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## Personal

Date of Birth: Jan 2, 1980

Nationality: Turkish (U.S. Permanent Resident)

## Education

- Ph.D. in Economics, Boston College (Sep. 2003 – Aug. 2008)
- M.A. in Economics, Boston College (Sep. 2003 – May 2005)
- M.A. in Economics, Bilkent University (Sep. 2001 – Jun. 2003)
- B.A. in Economics, Bilkent University (Sep. 1997 – Jun. 2001)

## Academic Appointments

- Assistant Professor, University at Albany - SUNY, Department of Economics (Sep. 2008 – present)

## Fields of Interest

Public Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Program Evaluation, Health Economics and Policy

## Teaching Experience

Undergraduate: Boston College: Principles of Microeconomics, University at Albany - SUNY: Intermediate Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics

Graduate: University at Albany - SUNY: Public Economics (Ph.D.)

## Fellowships and Honors

- Archives Research Fellows Fund, IUPUI, The Center on Philanthropy (2010)
- H. Michael Mann Dissertation Fellowship, Boston College (Summer, 2007)
- Dissertation Fellowship, Boston College Department of Economics (Summer, 2006)
- Tuition remission and Graduate Assistantship, Boston College Department of Economics (2003-2008)
- Graduate Achievement Scholarship, Bilkent University Department of Economics (2001-2003)
- Tuition remission and Undergraduate Scholarship, Bilkent University (1997-2001)

## Research

### Publications in Refereed Journals

1. "The effect of media on charitable giving and volunteering: Evidence from the "Give Five" campaign, forthcoming in *Journal of Policy Analysis & Management*.
2. "Fundraising and optimal policy rules", forthcoming in *Journal of Public Economic Theory* (with M. Mungan).
3. "Do fundraisers select charitable donors based on gender and race? Evidence from survey data", 2012, *Journal of Population Economics*, 25 (1), 219-243.
4. "The impact of legal drinking age laws on alcohol consumption, smoking, and marijuana use: Evidence from a regression discontinuity design using exact date of birth", 2011, *Journal of Health Economics*, 30 (4), 740-752 (with C. Ertan Yörük).
5. "Charitable giving by married couples revisited", 2010, *Journal of Human Resources*, 45 (2), 497-516.
6. "How responsive are charitable donors to requests to give?", 2009, *Journal of Public Economics*, 93 (10), 1111-1117.
7. "The power of asking in volunteering: Evidence from a matched sample", 2008, *Economics Letters*, 99 (1), 79-84.
8. "International regulations and environmental performance", 2008, *Applied Economics*, 40 (7), 807-822 (with O. Zaim).
9. "Negative externalities, productivity growth, and the catching-up hypothesis", 2007, *Applied Economics Letters*, 14 (6), 429-434.
10. "The Kuznets curve and the effect of international regulations on environmental efficiency", 2006, *Economics Bulletin*, 17 (1), 1-7 (with O. Zaim).
11. "Productivity growth in OECD countries: A comparison with Malmquist indices", 2005, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 33 (2), 401-420 (with O. Zaim).
12. "Measuring the quality of life in European Union: The case of Turkey as a candidate country", 2003, *International Journal of Social Economics*, 30 (11), 1162-1176 (with O. Zaim).

### Chapters in Edited Books

1. "Working for free: Recent volunteering trends in the United States", 2011, *Advances in Sociology Research Vol. 9*, J.A. Jaworski (eds.), Nova Science, NY, pp. 219-231 (with C. Ertan).
2. "Human capital, innovation, and productivity growth: Tales from Latin America and the Caribbean", 2010, *Progress in Economics Research Vol. 15*, A. Tavidze (eds.), Nova Science, NY, pp. 135-152.

### Conference and Seminar Presentations

Conference Presentations: American Economic Association Annual Meetings (2012), Canadian Economic Association Annual Conference (2006, 2007), Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference (2010, 2011), IZA Conference on Economics of Risky Behaviors (2011), Southern Economic Association Annual Conference (2011), Southwestern Economic Association Meetings (2005), Middle Eastern Economic Association Meetings (2003)

Seminar Presentations: Bilkent University (2008), Bogazici University (2008), Boston College (2006, 2007), IUPUI (2011), Florida Atlantic University (2008), Koc University (2008), METU (2011), Sabanci University (2008), SUNY-Albany (2008), TOBB ETU (2008), Union College (2010)

## Professional Activities

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, Applied Economics, B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics, Economic Inquiry, Economica, Economics Letters, Environment and Development Economics, International Journal of Social Economics, International Regional Science Review, Journal of Environmental Management, Journal of Policy Analysis & Management, Journal of Population Economics, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Nonprofit Management & Leadership, Public Choice, Review of Economic Design, World Development*

Reviewer: Worth Academic Publishers, W.W. Norton & Company

## Thesis Students

Committee Member: Kitae Sohn (University at Albany – SUNY, Ph.D. in Economics, May 2009), Nailing Kuo (University at Albany – SUNY, M.A. in Economics, May 2010), Ranajoy Chaudhury (University at Albany – SUNY, Ph.D. in Economics, May 2011)