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Current Positions

July 2021 - : Associate Professor of Economics at Carleton University, Canada

Previous Positions

July 2019 - June 2021: Assistant Professor of Economics at Carleton University, Canada

August 2014 - June 2019: Assistant Professor of Economics at Louisiana State University (LSU), USA

May 2008 - April 2009: Policy Analyst, Center for Globalization Studies, Fraser Institute, Canada.

Research Areas

Applied Microeconomics, Public, Health and Labour Economics.

Education

2009–2014: Ph.D in Economics, University of Montréal (UdeM), Canada.

2013 (spring and fall): Visiting student researcher: CLE & IRLE, University of California - Berkeley, USA.

2007–2008: M.A. in Economics, University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada.

2004–2007: B.B.A. Applied Economics, HEC Montréal, Canada.

Research

Peer Reviewed Publications

-[23] “Comparison of Human, AI-Assisted, and Quasi-Automated Approaches to Assessing Research Reproducibility in Quantitative Social Science ” (with A. Brodeur et al), **PNAS**, forthcoming.

-[22] “Curbing Pretextual Stops: Police Efficiency and Racial disparities ” (w/ Dongwoo Kim, Jason Huh and Kyutaro Matsuzawa). **Journal of Public Economics**, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2026.105629>

-[21] “Reproducibility and Robustness of Economics and Political Science Research ” (w/ A. Brodeur et al), **Nature**, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-026-10251-x>

-[20] “Reactance, Rationalization, and Women’s Rights for Safe Abortion: Evidence from Roe Vs. Wade’s Overturn ” (w/ Ghina Abdul Baki, Myra Yazbeck, and Aline Zayat), **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization** , 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2025.106956>

-[19] “The Effect of Opioid Uses on Traffic Fatalities ” (w/ Dongwoo Kim and Jason Huh). **Health Economics**, 2024. <http://doi.org/10.1002/hec.4817>

- [18] “The Short-Term Economic Consequences of COVID-19: Exposure to Disease, Essential Workers and Remote Work ”(w/ Abel Brodeur and Taylor Wright), **PLOS ONE**, 18.3, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0270341>
- [17] “Staying out of Trouble? Effect of High School Career Counseling on Crime”(w/ Stephen Barnes, Swarup Joshi and Barton Willage). **Economics of Education Review**, 91 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econedurev.2022.102326>
- [16] “COVID-19 Lockdown and Traffic Accidents: Lessons from the Pandemic ”(w/ Stephen Barnes, Jason Huh and Dongwoo Kim), **Contemporary Economic Policy**, 2022. <http://doi.org/10.1111/coep.12562>
- [15] “The Short-term Economic Consequences of COVID-19: Occupation Tasks and Mental Health in Canada ”(w/ Abel Brodeur, Derek Mikola and Taylor Wright), **Canadian Journal of Economics**, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1111/caje.12543>
- [14] “The Effect of ACA Medicaid Expansions on Child Abuse and Foster Care Admissions ”(w/ Jason Huh and Dongwoo Kim), **Health Economics**, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.4419>
- [13] “Determinants of Family Stress and Domestic Violence: Lessons from the COVID-19 Outbreak ”(w/ Abel Brodeur, Joanne Haddad, and Derek Mikola), **Canadian Public Policy**, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.3138/cpp.2020-119>
- [12] “Traffic Congestion, Transportation Policies, and the Performance of First Responders ”(w/ Daniel A. Brent), **Journal of Environmental Economics and Management**, 103, 102339, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeem.2020.102339>
- [11] “The Short Term Effect of COVID-19 on Self-Employed Workers in Canada ”(w/ Tobi Fakorede and Derek Mikola), **Canadian Public Policy**, 46, S66-S81, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.3138/cpp.2020-076>
- [10] “Environmental Disaster, Pollution and Infant Health: Evidence From The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill”, (w/ Sara Oloomi), **Journal of Environmental Economics and Management**, 98, 102265, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeem.2019.102265>
- [9] “Politics and Entrepreneurship in the U.S”, (w/ Bulent Unel), **Canadian Journal of Economics**, 52(1), 33-57, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1111/caje.12365>
- [8] “Traffic and Crime”, (w/ Daniel A. Brent), **Journal of Public Economics**, 160, 96-116, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2018.03.002>
- [7] “Governors’ Party Affiliation and Unions”, (w/ Bulent Unel), **Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society**, 57 (2), 177-205, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1111/irel.12206>
- [6] “Party Affiliation of U.S. Governors on Immigrants’ Labor-Market”, (w/ Bulent Unel), **Journal of Population Economics**, 31:(2), 627-670, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-017-0663-y>
- [5] “Party Affiliation and Public Spending”, (w/ Sara Oloomi), **Economic Inquiry**, 55 (2), 982-995, 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ecin.12393>
- [4] “Ill communication: Technology, Distraction and Student Performance”, (w/ Richard Murphy), **Labour Economics**, 41: p.61-76, 2016. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.labeco.2016.04.004>

-[3] “The Effect of High School Shootings on Schools and Student Performance”, (w/ Dongwoo Kim), **Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis**, 38 (1): 113-126, 2016. <https://doi.org/10.3102/0162373715590683>

-[2] “Polluting Politics”, (w/ Vincent Boucher). **Economics Letters**, 137: 176-181, 2015. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econlet.2015.11.007>

-[1] “Political Parties & Labor Market Outcomes. Evidence from U.S. States”, **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics**, 7(4): 198-220, 2015. <https://doi.org/10.1257/app.20120387>

Other Publications

-“Political Parties and Economic Outcomes. A Review.”, **CESifo DICE Report**, 1/2016 (March): 47-54. <http://hdl.handle.net/10419/167249>

Working Papers (under review or soon)

-“Do Red States Build More? Gubernatorial Partisanship and Housing Outcomes ”(with Tonghui Tian),
Revise and Resubmit at **Public Choice**

-“Politics in the Delivery Room: The Effect of Governors’ Political Parties on Infant Health”(w/ Natalie Malak and Myra Yazbeck).

-“Stressful Beginnings: How Police Violence Affects infant health outcomes ”(with Ghina Abdul Baki, Natalie Malak, and Myra Yazbeck).

-“Prenatal Exposure to Natural Disasters: Assessing the Impact of the 2013 North Indian Floods on Infant Health ”(with Mariam Tarraf).

-“The Echo of Silence: Local Newspaper Closure and Crime ”(w/ Swarup Joshi and Mariam Tarraf).

-“The Short-Term Effects of Air Pollution on Police Activity: Evidence from Los Angeles ” (w/ Jason Huh, Dongwoo Kim, and Mariam Tarraf)

-“The Effect of Air Pollution on 911 Mental Health Calls ” (w/ Jason Huh, Dongwoo Kim, and Tahreen Zahra)

-“The Effect of Prenatal Alcohol Exposure on Longevity and Chronic Health Outcomes: Evidence from Canadian Provincial Prohibition ” (w/ Mohamed Abdelhady and Vincent O’Sullivan)

-“The Impact of Prenatal Alcohol Exposure on Education Attainment: Evidence from Prohibition in Canada ” (w/ Mohamed Abdelhady, Vincent O’Sullivan and Tanisha Mittal)

-“The Reproducibility and Robustness of Economics and Political Science by Method and Field ” (w/ A. Brodeur et al.)

Seminars and Conferences Presentations

2026: Canadian Health Economists' Study Group (CHESG)

2025: Canadian Economic Association (virtual)

2024: Canadian Economic Association (virtual)

2023: Canadian Economic Association (virtual), Societe Canadienne Sciences Economiques, SEA.

2021: Canadian Economic Association (virtual), Laval University (virtual).

2020: APPAM Conference (virtual); Indiana University Bloomington, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs (virtual); FPA Research Series at Carleton University (virtual).

2019: Carleton University, University of Alberta, Laval University, Australian Education Council - Government of Australia, Australian National University-Crawford School of Public Policy, Applied Microeconomics day at CIQSS.

2018: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Allied Social Science Associations, University of Montreal, Canadian Economic Association, National Tax Association.

2017: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Southern Economic Association.

2016: Laval University, Southern Economic Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.

2015: Association for Education Finance and Policy, Society of Labor Economics, Virginia Tech, Southern Economic Association Conference.

2014: Society of Labor Economics, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, University of Buffalo, Louisiana State University.

2013: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Labor Lunch - UC Berkeley, EconCon 2013, University of Montréal, Société Canadienne Sciences Économiques, Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network & Canadian Economic Association, Society of Labor Economics, CIREQ Ph.D Conference, Eastern Economic Association, IRLE - UC Berkeley.

Referee/Review Services

Journals: American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Canadian Public Policy, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economics and Human Biology, Economics of Education Review, Economic Inquiry, Economics Letters, Economics of Governance, Empirical Economics, Energy Economics, Economic Modelling, Health Economics, Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economic Issues, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Journal of Urban Economics, Party Politics, Plos One, Public Finance Review, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Science - Research Article, Science - Policy Article, Small Business Economics, Southern Economic Journal, World Development.

Others: APPEco, Finance Canada, National Science Foundation, Luxembourg National Research Funds (FNR) – CORE Research, Luxembourg National Research Funds (FNR) – PRIDE doctoral program, Mitacs Accelerate Research Proposal, SSHRC, Swiss National Science Foundation.

Teaching Experience

Labour Economics ECON 5632-5361, PH.D level (Carleton, Fall 2019 & 2020; Winter 2022 and 2023, Fall 2024, Winter 2025, Winter 2026)

Intermediate Microeconomics II ECON 2030-3020 (Carleton, Fall 2019 & Fall and Spring 2020, Fall 2021, Winter 2022 and 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)

Intermediate Microeconomics I ECON 2020 (Carleton, Fall 2025)

Labour Economics Econ 3360, Undergraduate level (Carleton, Fall 2024, Winter 2026)

Advanced Microeconomics 1 ECN7702, Ph.D Level (LSU, Fall 2014-2018)

Labor Economics ECN7755, Ph.D level (LSU, Fall 2018)

Intermediate Microeconomics ECN4720, undergraduate (LSU, Fall 2017 & 2018)

Principles of Microeconomics ECN2000, undergraduate (LSU, 2015-2018)

Public Economics ECN4900, undergraduate (LSU, Spring 2017)

Grants and Awards

2025-2029: SSHRC Partnership Development Grant - Co-director (\$199,174)

2022-2025: SSHRC Insight Grant - PI (\$74,063)

2023: Department's Research Support Award (RSA) – (\$1000)

2020-2024: SSHRC Insight Development Grant - PI, (\$61,050)

2020-2023: Public Affairs Research Excellence Chair, Carleton (\$45,000)

2021: FPA Funds for Research Assistant, Carleton (\$5,000)

2020: FPA Funds for Research Assistant Summer internship, Carleton (\$12,000)

2020-2021: CU Covid 19 Rapid Response Research Grant - PI, Carleton (\$12,000)

2019: Carleton Startup Grant, (\$12,000)

2018 - 2019: Thomas J. Singletary Business Partnership Professorship, LSU

2018: Outstanding Teaching Award, Undergraduate Category, Dept. of Economics, LSU

2017: Council on Research Summer Stipend Award, LSU, (\$US 9,000)

Selected Media Coverage of Papers

“Political Parties & Labor Market Outcomes. Evidence from U.S. States”

LSE-USAPP Blog, Work In Progress.

“The Effect of High School Shootings on Schools and Student Performance”, (w/ Don Kim).

The Conversation, The Advocate, The Wall Street Journal, Voice Of America Blog, The Academic Minute, Huffington Post, The Daily Beast, The Washington Post, Labour Market Matters (Canada), La Conversation (France), Liberation (France), Huffington Post (France), Folha De S. Paulo (Brazil).

“Ill communication: Technology, Distraction and Student Performance”, (w/ Richard Murphy).

CNN, CBS News, The Conversation, Time Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, Huffington Post, Forbes, Financial Times, Scientific American, Boston Globe, NY Magazine, The Atlantic, World Economic Forum, Education Week, The Economist, The Guardian (UK), The Observer (UK), BBC News (UK), CBC News (Canada), Journal de Montreal (Canada), La Presse (Canada), The Globe and Mail (Canada), The Toronto Star (Canada), Radio-Canada (Canada), El Manana (Mexico), The Sydney Morning Herald (Australia), Herald Sun (Australia), The New Zealand Herald (NZ), Die Welt (Germany), Süddeutsche Zeitung (Germany), El Mundo (Spain), Marie Claire Mag (France), BFMTV (France), Europe1 (France), LeMonde (France), Publico (Portugal), Corriere della Sera (Italia), La Stampa

(Italia), Göteborgs-Posten (Sweden), Svenska Dagbladet (Sweden), El Ancafi (Argentina), El Espectador (Columbia), Teletica (Costa Rica), Folha de S. Paulo (Brazil), The Times of India (India).

“Polluting Politics”, (with Vincent Boucher).

Pacific Standard Magazine

“Traffic and Crime”, (with Danny Brent).

The Conversation, Salon, Scientific American, KCRW-LA, The New York Times - TheUpshot, BBC-5live (UK), Hindustan Times (India), National Geographic (Indonesia), Spektrum der Wissenschaft (Germany).

“The Short-Term Economic Consequences of COVID-19: Exposure to Disease, Essential Workers and Remote Work ” (w/ Abel Brodeur and Taylor Wright).

IZA Newsroom

“The Short Term Economic Consequences of COVID-19: Occupation Tasks and Mental Health in Canada ” (W/ Abel Brodeur, Derek Mikola and Taylor Wright)

The Conversation

Commentary:

Commentary in Media on papers:

-“Do smartphones belong in classrooms? Four scholars weigh in”, *The Conversation*, July 2023.

-“Banning mobile phones in schools can improve students’ academic performance. This is how we know”, *The Conversation*, March 2021.

-“Here’s how the coronavirus is affecting Canada’s labour market”, *The Conversation*, May 2020.

-“The stress of sitting in traffic can lead to more crime”, *The Conversation*, February 2017. Reprinted in: *Scientific American*

-“Under Democratic governors, Blacks are more likely to work, decreasing their earnings gap with whites” *LSE-USAPP Blog* , November 2015. Reprinted in: *Work in Progress*.

-“La difficile scolarité des rescapés d’une fusillade à l’école”, *The Conversation - France*, September 2015. Reprinted in: *Liberation (Fr), Huffington Post (Fr)*,

-“After school shootings, students fare poorly in math, English” *The Conversation*, June 2015

-“How smart is it to allow students to use mobile phones at school?”, *The Conversation*, May 2015. Reprinted in: *Time Magazine*

Other commentary on public policies:

-Need to Know: Canada’s overloaded immigration system. *The Hub*, 2025.

-Need to Know: Canada’s economic challenges demand more than a résumé. *The Hub*, 2025.

Ph.D Students Supervision

Current students:

Tahreen Zahra (advisor, 2022- now)

Tonghui Tian (advisor, 2023-now)

Man Wai Mak (coadvisor, 2024-now)

Mariam Tarraf (coadvisor, 2023-now)

Aline Zayat (coadvisor, 2022-now)
Yousra Abdelmoula (coadvisor, 2024-now)
Kimia Aghayousof Kordestani (coadvisor, 2025-now)

Past students:

Derek Mikola (coadvisor - Research Analyst at Institute for Replication)
Swarup Joshi (coadvisor- Assistant Professor at Loyola Marymount University, USA)
Sara Oloomi (advisor - Senior Quantitative Analyst at Citizen Bank, Boston, USA)
Ekaterina Alekhanova (committee member - MyHEAT, Canada)
Ghina Abdul Baki (committee member, completed - Research Analyst at Institute for Replication)
Yani Zhang (committee member, completed)
Jintao Fu (committee member, completed)
Paola Jaimes (committee member, completed)
Khadijia Bchi (committee member, completed)
Pu sun (committee member, Assistant Professor at School of Public Finance and Taxation, Dongbei University, China)
Antoine Genest-Gregoire, SPPA (committee member- Assistant Professor Universite Sherbrooke, Canada)
Haowei Tang (committee member - Analyst at Canada Revenue Agency)
Landry Kuate Fotue (committee member- Analyst at Statistics Canada)
Arcady Bluette Mongoue (committee member - Analyst at Statistics Canada)
Yufan Hu (committee member - Analyst at Statistics Canada)
Taylor Wright (committee member - Assistant Professor at Brock University, Canada)
Bahadır Dursun (committee member - Assistant Professor at Newcastle University, UK)
Chandan Jha (committee member - Assistant Professor at Le Moyne College, USA)

Other

- Coorganiser of the [Ottawa Applied Microeconomics Lab](#)
- Seminar co-coordinator for the Ottawa Applied Microeconomics lab seminar series, 2020-2022
- Ph.D job market preparation committee, Department of Economics, Carleton University, 2021-2023
- Library Representative, Department of Economics, Carleton University, 2019-2021
- CDI committee, Department of Economics, Carleton University, 2024,2025
- Master degree committee, Department of Economics, Carleton University, 2024-2025
- Tenure and promotion committee, Department of Economics, Carleton University, 2024-2025
- Ph.D Committee, Department of Economics, Carleton University, 2020-2022.
- Undergraduate committee, Department of Economics, Carleton University, 2022-2023
- Advisory Hiring Committee, Department of Economics, Carleton University, 2020-2022.
- Hiring committee, Department of Economics, Health Economics, Carleton University 2020-2021
- Fellow, Global Labor Organization (GLO), 2018-now
- Fellow, Institute for Replication (I4R), 2025-now