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Education

Ph.D., Economics, 2013, Boston College

Dissertation Title: *Essays on Matching Theory and Networks*

Committee: Utku Ünver, Tayfun Sönmez, Hideo Konishi

M.A., Economics, 2008, Boston College

B.S., Physics, Mathematics, *magna cum laude*, 2006, Mercer University

B.A., Economics (with minor in German), *magna cum laude*, 2006, Mercer University

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Texas at San Antonio, August 2013 – present

Research Interests

Matching and Market Design; Mechanism Design; Political Economy; Industrial Organization

Publications

◦ “WARP and Combinatorial Choice”, *Journal of Economic Theory*, 173(1), 320-333, Jan 2018

Working Papers

◦ “Strategy-proof Pareto-improvement under voluntary participation,” (with Vikram Manjunath)
(*Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Economic Theory*)

◦ “When is manipulation all about the ones and twos?”
(*Revise and Resubmit at Games and Economic Behavior*)

◦ “The impossibility of strategy-proof, Pareto-efficient, and individually rational rules for fractional matching markets,” (with Vikram Manjunath)

◦ “Stability and Matching with Aggregate Actors”

◦ “Pairwise Stability and Complementarities in Matching”

◦ “On welfare-enhancing entry regulation”

◦ “The Impact of a DROP Program on the Age of Retirement and Employer Pension Costs,” (with Norma Coe and Anthony Webb)

Research In Progress

◦ “Political Polarization and Social Influence Networks”

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- “Stable-dominating rules,” (with Vikram Manjunath)
 - “Matching in Supply Chains with Complementary Inputs,” (with Alexander Teytelboym)
 - “Double implementation in school choice”

Invited Presentations

“*Strategy-proof Pareto-improvement under voluntary participation*,” (with Vikram Manjunath)

University of Montreal, Nov 2017

Workshop on Matching, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Jan 2016

“*Political Polarization and Social Influence Networks*”

15th SAET Conference on Current Trends in Economics, Cambridge, UK, Jul 2015

Université Laval, Quebec City, Feb 2015

“*Stability and Matching with Aggregate Actors*”

Amherst College, Feb 2013

University of Texas at San Antonio, Jan 2013

University of Vienna, Jan 2013

Conference Presentations

“*Strategy-proof Pareto-improvement under voluntary participation*,” (with Vikram Manjunath)

13th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (ISI), New Delhi, Dec 2017

Midwest Theory Conference (SMU), Dallas, Nov 2017

MATCH-UP 2017 (Microsoft Research New England), Apr 2017

13th Meeting of the Society of Social Choice and Welfare (Lund U), Jun 2016

Econometric Society’s North American Summer Meeting (U Penn), Jun 2016

4th Texas Economic Theory Camp (U Texas at Austin), Nov 2015

“*Pairwise Stability and Complementarity in Matching*”

Ottawa Theory Workshop (U Ottawa), Ottawa, Nov 2017

9th Conference on Economic Design (Bilgi U), Istanbul, Jul 2015

3rd Texas Economic Theory Camp (SMU), Dallas, Nov 2014

12th Meeting of the Society of Social Choice and Welfare (Boston College), Jun 2014

“*Political Polarization and Social Influence Networks*”

14th Meeting of the Society of Social Choice and Welfare (Seoul National U), Jun 2018 (*scheduled*)

5th Texas Economic Theory Camp (Rice U), Oct 2016

PET-14, Association for Public Economic Theory Conference (U Wash), Seattle, Jul 2014

Professional Service

Refereeing:

American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Social Choice and Welfare

Conferences and Workshops:

Session Chair:

13th Meeting of the Society of Social Choice and Welfare (Lund U), Jun 2016

Econometric Society's North American Summer Meeting (U Penn), Jun 2016

2nd Texas Economic Theory Camp (Texas A&M), Oct 2013

Organizer:

Boston College Theory Workshop, 2010 – 2011, 2012 – 2013

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association, The Econometric Society, Society for Social Choice and Welfare

Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

UTSA College of Business Teaching Honor Roll, Fall 2014

Donald J. White Teaching Fellow Excellence Award, 2010

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Award of Excellence, 2006 – 2007

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Teaching Experience

University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

Ph.D. courses:

ECO 7053 Quantitative Methods for Business and Economics

Masters courses:

ECO 6573 Game Theory and Business Strategy

ECO 6013 Microeconomic Theory

Undergraduate courses:

ECO 3013 Intermediate Microeconomics

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Ph.D. courses:

EC 720 Math for Economists

Undergraduate courses:

EC 308 Game Theory in Economics

EC 201 Microeconomic Theory

EC 131 Principles of Microeconomics