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EMPLOYMENT

Economist II, [Prime Science](#), Amazon: 2022-Present

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

Affiliated Faculty, [Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development](#), Illinois State University:
2016- 2022

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

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

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Tulane University: 2016

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

RESEARCH

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

Conference Presentations

- American Economic Association Annual Meetings: 2014, 2018, 2020, 2022
- IRS-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

- 2022: University of Tennessee-Knoxville, University of Hawaii, Purdue University, University of Texas at Arlington, University of Exeter- Tax Administration Research Centre (TARC), Online Public Finance Seminar, OECD
- 2021: U.S. Department of Treasury
- 2020: Himalayan Applied Economics and Policy Association (HAEPA)
- 2019: University of Illinois: Urbana-Champaign, U.S. Department of Treasury
- 2017: Illinois Wesleyan University, Coe College, Indiana University
- 2016: Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, Illinois State University
- 2015: Fiscal Affairs Department- IMF, Tulane University, Research Department- IMF

COURSES TAUGHT

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

SERVICE

Department, College, and University Service

- Coordinator, Applied Econometrics Workshop, 2020-2022
- Member, Parking Advisory Committee, 2020-2022
- Coordinator, Department of Economics Website, 2019-2022
- Adviser, Economics Student Association (ESA), 2017-2022
- 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

Computer Proficient in Stata, L^AT_EX, Git, and MS Office

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

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