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EDUCATION

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

Research Fields: Public economics, tax policy, economics of population and demography, regional economics.

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

Professor, Department of Economics, College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno. July 1, 2016 to present.

Director, International Business Programs, College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno. July 1, 2019 to present.

Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor of Nevada Tax Policy, College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno. January 2015 to present.

Associate Editor, Socio-economic Planning Sciences. February 2019 to present.

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

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

Affiliate Research Fellow, Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, University of Oxford, England. October 2011 to present.

Fellow, Global Labor Organization (GLO). 2017 to present.

Affiliated Faculty, Ozmen Center for Entrepreneurship, College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno.

Board Trustee Reno Philharmonic Association, Reno, Nevada. July 1, 2016 to present.

Advisory Board Member, Ozmen Institute for Global Studies, University of Nevada, Reno. 2018 to present.

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

Journal Program Committee Member, Przegląd Organizacji (Organization Review). 2018 to present.

Editorial Board Member, Finance and Market. December 2017 to present.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Chair, Department of Economics, College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno. July, 2013 to June, 2019.

Director of Graduate Programs, Department of Economics, College of Business Administration, University of Nevada-Reno. March 2010 to June 2013.

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, College of Business, University of Nevada-Reno, July 2010 to June 2016.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, College of Business, University of Nevada-Reno, July 2006 to June 2010.

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

Delegate, State of Nevada's Trade Mission to the Basque Country, Spain. June 25-27, 2018.

Delegate, State of Nevada's Trade Mission to Poland. October 16-20, 2017.

Consultant, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Property Tax Digest by State. December, 2014 to June, 2015.

Dean's Research Professor, College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno. 2013 to 2016. Three-year professorship awarded for research productivity.

Board Member, Middle East Economic Association. January 2010 to December 2012.

Consultant, UNESCWA (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia), Beirut, Lebanon. May 2012 to March 2013. (Institutional Development and Participation in Countries in Transition)

Visiting Research Fellow, Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, England. April 22-July 1, 2014; June 27-July 4, 2011; July 8-14, 2012.

Consultant, UCLG (United Cities and Local Governments), Barcelona, Spain. February 2008 to November 2010. (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)

Expert, Round Table Group, A Division of Thomson Reuters. October 2008 to present.

Council Member, Gerson Lehrman Group (GLG) Policy & Economics Council. March 2008 to present.

Local Organizer, 72nd International Institute of Public Finance Congress, August 9-11 2016, Lake Tahoe.

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 and February 2011.

Coordinator, Working Paper Series and Seminar Series, Department of Economics, University of Nevada, Reno, October 2006 to May 2011.

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.

ACADEMIC JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Poghosyan, Tigran, Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2019. "Assessing Activist Fiscal Policy in Advanced and Emerging Market Economies using Real-Time Data." *Oxford Economic Papers* 71 (1): 225-249.
- [2] Yakovlev, Pavel A., Mehmet S. **Tosun** and William P. Lewis. 2018. "The Fiscal Consequences of State Legislative Term Limits." *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*. An earlier version available as [IZA Discussion Paper No. 6456](#).
- [3] Ouedraogo, Abdoulaye, Mehmet S. **Tosun** and Jingjing Yang. 2018. "Fertility and Population Policy." *Public Sector Economics (previously Financial Theory and Practice)* 42 (1): 21-43.
- [4] Nichols, Mark W. and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2017. "The Impact of Legalized Casino Gambling on Crime." *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 66: 1-15. Also available as [IZA Discussion Paper No. 7299](#).
- [5] Pippin, Sonja E. and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2016. "Tax Harmonization in the European Union and the Euro-Zone: A Multilateral Analysis of Tax Systems." *Public Sector Economics (previously Financial Theory and Practice)* 40 (4): 437-461.
- [6] Ouedraogo, Abdoulaye, Mehmet S. **Tosun**, and Serdar Yilmaz. 2016. "Cyclicality of Public Investment in Africa." *International Journal of Public Policy* 12 (3/4/5/6): 378-405.
- [7] Nichols, Mark W., Mehmet S. **Tosun**, and Jingjing Yang. 2015. "The Fiscal Impact of Legalized Casino Gambling." *Public Finance Review* 43 (6): 739-761.
- [8] **Tosun**, Mehmet S. 2015. "Retiree Migration and Intergenerational Conflict." *IZA World of Labor* 118 doi: 10.15185/izawol.118.
- [9] Luitel, Hari and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2014. "A Reexamination of State Fiscal Health and Amnesty Enactment." *International Tax and Public Finance* 21 (5): 874-893.
- [10] Pippin, Sonja and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2014. "Electronic Tax Filing in the United States: An Analysis of Possible Success factors." *Electronic Journal of e-Government* 12 (1): 22-38.
- [11] Giertz, Seth and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2012. "Migration Elasticities, Fiscal Federalism, and the Ability of States to Redistribute Income." *National Tax Journal* 65 (4): 1069-1092. Symposium Issue.
- [12] **Tosun**, Mehmet S., Claudia Williamson and Pavel Yakovlev. 2012. "Population Aging, Elderly Migration and Education Spending: Intergenerational Conflict Revisited," *Public Budgeting and Finance* 32 (2): 25-39.
- [13] Pippin, Sonja, and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2012 "Political Economy of Taxing Services in the United States," *Public Finance and Management* 12 (1): 1-23.
- [14] Skidmore, Mark and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2011. "Property Value Assessment Growth Limits, Tax Base Erosion, and Regional In-Migration," *Public Finance Review* 39 (2): 256-287.
- [15] Hammond, George and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2011. "The Impact of Local Decentralization on Economic Growth: Evidence from U.S. Counties," *Journal of Regional Science* 51 (1): 47-64.
- [16] **Tosun**, Mehmet S. and Serdar Yilmaz. 2010. "Decentralization, Economic Development and Growth in Turkish Provinces," *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*. 46 (4): 23-44.
- [17] **Tosun**, Mehmet S. and Serdar Yilmaz. 2010. "Centralization, Decentralization and Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa," *Middle East Development Journal* 2 (1): 1-14.

- [18] Pippin, Sonja, Mehmet S. **Tosun**, Charles Carslaw and Richard Mason. 2010. "Property and Other Wealth Taxes Internationally: Evidence from OECD Countries," *Advances in Taxation* 19: 145-169.
- [19] Kahanec, Martin and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2009. "Political Economy of Immigration in Germany: Attitudes and Citizenship Aspirations," *International Migration Review* 43 (2): 263-291.
- [20] Nichols, Mark and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2009. "The Income Elasticity of Gross Casino Revenues: Short-Run and Long-Run Estimates," *National Tax Journal* 61 (4) Part 1: 635-652.
- [21] **Tosun**, Mehmet S. 2008. "Endogenous Fiscal Policy and Capital Market Transmissions in the Presence of Demographic Shocks," *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control* 32 (6): 2031-2060.
- [22] Skidmore, Mark and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2008. "Do New Lottery Games Stimulate Economic Activity? Evidence from Border Counties in West Virginia," *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy* 38 (1): 45-55.
- [23] **Tosun**, Mehmet S. and Mark Skidmore. 2007. "Cross-Border Shopping and the Sales Tax: A Reexamination of Food Purchases in West Virginia," *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy* 7(1) (Topics), Article 63.
- [24] Abizadeh, Sohrab and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2007. "Open Trade and Skilled and Unskilled Labor Productivity in Developing Countries: A Panel Data Analysis," *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development* 16 (3): 383-399.
- [25] **Tosun**, Mehmet S. and Sohrab Abizadeh. 2005. "Economic Growth and Tax Components: An Analysis of Tax Changes in OECD," *Applied Economics* 37 (19): 2251-2263.
- [26] **Tosun**, Mehmet S. 2005. "The Tax Structure and Trade Liberalization of the Middle East and North Africa Region," *Review of Middle East Economics and Finance* 3 (1): 21-38.
- [27] **Tosun**, Mehmet S. and Mark Skidmore. 2004. "Interstate Competition and State Lottery Revenues," *National Tax Journal* 57 (2): 163-178.
- [28] Holtz-Eakin, Douglas, Mary E. Lovely and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2004. "Generational Conflict, Fiscal Policy and Economic Growth," *Journal of Macroeconomics* 26 (1): 1-23. (published previously as NBER Working Paper 7762)
- [29] **Tosun**, Mehmet S. 2003. "Population Aging and Economic Growth: Political Economy and Open Economy Effects," *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

- Stowe, Stephen, Tom Gillaspay, Mehmet **Tosun** and Susan Rhodes. 2013. "Aging and Its Impact on Municipal Credit," (Fall). *Municipal Finance Journal*, 33 (3): 33-55.
- Tosun**, Mehmet S., Glen Atkinson and Tom Harris. 2009. "Commuting, Competition and Leakages at the Carson City-Douglas County Border in Nevada," (Spring). *Economic Development Journal*, 8 (2): 48-54.
- Luitel, Hari and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2005. "West Virginia Tax Amnesty: An Evaluation of Costs and Benefits," (Summer). *The West Virginia Public Affairs Reporter*, 22 (1): 2-9. **(Refereed)**
- Tosun**, Mehmet S. 2002. "A Comparative Assessment of West Virginia's State Tax System," (Summer). *The West Virginia Public Affairs Reporter*, 19 (3): 2-7. **(Refereed)**

TEXTBOOK, BOOK CHAPTERS, PROCEEDINGS AND BOOK REVIEW

Tosun, Mehmet S., Pavel Yakovlev and Antony Davies. 2018. *Principles of Microeconomics, Second Edition*. Cognella Publishers. (first edition of the textbook was published in 2015).

Tosun, Mehmet S. and Serdar Yilmaz. 2016. "Public Investment and Fiscal Sustainability in the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU): Lessons for European and Middle Eastern and North African Countries." *Handbook of Research on Public Finance in Europe and the MENA Region*, IGI Global.

Tosun, Mehmet S., Dilek Uz and Serdar Yilmaz. 2016. "Fiscal Decentralization and Local Borrowing in Turkish Provinces." *Handbook of Research on Public Finance in Europe and the MENA Region*, IGI Global.

Nichols, Mark and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2014. "The Elasticity of Casino Gambling." Chapter in the *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Gambling*. Editors: Leighton Vaughan Williams and Donald Siegel. Oxford University Press.

Tosun, Mehmet S. 2013. "Demographic Deficit." Entry in the *Encyclopedia of Global Human Migration*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Tosun, Mehmet S. 2011. "Middle East and West Asia," in *Local Government Finance: The Challenges of the 21st Century, Second Global Report on Decentralization and Local Democracy*, United Cities and Local Governments.

Kauneckis, Derek and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2011. "Examining the Theoretical Linkages Between Climate Change, Food Security, and Migration," with Derek Kauneckis. *Border-Lines*, Journal of the Latino Research Center, University of Nevada, Reno. 2011 Special Conference Issue "Food Security and International Migration: Perspective from the Americas," organized by the Latino Research Center and the United Nations World Food Programme. Volume V: 69-89.

Tosun, Mehmet S. 2009. "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. New York, NY: Routledge.

Tosun, Mehmet S. and Serdar Yilmaz. 2008. "Centralization, Intergovernmental Structure and Reform in the Middle East and North Africa," *National Tax Association Proceedings, 100th Anniversary Edition*, Washington, D.C.: National Tax Association.

Tosun, Mehmet S. 2004. 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>

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

Tosun, Mehmet S. 2004. "Cross-Border Effects of Alcohol Sales and Intrastate Spatial Tax Incidence," *National Tax Association Proceedings*, Washington, D.C.: National Tax Association: 410-419.

Tosun, Mehmet S. 2003. "Asymmetric Population Aging, Open Economy, and Fiscal Policy," in *Proceedings of International Federation of Automatic Control, Symposium on Modeling and Control of Economic Systems*, Oxford: Elsevier: 169-174.

Tosun, Mehmet S. 2002. "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., Routledge: 325-343.

WORKING PAPERS and RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Tosun, Mehmet S. and Jingjing Yang. 2018. "Determinants of Fertility and Population Policies in MENA Countries." ERF Working Paper No. 1219.

Tosun, Mehmet S. 2016. "Demographic Changes and Fiscal Policy in MENA Countries." ERF Working Paper No. 1023.

Saxon, Nicholas, Mehmet S. **Tosun** and Jingjing Yang. 2015. "State and Local Sales Taxes and Business Activity in the United States." [IZA Discussion Paper No. 9413](#).

Tosun, Mehmet S. and Serdar Yilmaz. 2014. "Decentralization and Perception of Public Service Delivery in Sierra Leone."

Poghosyan, Tigran and Mehmet S. **Tosun**. 2012. "Fiscal Policy Cyclicity in Advanced and Emerging Economies with Real-Time Data."

Tosun, Mehmet S. 2011. "Demographic Divide and Labor Migration in the Euro-Mediterranean Region." December. IZA Discussion Paper No. 6188.

Tosun, Mehmet S. 2009. "Global Aging and Fiscal Policy with International Labor Mobility: A Political Economy Perspective." May. IZA Discussion Paper No. 4166.

CURRENT AND PAST RESEARCH PROJECTS and GRANTS

Funded Projects:

"Assessing the Economic Impact of Eliminating Seconhand Smoke in Northern Nevada Workplaces." September 17 to June 13, 2019. (Principal Investigator): administrated by Nevada Cancer Coalition.

"Determinants of Fertility and Population Policies in MENA Countries." January 26, 2017 to September 1, 2017. (Project Director and Principal Investigator); administered by Economic Research Forum (ERF).

"Property Tax in Nevada." December 1, 2014 to February 1, 2015. Funded by Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

"Political Economy of Fiscal Policy and Decentralization in the Arab Countries." November 15, 2012 to March 1, 2013. (Project Principal Investigator); administered by Economic Research Forum (ERF).

"Business Tax Reform in Nevada." College of Business Applied Research Award, UNR. 2011-2012.

"Consequences of Expanding the State Sales Tax to Services in Nevada," with Sonja Pippin, College of Business Applied Research Award, UNR. 2010-2011.

"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).

"Government Size, Institutions and Economic Growth in MENA Countries: Government Spending Decomposed." November 1, 2006 to December 31, 2010. (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).

“Fiscal and Economic Impacts of Land-Use Development in Douglas County, Nevada,” April 20, 2010 to August 1, 2011. (Project co-director). Funded by Douglas County.

“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 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.

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

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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Nevada-Reno
Business and Public Policy (MBA); Microeconomics (undergraduate); Introduction to Economic Theory and Policy (Honors); Public Finance (undergraduate/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)

Ph.D. dissertation chair:

Abdoulaye Ouedraogo (Economics), "Three Essays in Regional Economics." Completed in 2017.
Currently an Economist at the World Bank.

Raju Mainali (Economics), "Essays on Public Economics and Spatial Econometrics." Completed in 2019.
Currently a Lecturer at Missouri State University.

Quan Sun (Economics), "Essays on Local Public Finance and Financial Behavior." Completed in 2019.
Received a job offer as Postdoctoral fellow at Michigan State University and University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Ph.D. dissertation committee member:

Mitra Assoudeh (Political Science), in progress.

Jeff Stroup (Economics), completed in 2017.

Isaac Humpherys (Economics), completed in 2016.

Eliot Assoudeh (Political Science), completed in 2017.

Amanda Safford (Economics), "Three Essays in Microeconomic Decision Making: Experimental and Empirical Studies." Completed in 2015.

Joseph Crouse (Economics), "Three Essays in Applied Microeconomics." Completed in 2014.

Karl Geisler (Economics), "Three Essays on Spatial and Regional Economics." Completed in 2013.

Zhu Erqian (Resource Economics), "Essays on Factors of Innovation, Regional Economic Impacts from Rangeland Fires and Estimation of Health Impacts from Wildfires." Completed in 2010.

Nota Fungisai (Resource Economics), "Fiscal Federalism, Public Goods and Rural-Urban Interdependencies." Completed in 2008.

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

Nicholas Saxon (Economics), "Sales Tax Competition: Empirical Business Implications for Policymakers." Completed in 2013.

Xingchen Wang (Economics), "Fiscal Decentralization and Economic Growth in Chinese Provinces." Completed in 2010.

Eric Gibbons (Economics), "Cost Benefit Analysis of Tax Incremental Financing on a School District." Completed in 2008.

Dilek Uz (Economics), "Economic Impact of Later Life Migration: A Comparative Study." Completed in 2008.

Lennon Weller (Economics), "Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Direct Democracy: Evidence from the United States and Switzerland." Completed in 2008.

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

Dusty Casey (Economics), “Economic Impact of Dairy Expansion in Churchill County through Value Chain Analysis.” Completed in 2013.

Christopher D. Goolsbee (Economics), “Entrepreneurial Traits and Entrepreneurial Success.” Completed in 2013.

Jina Morrow (Economics), “Immigrants and Remittances: The Financial Ties That Bind.”

Matt van den Berg (Geography), “Reevaluating the Cabela’s and Legends at Sparks Marina Tourism Improvement Districts.”

Ryan Powell (Economics), “Urban Sprawl in Reno-Sparks, Washoe County, Nevada”

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

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

Undergraduate Honors thesis chair:

Aina Katsikas (Economics), “Evaluating Demand for Public Services in Washoe County.” (2019)

Jennifer Erickson (Economics and Women’s Studies), “Political Economy of Engendering Democracy: The Role of Gender in the Democratization of the Middle East.” (2012)

ADVISING ACTIVITIES (West Virginia University)

Ph.D. dissertation chair:

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

Ph.D. dissertation committee member:

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

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

Jorge Guillen (Economics), “Three Essays on Banks’ Relative Efficiency.” Completed.

Pavel Yakovlev (Economics), “Three Essays in Political Economy.” Completed.

Ryo Takashima (Economics), “Three Current Issues in International Trade”. Completed.

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

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

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

Yousam Choi (Economics), “Three Essays on Public Economics and Public Finance”. Completed.

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

Research Supervisor for the following students:

Pranit Nanda (Davidson Academy, UNR), supervisor in projects related to entrepreneurship, public finance and regional economics

Derek Gossi (PhD student, Economics Department, UNR), supervisor in the project “Political Economy of Fiscal Federalism,” Spring 2012.

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, UNR), supervisor in the project “Intergovernmental Structure and Reform in the MENA Region,” Summer 2007.

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

Arda S. Kostem (undergraduate student, Economics, 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, WVU), supervisor in the project “Retirees and Economic Development in West Virginia,” 2004 to 2006.

Pavel Yakovlev (Ph.D. student, Economics, 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, WVU), supervisor in the project “West Virginia’s Highways: Financing Options for Future Progress,” 2002 to 2004.

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

Ryo Takashima (Ph.D. student, Economics, 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, 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

“Property Tax, Local Sales Tax and Business Activity: A Spatial Analysis.” Western Regional Science Association (WRSA) 58th Annual Conference, Napa, CA (February 11, 2019).

“Political Economy of Asymmetric Aging, Productivity, and Economic Growth.” Western Regional Science Association (WRSA) 58th Annual Conference, Napa, CA (February 10, 2019).

“Political Economy of Aging and Fiscal Policy.” Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw, Poland (October 18, 2017); Tianjin Forum. Tianjin, China (July 8, 2017)

“Demographic Changes and Fiscal Policy in MENA Countries.” MENA Chief Economist Office Seminar Series. Washington, D.C. (May 17, 2017)

“Cyclicalities of Public Investment in Africa.” The World Bank. Washington, D.C. (November 9, 2016)

“Political Economy of Decentralization in Arab Countries.” Presented at the BRISMES Annual Conference, London School of Economics, London, UK (June 25, 2015).

“Decentralization and Perception of Public Service Delivery in Sierra Leone.” The Urban Institute Center on International Development and Governance, Washington, D.C. February 10, 2015.

“State and Local Sales Taxes and Business Activity in the United States,” with Nicholas Saxon and Jingjing Yang. Presented at the 2015 International Institute of Public Finance Congress, Dublin, Ireland (August 21, 2015); NTA 107th Annual Conference on Taxation, Santa Fe, NM. (November 13, 2014).

"Political Economy of Asymmetric Aging, Migration and Fiscal Policy," presented at 2015 European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) Conference, Izmir, Turkey (June 20, 2015), 2014 International Institute of Public Finance Congress, Lugano, Switzerland (August 20, 2014); Institute 11th IZA Annual Migration Meeting, Bonn, Germany (May 31, 2014); and Oxford

- Institute of Population Ageing Seminar, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK (May 27, 2014).
- “Fiscal Decentralization and Local Borrowing in Turkish Provinces,” with Dilek Uz and Serdar Yilmaz. Presented at the NTA 106th Annual Conference on Taxation, Tampa, FL. November 21, 2013.
- “The Fiscal and Economic Impact of Legalized Casino Gambling,” with Mark Nichols. Presented at the NTA 106th Annual Conference on Taxation, Tampa, FL. November 23, 2013.
- “Political Economy of Decentralization in Arab Countries,” presented at the ERF Workshop “Political Economy of Transformation in the ERF Region.” Tunis, Tunisia, October 27, 2013.
- “Centralized Government Structure in the Middle East and North Africa Region from a Historical Perspective.” Colonial Heritage in the Middle East and the Maghreb: the Shaping of Hopes and Perspectives, Mansfield College, Oxford, June 25, 2013.
- “Demographic Divide and Labor Migration in the Euro-Mediterranean Region.” Bilgi University MENA Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, June 21, 2013.
- “Demographic Deficit, Transition and Migration in the Mediterranean Region: Political Economy and Fiscal Considerations.” **Keynote Speech** at the Second Workshop on Economics of the Mediterranean and the Euromediterranean Process, organized jointly by the Center for Research on the Economies of the Mediterranean (CREMed), and the European Institute, London School of Economics. Barcelona, Spain, June 22, 2011.
- “Decentralization, Conflict and Essential Service Delivery: The Viable Options in the Middle East.” United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA) Expert Group Meeting *Governance and Conflict Relapse*, Beirut, Lebanon, May 31, 2011.
- “International Labor Migration, Brain Drain and Fiscal Policy in the Euro-Mediterranean Region.” Presented at the World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Barcelona, Spain, July 20, 2010.
- “Fiscal Decentralization and Local Borrowing in Turkish Provinces.” Presented at the 9th International Conference of the Middle East Economic Association, Istanbul, Turkey, June 24, 2010.
- “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

Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw, Poland
Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, Oxford, England
Center for Research on the Economics of the Mediterranean (CREMed), Barcelona, Spain
United Nations Expert Group Meeting on “Governance and Conflict Relapse,” Beirut, Lebanon
Loyola University, Center for Global Management and Responsible Leadership, Chicago
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
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

“Taxes on Fuel and Other Related Taxes,” presented at the Federation of Tax Administrators Motor Fuels Pacific Region Annual Conference, Virginia City, Nevada, April 22, 2013.

“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

Microeconomics of Competitiveness Network Workshop. Harvard University, Harvard Business School. Boston, Massachusetts. December 5-6, 2017.

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

Graduate Faculty Excellence in Teaching (Economics), College of Business, UNR, 2019.

Global Engagement Award, May 2018. University of Nevada, Reno. Awarded for outstanding contributions to international development programs, program development, academic and global research, or international research and teaching.

Barbara Smith Campbell Distinguished Professor of Nevada Tax Policy, College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno. January 2015 to present.

Dean's Research Professorship, November 2013, College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno. Awarded for outstanding research productivity in the last five years.

Certificate of Appreciation for Graduate Advising, The Graduate School of the University of Nevada, Reno., November 26, 2012.

Faculty Inductee, Beta Gamma Sigma (international honor society for business programs accredited by the AACSB International).

Keynote Speaker, Workshop on "Economics of the Mediterranean and the Euromediterranean Process," organized jointly by the Center for Research on the Economies of the Mediterranean (CREMed), and the European Institute, London School of Economics. Barcelona, Spain, June 21-22, 2011.

Beta Gamma Sigma Researcher of the Year Award, April 2009, College of Business, University of Nevada, Reno.

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)
International Institute of Public Finance
National Tax Association
Oxford Institute of Population Ageing

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

Journals:

American Political Science Review (1)
Annals of Tourism Research (1)
Applied Economics (4)
Applied Financial Letters (1)
China Economic Review (1)
Contemporary Economic Policy (3)
Contemporary Economics (1)
Eastern Economic Journal (1)
Economic Inquiry (2)
Economic Modelling (3)
Economics and Politics (1)
Emerging Markets Finance and Trade (1)
Financial Theory and Practice (4)
International Journal of Small Economies (1)
International Tax and Public Finance (5)
IZA Journal of Migration (1)
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control (1)
Journal of the Economics of Ageing (1)
Journal of Human Development and Capabilities (1)
Journal of International Development (1)
Journal of Macroeconomics (1)
Journal of Population Ageing (2)
Journal of Population Economics (3)
Migration Letters (2)
National Tax Journal (3)
The Open Economics Journal (3)
Public Administration and Development (1)
Public Budgeting and Finance (2)
Public Finance and Management (2)
Public Finance Review (7)
Public Sector Economics (2)
Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance (1)
Regional Science and Urban Economics (1)
Review of Development Economics (2)
Social Science Journal (1)
Social Science and Medicine (1)
Southern Economic Journal (2)
State and Local Government Review (1)

Books and Grants:

Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Grant Rapporteur
Handbook on the Economics of International Migration
Oxford University Press