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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Connecticut (UCONN), Storrs, CT , 2017–2022

M.A. in Economics, University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver), CO, 2015–2017

B.Sc in Econometrics, Cukurova University, Adana, Turkey, 2006–2011

Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of West Georgia, 2024–Present

Assistant Professor (Non-Tenure), Kennesaw State University, 2023–2024

Postdoctoral Fellow, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2022–2023

Publications

Journal Articles

1. **Asker, E.**, Brunner, E., & Ross, S. (2024). JUE insight: The impact of school spending on civic engagement: Evidence from school finance reforms. **Journal of Urban Economics**, 143, 103688.

Working Papers

1. **Asker, E.**, Dhongde, S., & Shonchoy, A. “COVID-19 and Mortality among Infants: Evidence from India”. (Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Health Economics)
2. **Asker, E.** “The Effect of Compulsory Education on Age at First Marriage and Teenage Fertility: Evidence from a Difference-in-Discontinuity Design.” (Revise and Resubmit, Education Finance and Policy)
3. **Asker, E.**, Dhongde, S., Bulkunde, R. “Multidimensional Economic Hardships during the Covid-19 Pandemic in the United States.”
4. **Asker, E.**, Scafidi, B., Thompson, J. “School Funding and Civic Engagement: An Examination of California’s Local Control Funding.”
5. **Asker, E.**, Dhongde, S., Wang, L. “Maternity Leave Policy and Child Health in India.”

Professional Activities

Conference Presentations

- Southern Economic Association 94th Meeting, Washington, D.C., Nov., 2024.
- Morehouse College Research Colloquium, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 2024.
- UWG, Richard's College of Business, Carrollton, GA, Sep. 2024.
- Southern Economic Association 93rd Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Nov., 2024.
- Southeast Exchange of Development Studies, Atlanta, GA, Apr., 2023.
- Georgia Institute of Technology, Economics Department's Seminar.
- Southeast Exchange of Development Studies, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Nov., 2023.
- Southeast Exchange of Development Studies, Atlanta, GA, Apr., 2023.
- Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-being (PPCW), March. 2023
- The Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), Seattle, WA,
- Southern Economic Association, 92nd Meeting, Online, Nov., 2022
- Graduate Students in Economics of Education Zoom Seminars (GEEZ), Online
- Department of Economics Seminars at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
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Referee Service

Economics of Education Review, Journal of Population Economics, International Journal of Social Economics.

Other Activities

- 9th annual conference of the Society for Economic Measurement, Local Organizing Committee Member, Aug, 2024, Atlanta, GA.
- National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Attendee (Invited), Cambridge, MA, July 2022. Session: Children Workshop.

Courses Taught

University of West Georgia

- ECON 3402 Statistics for Business I
- ECON 3406 Statistics for Business II

Kennesaw State University

- ECON 3300 Applied Statistical and Optimization Models

Georgia Institute of Technology

- ECON 6360 Development Economics

University of Connecticut

- ECON 3431 Public Finance
- ECON 2500W Writing in Economics

Services

- Faculty Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Economics, 2024–2025.

Awards

- Health Economics and Policy Education Lab Research Fund, UCONN
- Best Third Year Paper Award, Department of Economics, UCONN

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