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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Louisiana State University, E. J. Ourso College of Business Assistant Professor of Economics	2023 -
Harvard University, Harvard Medical School Visiting Research Fellow	2022 - 2023
National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Postdoctoral Fellow, Retirement and Disability Policy Research	2022 - 2023

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Markets Network of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity (HCEO) Global Working Group, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago	2021 -
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Minnesota	2022
B.S., Economics <i>with Honors</i> , B.A., Mathematics, University of Washington	2015

MAJOR FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION

Macroeconomics, Labor, Public, and Health

PUBLICATIONS

“An Empirical Study of the Well-being of Older Individuals in China, Japan, and Korea” (with Selahattin Imrohoroglu)

The Japanese Economic Review, Special Issue: Demographic Change and Wellbeing in Japan and Asian Economies, 2024

“Why Are Older Men Working More? The Role of Social Security”

Journal of Public Economics, March 2024

“On the Coexistence of Cryptocurrency and Fiat Money”

Review of Economic Dynamics, July 2023

“Home Production and Leisure During the Covid-19 Recession” (with Oksana Leukhina)

The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, Special Issue: The Macroeconomic Implications of the Covid-19 Pandemic, 2022

“Association of SNAP Retailers with Child Food Insecurity during the COVID-19 Pandemic” (with Qingxiao Li, Shuoli Zhao, and Metin Çakır)

The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Pediatrics, 2023

“Association of Food Expenditure with Life Expectancy in the United States, 2001-2014” (with Qingxiao Li, Susanna C. Larsson, Shuai Yuan, and Qiqiang He)

Nutrition, November–December 2021

FEDERAL RESERVE PUBLICATIONS AND BLOG POSTS

“Home Production Activity during the COVID-19 Shutdown” (with Oksana Leukhina)

Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis The Regional Economist, Third Quarter, 2020

“COVID-19 and the Great Recession: Market Hours and Home Production across American Households” (with Oksana Leukhina and Devin Werner)

St. Louis Fed On the Economy Blog, July 2020

CURRENT RESEARCH

“Breadwinning, Social Security, and Retirement Patterns Among Couples” (with Siha Lee)
Accepted, AEA Papers and Proceedings

“Welfare Programs and Time Allocation, Savings, and Child Quality of Single-Mother Families”

“Labor Supply and Saving Behavior of Older Individuals Across Time and Space” (with Selahattin Imrohoroglu)

“Women at the Helm: Marital Sorting, Social Security Benefits, and Retirement Behaviors of Married Women” (with Siha Lee)

“Flexible Retirement and Optimal Taxation” (with Abdoulaye Ndiaye)

“Breaking Barriers: How Policies, Norms, and Preferences Shape Women’s Labor Force Participation” (with Abdoulaye Ndiaye)

“Insurance Through Marriage: Case of Parental Health Shocks and Social Security Claiming” (with Neha Bairoliya and Ray Miller)

“Social Security in Black and White” (with Prasanthi Ramakrishnan)

“On Human Capital Accumulation of Husbands and Wives, with Private Information” (with Oksana Leukhina and Vijay Krishna)

“Why Is Agricultural Productivity So Low in Poor Countries? The Case of India” (with Oksana Leukhina and Md Mahbubur Rahman)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Faculty Travel Awards - Provost’s Fund for Innovation in Research, LSU	2025
NBER Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Retirement and Disability Policy Research	2022 - 2023
MRDRC Funding Award, The HRS Summer Workshop, University of Michigan	2022

Best Ph.D. Paper Presentation Award, The 29th Colloquium on Pensions and Retirement Research, Australian Research Council CEPAR and UNSW	2021
Graduate Research Program Partnership Fellowship, University of Minnesota	2020
College of Liberal Art Summer Graduate Fellowship, University of Minnesota	2019
Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, University of Minnesota	2018
Dissertation Awards, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota	2018
Department Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota	2016 - 2017
Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Rochester	2015 - 2016
Honors Program, Department of Economics, University of Washington	2013 - 2015
Economics Undergraduate Board and Tutors of Merit, University of Washington	2013 - 2015
Annual Dean's List, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington	2012 - 2015
Certificate of Outstanding Academic Achievement in Honor, University of Washington	2011 - 2015

COURSES TAUGHT

Louisiana State University, Department of Economics

Aggregate Economic Analysis (Undergraduate), Advanced Macroeconomics II (PhD)

University of Minnesota, Department of Economics

Instructor: Money and Banking, Industrial Organization, and Principles of Microeconomics

Writing Assistant: International Trade and Economic Development

Teaching Assistant: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Econometrics, Introduction to Econometrics, and Intermediate Microeconomics

University of Washington, Department of Economics

Grading/Teaching Assistant: Advanced Macroeconomics and Advanced Microeconomics

English Language Learner Center Economics Tutor for undergraduate level economics courses

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2025: ASSA Annual Meeting (Paper Session) (coauthor).

2024: “Demographic Change and Wellbeing in Japan and Asian Economies” JER special issue conference (coauthor); NBER Aging Program Meeting (discussant); Western Economic Association International Annual Conference.

2023: Florida State University; University of South Carolina; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (coauthor); Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance; Southern Economic Association.

2022: ASSA Annual Meeting (Paper Session); City University of Hong Kong; University of Queensland; Georgetown University Qatar; Mississippi State University; University of Missouri; Binghamton University, State University of New York; Louisiana State University; Efferson Lecture at Louisiana State University; NBER conference, The Labor Market for Older Workers; BSE Summer Forum (MLM Workshop, canceled due to travel restriction); North America Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference; Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory; NBER Aging and Health Seminar; Stanford University,

SIEPR Working Longer and Retirement Conference; Midwest Macro Meeting; Southern Economic Association; Louisiana State University.

2021: ASSA Annual Meeting (Poster); European Society for Population Economics; Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute Alumni Conference; Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference; China Meeting of the Econometric Society; Australian Meeting of the Econometric Society; Young Economist Symposium, Princeton Econ; Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; Economics Graduate Student Conference, Washington University St. Louis; Colloquium on Pensions and Retirement Research, Australian Research Council CEPAR and UNSW; European Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society; Jinan University IESR.

2020: Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management; Southern Economic Association; Macro Brownbag Seminar at the University of California Irvine.

2019: Summer Workshop on Money, Banking, Payments and Finance at the Bank of Canada; Midwest Economics Association Meeting.

DISCUSSIONS

“Flexible Retirement and Optimal Taxation,” by Abdoulaye Ndiaye (New York University), NBER Aging Program Meeting, Spring 2024

INVITED ATTENDEE

NBER Summer Institute (SI) Aging, SI Economics of Social Security, SI Health Care, SI Micro Data and Macro Models, SI Inequality and Macroeconomics, SI Macro Public Finance; Social Security Administration, Annual Meeting of Retirement and Disability Research Consortium; NBER Public Economic Program Meeting; NBER Aging Program Meeting

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee:

China Economic Review; European Economic Review (×2); Games and Economic Behavior; Global Finance Journal; International Studies of Economics; Journal of Monetary Economics; Journal of Money, Credit and Banking; North American Journal of Economics and Finance; Review of Economic Dynamics (×2)

Mentoring Initiatives:

2024 - : Liaison for the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP)
2024: Mentee for the CSWEP CeMENT Workshop: Mentoring for Junior Faculty, Chicago Fed
2023: Mentor for the CSWEP Mentoring Workshop for 3rd and 4th Year Women/Non-Binary Economics PhD Students, Southern Economic Association
2022 - : Mentor and Mentee for the Women In Economics Initiative Mentoring Programme

Conference Session Chair:

Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute Alumni Conference, Jamboree Session, 2023

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Louisiana State University, Department of Economics
Member, Research Committee
Member, Recruiting Committee (Macroeconomics Position)

Louisiana State University
Dean's Representative, Doctor Student's Examination Committee

MEDIA COVERAGE

"A very Planet Money Thanksgiving" NPR Planet Money, November 2023.
"Training Fellowship" National Bureau of Economic Research, The Bulletin on Retirement and Disability, Issue: No. 1, March 2023.
"Postdoctoral Fellowships Awarded for 2022–23 Academic Year." National Bureau of Economic Research, The Reporter, Issue No.2, July 2022.
"Accounting for Household Production in the National Accounts, An Update 1965–2020." Benjamin Bridgman, Andrew Craig, and Danit Kanal, Survey of Current Business, Bureau of Economics Analysis, February 2022.
"Listen to latest research: Financing retirement in the 2020s and beyond." The Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research, December 2021.
"Why Are Older Americans Working More?" Heller-Hurwicz Economic Institute, June 2021.
"The COVID-19 Economy: How the Pandemic Defined 2020." Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Annual Report 2020, published April 2021.
"Can Cryptocurrency Coexist with Fiat Money?" Heller-Hurwicz Economic Institute, Feb. 2021.
"COVID-19's Impact on U.S. Home Production." St. Louis Fed On the Economy Blog, Jan. 2021.
"The Household Shift from Paid Work to Home Production." St. Louis Fed On the Economy Blog, January 2021.
"Women In St. Louis Worry About Their Careers As They Step Back To Care For Their Families." Corinne Ruff, St. Louis Public Radio. November 2020.
"How have lost market hours from the partial economic shutdown affected Americans?" Lisa N. Huynh, Monthly Labor Review, Bureau of Labor Statistics, October 2020.
"COVID-19 Research and Information from HCEO Members." Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group, April 2020.

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Chinese (Native)