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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, (1996 to 2001). Ph.D. awarded 6/29/2001.

Dissertation Committee: Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin (Chair), Mary E. Lovely, Donald H. Dutkowsky, Gary V. Engelhardt, Stacy Dickert-Conlin

Research Fields: Public economics, economics of population and demography, international political economy, economic growth.

M.A. in Economics, Boston University, Boston, MA, U.S.A., 1994.

B.A., in Economics, Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, 1993.

CURRENT POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, College of Business Administration, University of Nevada-Reno. Approved by the university in December 2009, effective July 1, 2010.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Economics, College of Business Administration, University of Nevada-Reno. March 2010 to present.

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany. April 2009 to present.

Research Fellow, Economic Research Forum for Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey. January 2010 to present.

Board Member, Middle East Economic Association. January 2010 to present.

Editorial Board Member, Migration Letters. December 2009 to present.

Editorial Board Member, The Open Economics Journal. December 2008 to present.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant Professor, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, College of Business and Economics, West Virginia University, August 2001 to May 2006.

Director, West Virginia Public Finance Program, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, College of Business and Economics, West Virginia University, August 2001 to May 2006.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Consultant, UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments), Barcelona, Spain. February 2008 to present. (Second Global Report on Decentralization and Local Democracy)

Short Term Consultant, The World Bank, Sustainable Development Department. May 01, 2009 to June 15, 2009. (Decentralization and Spatial Dimension of Public Expenditures in MENA Countries)

Short Term Consultant, The World Bank, Social Development Department. June 17, 2008 to December 31, 2008. (Fiscal decentralization in Turkey and MENA countries)

Consultant, UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for Women), October 2008. (Gender Budgeting)

Anniversary Chair, National Tax Association's 100th Anniversary Conference, December 2006 to December 2007.

Member, Tax Study Working Group, Center for Regional Studies, University of Nevada, Reno, (reporting to the Nevada System of Higher Education). June 2008.

Coordinator, Working Paper Series and Seminar Series, Department of Economics, University of Nevada, Reno, October 2006 to present.

Special Advisor and Consultant, West Virginia Tax Modernization Project, April to December 2006.

Visiting Researcher, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany, July 2006, June 2007, and May 2008.

Faculty Research Associate, Regional Research Institute, West Virginia University. April 2005 to May 2006.

Visiting Scholar and Consultant, Research Department, International Monetary Fund, May 2004.

Research Assistant, New York State Tax Study Commission, New York State Assembly, Ways and Means Committee, June, 2000 to June, 2001.

Research Associate, Center for Policy Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 1998 to 2001.

REFEREED ACADEMIC JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

“The Impact of Local Decentralization on Economic Growth: Evidence from U.S. Counties,” with George Hammond. *Journal of Regional Science* (forthcoming).

“Centralization, Decentralization and Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa,” (October 2008) with Serdar Yilmaz. *Middle East Development Journal* (forthcoming). (earlier version published as World Bank MENA Working Paper Series No.51 and World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 4774.

http://econ.worldbank.org/external/default/main?pagePK=64165259&theSitePK=469372&piPK=64165421&menuPK=64166093&entityID=000158349_20081110112652

“Property and Other Wealth Taxes Internationally: Evidence from OECD Countries,” with Sonja Pippin, Richard Mason and Charles Carslaw. *Advances in Taxation* (forthcoming).

“Decentralization, Economic Development and Growth in Turkish Provinces,” (September 2008) with Serdar Yilmaz. *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*. (forthcoming). (earlier version published as World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 4725

http://econ.worldbank.org/external/default/main?pagePK=64165259&piPK=64165421&theSitePK=469372&menuPK=64166093&entityID=000158349_20080924104342

“Political Economy of Immigration in Germany: Attitudes and Citizenship Aspirations,” with Martin Kahanec. 2009. *International Migration Review* 43 (2): 263-291.

“The Income Elasticity of Gross Casino Revenues: Short-Run and Long-Run Estimates,” with Mark Nichols. 2009. *National Tax Journal* 61 (4) Part 1: 635-652.

“Endogenous Fiscal Policy and Capital Market Transmissions in the Presence of Demographic Shocks.” 2008. *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control* 32 (6): 2031-2060.

“Do New Lottery Games Stimulate Economic Activity? Evidence from Border Counties in West Virginia,” with Mark Skidmore. 2008. *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy* 38 (1): 45-55.

“Cross-Border Shopping and the Sales Tax: A Reexamination of Food Purchases in West Virginia,” with Mark Skidmore, 2007. *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy* 7(1) (Topics), Article 63.

“Open Trade and Skilled and Unskilled Labor Productivity in Developing Countries: A Panel Data Analysis,” with Sohrab Abizadeh, 2007 (September). *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development* 16 (3): 383-399.

“Economic Growth and Tax Components: An Analysis of Tax Changes in OECD” with Sohrab Abizadeh, 2005 (October). *Applied Economics* 37 (19): 2251-2263.

“The Tax Structure and Trade Liberalization of the Middle East and North Africa Region,” 2005 (April) *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance* 3 (1): 21-38.

“Interstate Competition and State Lottery Revenues,” with Mark Skidmore, 2004 (June). *National Tax Journal* 57 (2): 163-178.

“Generational Conflict, Fiscal Policy and Economic Growth,” with Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin and Mary E. Lovely, 2004 (March). *Journal of Macroeconomics* 26 (1): 1-23. (published previously as NBER Working Paper 7762)

“Population Aging and Economic Growth: Political Economy and Open Economy Effects,” 2003 (December). *Economics Letters* 81 (3): 291-296. (also published in the Elsevier Volume *New Developments in the Economics of Population Ageing*, edited by John Creedy and Ross Guest)

PROFESSIONAL or POLICY JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

“Commuting, Competition and Leakages at the Carson City-Douglas County Border in Nevada,” with Glen Atkinson and Tom Harris, 2009 (Spring). *Economic Development Journal*, 8 (2): 48-54.

“West Virginia Tax Amnesty: An Evaluation of Costs and Benefits,” with Hari Luitel, 2005 (Summer). *The West Virginia Public Affairs Reporter*, 22 (1): 2-9. **(Refereed)**

“A Comparative Assessment of West Virginia’s State Tax System,” 2002 (Summer). *The West Virginia Public Affairs Reporter*, 19 (3): 2-7. **(Refereed)**

BOOK CHAPTERS, PROCEEDINGS AND BOOK REVIEW

“Centralization, Intergovernmental Structure and Reform in the Middle East and North Africa,” with Serdar Yilmaz. *National Tax Association Proceedings, 100th Anniversary Edition*, (2008) Washington, D.C.: National Tax Association.

“Corruption and Fiscal Structure in the MENA Region,” in *Economic Performance in the Middle East and North Africa: Institutions, Corruption and Reform*, edited by Serdar Sayan. Routledge Series on Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa (2009) New York, NY: Routledge.

Contributed as a consultant to Chapter 3 (How Will Demographic Change Affect the Global Economy”) of the IMF’s September 2004 issue of the World Economic Outlook
<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2004/02/pdf/chapter3.pdf>

Book Review, David Brunori’s *Local Tax Policy: A Federalist Perspective*, with Pavel Yakovlev. 2005 (May). *Journal of Regional Science* 45 (2): 442-444.

“Cross-Border Effects of Alcohol Sales and Intrastate Spatial Tax Incidence,” *National Tax Association Proceedings*, (2004) Washington, D.C.: National Tax Association: 410-419.

“Asymmetric Population Aging, Open Economy, and Fiscal Policy,” in *Proceedings of International Federation of Automatic Control, Symposium on Modeling and Control of Economic Systems*, (2003) Oxford: Elsevier: 169-174.

“International Spillover Effects of a Demographic Shock When Fiscal Policy is Politically Responsive,” in *Policy Evaluation with Computable General Equilibrium Models*, Amedeo Fossati and Wolfgang Wiegard eds., (2002) Routledge: 325-343.

WORKING PAPERS

“Population Aging, Elderly Migration and Education Spending: Intergenerational Conflict Revisited,” with Claudia Williamson and Pavel Yakovlev. (May 2009). IZA Discussion Paper No. 4161. Under review at Public Budgeting and Finance. Revise/Resubmit.

“Property Value Assessment Growth Limits and Differential Tax Base Erosion,” with Mark Skidmore. Under Review at *Public Finance Review*. Revise/Resubmit.

“Causes of State Tax Amnesties: Evidence from U.S. States,” with Hari Luitel (2009). Under review at *National Tax Journal*. Revise/Resubmit.

“Global Aging and Fiscal Policy with International Labor Mobility: A Political Economy Perspective.” (May 2009). IZA Discussion Paper No. 4166.

“Preventing Regional Conflicts as a Global Public Good: The Case of the MENA Region,” with Arzu Sen (2008).

“Externalities from International Labor Migration: Efficacy of a Brain Drain Tax in the Euro-Mediterranean Region,” (2006). UNR Economics Department WP-06007. Workshop completion project. Florence School on Euro-Mediterranean Migration and Development, European University Institute.

"The Impact of Institutional Characteristics on the Effectiveness of Rainy Day Fund Policies: A Pilot Study of Municipal Governments in West Virginia," with Michael John Dougherty and Odd Stalebrink (2006). UNR Economics Department WP-06012.

“Population Aging, Labor Mobility and Economic Growth: Evidence from MENA and the Developed World,” (2005). Economic Research Forum (ERF) Working Paper No. 0417.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Electronic Tax Filing in the United States: A Success Story?” with Sonja Pippin (UNR).

“Citizenship Attitudes and Assimilation of Foreigners in Germany,” with Martin Kahanec (IZA).

“Decentralization in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region,” with Serdar Yilmaz (World Bank).

“Fiscal Decentralization in Turkish Provinces,” with Serdar Yilmaz (World Bank).

CURRENT AND PAST RESEARCH PROJECTS and GRANTS

Funded Projects:

“Migration, Gender and Attitudes: A Comparative Study of Turkish and MENA Migrants in Germany.” April 30, 2009 to October 31, 2010. (Project Co-Principal Investigator); grant funded by Gender Economic Research and Policy Analysis (GERPA - part of the World Bank SAGE - MENA Initiative) through Center for Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR).

Government Size, Institutions and Economic Growth in MENA Countries: Government Spending Decomposed. November 1, 2006 to present. (Project Principal Investigator); administered by Economic Research Forum (ERF) and Global Development Network (GDN), and financially supported by the World Bank Development Grant Facility (DGF).

“Migration, Gender and Development: A Comparative Study of Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey,” November 15, 2006 to July 1, 2007. (Project Principal Investigator); seed grant funded by Gender Economic Research and Policy Analysis (GERPA).

Evaluation of the School Aid Formula for the State of West Virginia, July 1, 2005 to May 1, 2006. (Project Co-Director, funded by West Virginia State Legislature)

Population Aging and Education Spending: Evidence from Elderly Migration, Summer 2005. Regional Research Institute Special Research Assignment Grant

Retirees and Economic Development in West Virginia, December 1, 2004 to May 1, 2006. (Principal Investigator and Project Director, funded by the Bernard McDonough Foundation)

Population Aging and Labor Migration: Theory and Evidence, Summer 2004. Kennedy-Vanscoy Fund for Faculty Development, West Virginia University, College of Business and Economics. Research Grant awarded by the College Research and Library Committee, Summer 2004.

West Virginia’s Highways: Financing Options for Future Progress, December 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003. (Co-Principal Investigator, project funded by the West Virginia Division of Highways)

Municipal Finance in West Virginia: Forging a Course for Fiscal Stability, August 15, 2002 to July 1, 2003. (Project director and principal investigator, project funded by the West Virginia Municipal League)

Other Projects:

Economic incidence of West Virginia taxes, August 16, 2001 to May 15, 2007. (Project director, project funded by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research; data and expert support provided by the West Virginia State Tax Department).

Limits to state lottery revenues, December 1, 2001 to December 1, 2002. (Project director, project funded by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research)

Economics of underage drinking in West Virginia, West Virginia Public Finance Program. May 1, 2003 to July 1, 2003.

Fiscal note on the impact of cigarette tax increase in West Virginia, West Virginia Public Finance Program. November 1, 2002 to January 13, 2003.

Tax increment financing and local economic development, West Virginia Public Finance Program. September 1, 2002 to October 16, 2002.

OTHER POLICY PUBLICATIONS and REPORTS

“The Economic Incidence of West Virginia Taxes,” with Pavel Yakovlev and Arzu Sen (May 2007). WV Public Finance Program Special Report.

“Funding Challenges and Opportunities in a Growing Tourism Destination: The Case of Broward County,” with Pavel Yakovlev (October 2004). WV Public Finance Program Policy Report No.3.

“Municipal Finance in West Virginia: Forging a Course for Fiscal Stability,” (August 2003), WV Public Finance Program Policy Report No.2.

“Tax Increment Financing and Local Economic Development,” with Pavel Yakovlev, (October 2002), WV Public Finance Program Policy Report No.1.

“Can Retirees Spur Economic Development in West Virginia? (Fall 2006). *West Virginia Business and Economic Review*, 12: 3, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

“The Future of West Virginia’s Highway System: A Comprehensive Analysis of the West Virginia State Road Fund and Policy Options,” with Patrick Mann and Tom Witt (February 2005). *West Virginia Business and Economic Review*, 11: 14-19, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

“West Virginia Personal Income Tax: Major Characteristics and Incidence,” with Pavel Yakovlev, (April 2004). *West Virginia Business and Economic Review*, 10 (2): 1-7, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

“Economic Incidence of the West Virginia Taxes on Gasoline and Special Fuels,” with Pavel Yakovlev (December 2003). *West Virginia Business and Economic Review*, 9: 8-10, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

“Underage Drinking in West Virginia,” (October 2003). *West Virginia Business and Economic Review*, 9: 10-12, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

“Taxing Alcohol in West Virginia,” with Pavel Yakovlev (June 2003). *West Virginia Business and Economic Review*, 9: 5-11, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

“Tax Increment Financing and Economic Development,” with Pavel Yakovlev (Fall 2002). *West Virginia Business and Economic Review*, 8 (4): 1-2, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

“West Virginia Lottery: Challenges Ahead,” with John Stafford Rogers, (Summer 2002). *West Virginia Business and Economic Review*, 8 (3): 4-7, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

“West Virginia State Taxes: A Comparison,” with Ryo Takashima (Spring 2002). *West Virginia Business and Economic Review*, 8 (2): 6-10, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

“Value-Added Tax For West Virginia,” (Winter 2002). *West Virginia Business and Economic Review*, 8 (1): 4-8, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

“West Virginia State Taxes: A Review,” with Ryo Takashima, (Winter 2002). *West Virginia Business and Economic Review*, 8 (1): 9-11, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Nevada-Reno

Teaching Microeconomics (undergraduate), Public Finance (undergraduate and graduate), Economics of Population (undergraduate/graduate), and Regional Economics (undergraduate/graduate), Fall 2006 to present.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, West Virginia University

Teaching Public Finance (Ph.D. level), Fall 2001 to Fall 2005.

Instructor, Department of Economics, Syracuse University.

Independently taught as the instructor:

Spring 1998: Economics for Managers (MBA level)

Fall 1997: Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate level)

Summer 1997: Economics for Managers (MBA level)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Syracuse University.

Spring 1997: Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate level)

Fall 1996: Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate level)

Public Finance (undergraduate level)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Finance/Economics, Boston University.

Fall 1994: Economic and Statistical Decision Making (undergraduate level)

Spring 1994: Managerial Economics (undergraduate level)

Session Presenter, "Teaching American Students," Syracuse University Teaching Assistant Training Program, Summer 1997.

ADVISING ACTIVITIES (University of Nevada, Reno)

M.A./M.S. thesis chair:

Xingchen Wang (Department of Economics), "Fiscal Decentralization and Economic Growth in Chinese Provinces." In progress.

Eric Gibbons (Department of Economics), "Cost Benefit Analysis of Tax Incremental Financing on a School District." Completed.

Dilek Uz (Department of Economics), "Economic Impact of Later Life Migration: A Comparative Study." Completed.

Lennon Weller (Department of Economics), "Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Direct Democracy: Evidence from the United States and Switzerland." Completed.

Ph.D. dissertation committee member:

Nota Fungisai (Department of Resource Economics), "Fiscal Federalism, Public Goods and Rural-Urban Interdependencies."

Zhu Erqian (Department of Resource Economics)

M.A./M.S. thesis committee member:

Jina Morrow (Department of Economics), "Immigrants and Remittances: The Financial Ties That Bind." In progress.

Matt van den Berg (Department of Geography). In progress.

Ryan Powell (Department of Economics), "Urban Sprawl in Reno-Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada"

Zhu Erqian (Department of Economics), "Urban Poor in China: A Case Study of Changsha"

Matt van den Berg (Department of Economics), "Estimating the Growth and Variability of Gaming Tax Bases"

ADVISING ACTIVITIES (West Virginia University)

Ph.D. dissertation chair:

Hari S. Luitel (Economics Department), "Essays on the Value Added Tax Evasion and Tax Amnesties". Completed July 28, 2005.

Ph.D. dissertation committee member:

2006:

Nathan Ashby (Economics Department), "An Analysis of Institutions, Economic Freedom, and the Quality of Life." Completed.

Miki Brunyer (Economics Department), "Essays on Income Redistribution, Policy Formation and Adherence." Completed.

Jorge Guillen (Economics Department), "Three Essays on Banks' Relative Efficiency." Completed.

Pavel Yakovlev (Economics Department), "Three Essays in Political Economy." Completed.

2005:

Ryo Takashima (Economics Department), "Three Current Issues in International Trade". Completed.

Todd M Nesbit (Economics Department), "Essays on the Secondary Impacts of Excise Taxation: Quality Substitution, Earmarking, and Revenue Spillovers". Completed.

Kerry King (Economics Department), "Essays on the Publicness of Education and the Effects of School Choice on Student Achievement". Completed.

Tuncer Gocmen (Economics Department), "Essays on Risk and Return Effects of Joint Ventures". Completed.

2004:

Yousam Choi (Economics Department), "Three Essays on Public Economics and Public Finance". Completed.

2003:

Steven Kreft (Economics Department), "Essays on Political Constraints, Incentives, and Individual Economic Behavior". Completed.

Research Supervisor for the following students:

Dilek Uz (Master's student, Economics Department, UNR), supervisor in the projects "Government Size, Institutions and Economic Growth in MENA Countries: Government Spending Decomposed," and "Intergovernmental Structure and Reform in the MENA Region," February 2007 to July 2008.

Omid Harraf (Master's student, Economics Department, UNR), supervisor in the project "Intergovernmental Structure and Reform in the MENA Region," Summer 2007.

Arzu Sen (Ph.D. student, Economics Department, WVU), supervisor in the project "Population Aging and Education Spending: Evidence from Elderly Migration," 2005 to 2006.

Arda S. Kostem (undergraduate student, Economics Department, WVU), supervisor in the project "Development of a New School Aid Formula for the State of West Virginia," 2005 to 2006.

Claudia Williamson (Ph.D. student, Economics Department, WVU), supervisor in the project "Retirees and Economic Development in West Virginia," 2004 to 2006.

Pavel Yakovlev (Ph.D. student, Economics Department, WVU), supervisor in the project "Economic Incidence of West Virginia Taxes," 2002 to 2006 and "Retirees and Economic Development in West Virginia," 2004 to 2006.

Jawad Salimi (Ph.D. student, Economics Department, WVU), supervisor in the project "West Virginia's Highways: Financing Options for Future Progress," 2002 to 2004.

Kristin Warner (Ph.D. student, Economics Department, WVU), supervisor in the project "Municipal Finance in West Virginia: Forging a Course for Fiscal Stability," Fall 2002.

Ryo Takashima (Ph.D. student, Economics Department, WVU), supervisor in the project "Economic Incidence of West Virginia Taxes," 2001 to 2002.

Faculty Supervisor in the Undergraduate Honors Thesis:

John S. Rogers (Finance Department, WVU), Undergraduate Honors Thesis "West Virginia Lottery: A Revenue Source In Jeopardy," Spring 2002.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Past Conference Presentations and Organized Sessions

- “Migration, Gender and Attitudes: Turkish and MENA Immigrants in Germany.”
Presented at the GERPA Annual Conference, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, November 19, 2009.
- “Centralization, Decentralization and Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa,” with Serdar Yilmaz.
Presented at the Dubai School of Government, June 2, 2009 and the Economic Research Forum (ERF) 15th Annual Conference, Cairo, Egypt. November 25, 2008.
- “Global Aging and Fiscal Policy with International Labor Mobility: A Political Economy Perspective.”
Presented at the Department of Economics, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Ankara, Turkey. May 26, 2009.
- “Externalities from International Labor Migration: Efficacy of a Brain Drain Tax in the Euro-Mediterranean Region.” Presented at the Development of Euro-Mediterranean Economic Research (DREEM) International Conference “Inequalities and Development in the Mediterranean Countries,” Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Turkey. May 21, 2009.
- “The Impact of Local Decentralization on Economic Growth: Evidence from U.S. Counties,” with George Hammond. Presented at the Western Regional Science Association Conference, Napa, CA. February 24, 2009.
- “Conflict Prevention as a Public Good? The Case of the Middle East and North Africa Region,” with Arzu Sen. Presented at the National Tax Association 101st Annual Conference on Taxation, Philadelphia, PA. November 21, 2008.
- “Political Economy of Immigration in Germany: Attitudes and Citizenship Aspirations,” with Martin Kahanec. Presented at the Applied Microeconomics Summer Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, June 27, 2008.
- “Actual Tax Base Elasticity of Gaming Revenues: Short Run and Long Run Estimates,” with Mark Nichols. Presented at the National Tax Association 100th Annual Conference on Taxation, Columbus, OH, November 16, 2007. (session organized by Mehmet S. Tosun).
- “Preventing Regional Conflicts as a Global Public Good: the Case of the MENA Region,” Middle East Economic Association session in the Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) meetings, Chicago, January 5, 2007.
- “Government Size, Institutions and Economic Growth: Government Spending Decomposed,” Economic Research Forum 13th Annual Conference, Kuwait. December 15, 2006.
- “Local Decentralization and Economic Growth: Evidence from Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan Regions,” with George Hammond. Presented at the National Tax Association 99th Annual Conference on Taxation, Boston, November 18, 2006.
- “Population Aging, Labor Mobility and Economic Growth: Evidence from MENA and the Developed World,” presented at the Economic Research Forum’s 12th Annual Conference, Cairo, Egypt, 19-21 December 2005. The author is awarded, on a competitive basis, a \$2,000 honorarium together with a full coverage of travel expenses by the conference organizing committee.
- “Population Aging, Elderly Migration and Education Spending: Intergenerational Conflict Revisited,” with Claudia Williamson and Pavel Yakovlev. Presented at the National Tax Association 98th Annual Conference on Taxation, Miami, Florida, November 17, 2005 (session organized by Mehmet S. Tosun).

- “Cross-Border Shopping and the Sales Tax: A Reexamination of Food Purchases in West Virginia,” with Mark Skidmore. Presented at the Southern Regional Science Association Annual Conference, Arlington, Virginia, April 8, 2005 and NTA session in the Allied Social Science Associations meetings in Boston, January 6, 2006.
- “Explaining the Variation in Tax Structures in the MENA Region.” Middle East Economic Association session in the Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) meetings, Philadelphia, January 7, 2005 (session organized by Mehmet S. Tosun).
- “Do New Lottery Games Stimulate Economic Activity? Evidence from Border Counties in West Virginia,” with Mark Skidmore. Presented at the National Tax Association 97th Annual Conference on Taxation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 12, 2004.
- “An Analysis of Tax Structure Changes in the MENA Region in Response to Trade Liberalization” Presented at the Economic Research Forum’s 10th Annual Conference, Marrakech, Morocco, 16-18 December 2003. The author is awarded, on a competitive basis, a EURO2,000 honorarium together with a full coverage of travel expenses by the conference organizing committee.
- “Changes in the Structure of State and Local Highway Financing: A Panel Data Analysis” Presented at the 2004 Annual American Economic Association/Transportation and Public Utilities Group Meeting, San Diego, California, January 4, 2004 in the session “Financing/Pricing of Transport Infrastructure and Modal Services.”
- “Cross-Border Effects of Alcohol Sales and Intrastate Spatial Tax Incidence” Presented at the National Tax Association 96th Annual Conference on Taxation, Chicago, Illinois, November 15, 2003 (session organized by Mehmet S. Tosun). Also presented at the Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, CA, January 28, 2004.
- “Interstate Competition and State Lottery Revenues” Presented by Mark Skidmore at the National Tax Association 95th Annual Conference on Taxation, Orlando, Florida in the session “Impact of State Lotteries: Revenues and Incidence,” November 15, 2002 (session organized by Mehmet S. Tosun). Also presented by Mehmet S. Tosun at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Dallas, TX, February 3, 2004.

Department Seminar and Workshop Presentations

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Boston, MA (GERPA Workshop on Gender and Economics)
Dubai School of Government, Dubai, UAE
TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Ankara, Turkey
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany
The World Bank, Washington, D.C. (GERPA Workshop on Gender and Economics)
University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, NV (Department of Economics)
University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, NV (Department of Political Science)
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
University of Maryland Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI
Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, CA, U.S.A.
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Dallas, TX
West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, U.S.A.
University of Genova, Genova, Italy

Other Presentations

“Funding Challenges and Opportunities in a Growing Tourism Destination: The Case of Broward County,” with Pavel Yakovlev, *Funding Economic Development: The Vision BROWARD Case*, Florida, August 19, 2004.

“State and Local Fiscal Outlook, ” presented at the Governor’s Commission on Governing in the 21st Century, Charleston, WV, May 18, 2004.

“On the Brink: Cities and the Fiscal Crisis,” presentation at the Economics Club of Pittsburgh Luncheon, Pittsburgh, PA, September 18, 2003.

“Municipal Finance in West Virginia: Forging a Course for Fiscal Stability,” presentation at the West Virginia Municipal League Board of Directors meeting, Hurricane, WV, June 27, 2003.

ATTENDED WORKSHOPS and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Executive Program on Public Financial Management. Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government. Boston, Massachusetts. July 6 – July 24, 2009.

Second Annual Regent’s Academy, Nevada System of Higher Education. Mt. Charleston, Nevada. May 31 - June 2, 2007.

Florence School on Euro-Mediterranean Migration and Development, Second Session, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 15-30 June 2006.

Designing Quality Self-Administered Surveys for Mail and the Internet: A Short Course. Morgantown, West Virginia, November 13-14, 2001. Conducted by Don A. Dillman.

Economic Modeling Workshop: Applied General Equilibrium Modeling Using MCP/MPSGE under GAMS, Sample Applications to Public Finance. ZEW, Mannheim, May 3-5 1999. Conducted by Christoph Bohringer.

Multi-regional CGE Modeling Using Mathematical Programming System for General Equilibrium (MPSGE). University of Colorado at Boulder, December 15, 1997. Conducted by Thomas F. Rutherford.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Betta Gamma Sigma Researcher of the Year Award, April 2009, College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno. Received a certificate of commendation from U.S. Senator and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid for receiving this award.

Ibn Khaldun Prize in Economics, December 31, 2005, awarded by the Middle East Economic Association for the best presented paper in 2005.

Regional Research Institute Special Research Assignment Grant (\$10,000 and summer research assistant), April 2005, awarded on a competitive basis.

Funding Challenges and Opportunities in a Growing Tourism Destination: The Case of Broward County, with Pavel Yakovlev, among five proposals chosen in the applied research competition (with cash prize) *Funding Economic Development: The Vision BROWARD Case*, Florida, August 2004.

Kennedy-Vanscoy Fund for Faculty Development, West Virginia University, College of Business and Economics. Research Grant awarded by the College Research and Library Committee, Summer 2004.

Graduate School Summer Fellowship, Syracuse University, 1999.

Graduate School Tuition Scholarship, Syracuse University, 1996-1999.

Phi Beta Delta (Honor Society for international scholars), 1997.

Haci Omer Sabanci Foundation Fellowship, Istanbul, Turkey, 1989-1993.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Economic Research Forum for Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

Middle East Economic Association

National Tax Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Refereed for:

Annals of Tourism Research (1)

Applied Economics (4)

Applied Financial Letters (1)

Contemporary Economic Policy (3)

Eastern Economic Journal (1)

Economic Inquiry (2)

Economic Modelling (3)

Financial Theory and Practice (4)

International Tax and Public Finance (2)

Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control (1)

Journal of Human Development and Capabilities (1)

Journal of Macroeconomics (1)

Migration Letters (1)

National Tax Journal (2)

The Open Economics Journal (1)

Public Budgeting and Finance (1)

Public Finance Review (2)

Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance (1)

Southern Economic Journal (2)