Webinar: 2022
- U.S. Department of Treasury, Washington, D.C.: 2021
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL: 2019
- U.S. Department of Treasury, Washington, D.C.: 2019
- Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL: 2017
- Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA: 2017
- Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C: 2015
- Research Department, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C: 2015

## COURSES TAUGHT

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### *Illinois State University*

- ECO 438: Microeconometrics (M.A.): Spring 2021\*, Spring 2022
- ECO 406: Local Economic Development (M.A.): Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021
- ECO 350: Public Finance: Spring 2022
- ECO 300: Senior Project: Spring 2022
- ECO 202: Current Economic Issues: Spring 2017, Spring 2018
- ECO 105: Principles of Economics: Fall 2016, Summer 2017\*, Fall 2017, Summer 2018\*, Fall 2018

- ECO 102: Principles of Macroeconomics: Summer 2019\*, Summer 2020\*, Summer 2021\*
- ECO 101: Principles of Microeconomics: Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020\*, Spring 2021\*, Fall 2021

*Note: Courses that were taught fully online are marked with an \**

#### *Tulane University*

- ECO 102: Principles of Macroeconomics: Spring 2015, Fall 2015

### PEDAGOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSITY TRAININGS

- Equitable and Inclusive Student Interaction and Participation, Illinois State University, 2021
- Equitable and Inclusive Course Materials, Illinois State University, 2021
- The Safe Zone Project for Instructors, Illinois State University, 2021
- Design a Nimble Course for Blended and Online Teaching and Learning, Illinois State University, 2020
- Facilitating Courageous Conversations, Illinois State University, 2020
- Continuing Education on Machine Learning and Econometrics, American Economic Association, 2018
- Tips for a Better Teacher, Illinois State University, 2018
- Design, Align, Refine, and Teach Online Workshop, Illinois State University, 2017
- Motivate All Students Workshop, Illinois State University, 2017
- Graduate Instructor's Workshop, Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning, Tulane University, 2013

### DISSERTATION AND CAPSTONE SUPERVISIONS

#### *Dissertation*

- External Committee Member for Rajan Bishwakarma, University of New Mexico, "Acquired and Useful Abilities: Three Essays on Human Capital Development," 2021 (Placement: Augustana College, Rock Island, IL)

#### *Graduate Capstones*

- Patrick Gyimah-Danso, "Impact of Flat Tax Reforms on Income Inequality: The Case of Slovak Republic," 2021
- Rebecca Kpentey, "Estimating the Impacts of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Using the Local Labor Market Approach," 2020
- Augustine Anaman, "Economic Impact of Corporate Tax Introduction Using Synthetic Control Method," 2020
- Jerome Sader, "The Natality Effect of State-Administered Earned Income Tax Credits," 2019

#### *Undergraduate Honors Contracts and Independent Studies*

- Robert Bradish, ECO 299, Fall 2021
- Kelsie Hammond, ECO 101, Spring 2021
- Trinity Allen, ECO 101, Spring 2021
- Teagen Smith, ECO 202, Spring 2018

## SERVICE

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### *Department, College, and University Service*

- Coordinator, Applied Econometrics Workshop, 2020-Present
- Member, Parking Advisory Committee, 2020-Present
- Coordinator, Department of Economics Website, 2019-Present
- Adviser, Economics Student Association (ESA), 2017-Present
- Member, University Library Committee, 2020-2021
- Coordinator, Undergraduate Women in Economics (UWE), 2016-2020
- Member, Journal Ranking Committee, 2020-2021
- Member, Department Faculty Status Committee (DFSC), 2018-2020
- Member, College of Arts and Sciences Technology Advisory Committee, 2017-2019
- Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2016-2017

### *Referee Service*

- Applied Economics, Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting and Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, *Economia Politica*, Economic Brief: USDA Economic Research Service, Economic Development Quarterly, Economic Inquiry, Economic Modelling, Economic Systems, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Economic Integration, Journal of Economic Studies, Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy, National Tax Journal, Public Finance Review, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Socio-Economic Planning Sciences

### *Conference Service: Session Organizer*

- American Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2020
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2021

### *Conference Service: Discussant or Chair*

- American Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2014
- Midwest Economics Association Annual Meetings: 2018
- National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation: 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2014, 2020, 2021
- Western Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2021

### *Other Services*

- Founding Member and Vice-President- Himalayan Applied Economics and Policy Association (HAEPA): 2020-Present

## SKILLS

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**Computer** Proficient in Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Git, and MS Office

Working knowledge of C++, R, Python, OpenMP, Matlab, Mathematica, SAS, and VBA

**Language** Fluent in English and Nepali; intermediate in Bengali and Hindi