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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. in Political Economy, Carnegie Mellon University. December 2008.  
Dissertation title: "The Market Origins of Media Bias."
- M.S. in Social & Decision Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University, December 2004
- B.S. in Logic & Computation with an additional major in Philosophy, Carnegie Mellon University, May 2000.

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### Faculty Appointments

- 9/2017 - present** Associate Teaching Professor of Economics, Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA.
- 7/2016 - 7/2017** Associate Teaching Professor of Economics, Carnegie Mellon University Qatar
- 7/2015 - 6/2016** Assistant Teaching Professor of Economics, Carnegie Mellon University Qatar
- 8/2013 - 6/2015** Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Economy and Business Administration, Carnegie Mellon University Qatar
- 8/2010 - 7/2013** Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Carnegie Mellon University Qatar

### Other

- Visiting Professor, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome, Italy. Fall 2016.
- Visitor, Centre for Experimental Social Science (CESS), Nuffield College, Oxford. Michaelmas Term 2014 (October - December 2014).
- Visiting Fellow. London School of Economics and Political Science. October - December 2013.
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Philosophy, Politics & Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2008 - 2010.
- Visiting Graduate Fellow, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, 2006 - 2008.

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## HONORS, AWARDS, & GRANTS RECEIVED

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- Meritorious Teaching Award, 2017. Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar.
- Seed Research Grant. Qatar Foundation / Carnegie Mellon University.
- Fulbright Fellow. Center For Rationality and Interactive Decision Theory, The Hebrew University, Israel. United States-Israel Educational Fund. 2003-2004

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 PUBLISHED ARTICLES
 

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- “The Politics of Denying Aid: An Analysis of Disaster Declaration Turndowns” *Journal of Public Management and Social Policy*, Vol 21, Issue 2 (2015).
- “Shifting Ideologies? Re-examining Media Bias.” Research Note. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, Vol 6, No 1 (2011).
- “Make It Rain: Retrospection and the Attentive Electorate in the Context of Natural Disasters.” (with Andrew Reeves). *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol 55, No. 2 (2011).
- “Reporting for sale: the market for coverage.” *Public Choice*, Vol 141, No. 3 (2009).

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 WORKING PAPERS
 

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Please see my website for drafts and abstracts:

- “Governors as Opportunists: Evidence from Disaster Declaration Requests.” (with Andrew Reeves)
- “Optimal Investigative Reporting: Campaigns, the Press and the Search for Dirt.”
- “Gambling on the Issues.” (with Scott Moser).
- “Why did They Move? Networks, Beliefs and Policy Change.” (with Cristina Bicchieri).

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 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPERVISION
 

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- Marwa Al Fakhri, Honors Thesis, “The effect of displaying privacy information on the arab culture.” Spring 2013. Co-advised with Daniel Phelps.
- Fatema Akbar, Honors Thesis. “What affects students acceptance and use of technology?” Spring 2013. Co-advised with Daniel Phelps.
- Anish Sridar, University funded Student Initiated Undergraduate Research, “Automated Course Scheduling.” Summer 2013. Meeting of the Minds 2014.
- Tanzeel Huda & Noor-ul-huda Admaney, University funded Student Initiated Undergraduate Research, “Testing the Value Premium in the GCC Markets,” Summer 2013. Meeting of the Minds 2014.

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 INVITED TALKS
 

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- Strome College of Business, Old Dominion University, February 2016.
- School of Public Policy, Central European University, December 2012
- Social Science Research Seminar, New York University in Abu Dhabi, December 2011.
- Charles and Louise Travers Department of Political Science, UC-Berkeley, November 2011
- Department of Political Science, Washington University in St Louis, November 2011.
- Department of Political Science, UC-Davis, October 2007.
- Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, November 2007.
- Manship School of Mass Communication, Louisiana State University, November 2007

## COURSES TAUGHT

Course Number <sup>1</sup>	Course Title	Semester (section)	FCE Instructor Rating	FCE Course Rating	Number of Students Enrolled	Number of Responses
70-374	Data Mining & Business Analytics	F17				
73-348 <sup>2</sup>	Behavioral Economics	F17				
70-442 <sup>2</sup>	Principles of Game Theory for Business	F17				
		F15	4.77	4.69	15	13
		F13	5	4.89	9	9
70-208	Regression Analysis	S17(w)	3.89	3.89	18	18
		S17(x)	4.56	4.39	18	20
		S16 (w)	4.5	4.29	16	14
		S16(x)	4.76	4.48	21	14
		S15(w)	4.53	4.47	20	17
		S15(x)	4.41	4.25	29	28
		S14(w)	4.27	3.7	25	23
		S14(x)	4.48	4.28	29	25
		S13	4.52	4.31	38	29
70-462	Stochastic Modeling and Simulation	S15	4.4	4.8	5	5
73-327 <sup>3</sup>	Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics and Real Business Cycles	S17	4.75	4.25	7	4
		S16	4.75	4.75	5	4
		S15	4.25	4	4	4
70-386	Applied Behavioral Decision Making for Business	F16	4.88	4.62	8	8
		F14	4.91	4.67	14	12
88-223	Decision Analysis and Decision Support Systems	S16	4.83	4.83	7	6
		S14	5	5	7	4
		S13	4.8	4.8	8	5
		F10	4.8	4.8	4	4
88-251	Empirical Research Methods	S12	4.2	4.5	18	10
		S11	4.3	4.1	24	18
88-374	Agent Based Modeling for the Social Sciences	F12	5	5	4	3
		S12	4.5	4.5	10	2
88-220	Policy Analysis 1	F10	4.7	4.3	4	3

<sup>1</sup>FCE ratings are on a 5-point scale. 70-xxx Undergraduate Business Administration; 73-xxx Economics; 88-xxx Social & Decision Sciences

<sup>2</sup>Course co-taught with Serra Akan during the Fall 2017 semester.

<sup>3</sup>Course co-taught with Finn Kydland. Course previously listed as 70-493

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 NEW COURSES DEVELOPED
 

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- [Data Mining & Business Analytics](#). Fall 2017
- [Stochastic Modeling and Simulation](#). Spring 2015
- [Applied Behavioral Decision Making for Business](#). Fall 2014
- [Principles of Game Theory](#). Fall 2013
- [Regression Analysis](#), Spring 2013. Substantial redesign of the course
- [Agent Based Modeling for the Social Sciences](#). Spring 2012. Substantial revision from a course I previously designed.
- [Empirical Research Methods](#). Spring 2011.
- [Policy Analysis 1](#). Fall 2010.

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 UNDERGRADUATE COURSES DEVELOPED AND TAUGHT ELSEWHERE:
 

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- The Political Economy of Mass Media. PPE 475, Spring 2009. University of Pennsylvania.
- Introduction to the Public Policy Process. PPE 202, Fall 2009. University of Pennsylvania.
- Agent Based Modeling for the Social Sciences. PPE 320, Fall 2008. University of Pennsylvania.

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 EXECUTIVE EDUCATION COURSES TAUGHT AT CMU-Q
 

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- Decision Making in Groups and Organizations. Co-taught with Ben Collier. Fall 2014
- Informing Business Decisions through Market Research. Co-taught with Peter Stüttgen. Spring 2015.
- Introduction to Data-Driven Computer Security. Co-taught with Daniel Phelps. Spring 2015

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 COURSES ASSISTED DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL
 

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## Graduate

- Game Theory and Political Theory (Snyder), *Fall 2007*, 17.881. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Ph.D. level)
- Economic Theory (Green and Postlewait ), *Spring 2007*, Ec2010b. Harvard (Economics Dept, Ph.D. level)
- Microeconomic Theory I (Avery and Miller), *Fall 2006*, Ec2020a. Harvard (Kennedy School of Gov't, Ph.D. level)
- Microeconomic Theory II (Avery and Green), *Spring 2006*, Ec2020b. Harvard (Kennedy School of Gov't, Ph.D. level)
- Formal Theory for Political Science (Penn), *Spring 2006*, Gov2006. Harvard (Government Dept, Ph.D. level)
- Ph.D. Seminar in Game Theory (Rajan), *Fall 2002*, 47-865. GSIA Carnegie Melon (*Teaching Assistant*)

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 COURSES ASSISTED DURING GRADUATE SCHOOL
 

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## Undergraduate

- Strategic Models in Political Economy (Patty), *Fall 2006,2007* Gov1015. Harvard
- Agent-Based Modeling (Penn), *Spring 2008*, Gov90rs. Harvard
- Economics and Psychology (Avery, S-1032), Growth and Fiscal Policy (Ardagna, S-1482), The Economics of Education (Dynarski, S-1842), *Summer 2006*, Economics Teaching Fellow, Harvard - Ca' Foscari Summer School.
- Decision Processes in American Political Institutions (Keech), *Fall 2004, 2005*, 88-104. CMU
- Decision Analysis and Decision Support Systems (Fischbeck), *Spring 2002, 2003, & 2005*, 88-223. CMU
- Behavioral Decision Making (Fischhoff), *Fall 2002*, 88-302. CMU

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 PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE
 

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- IRB Board member and Chair. CMU-Q. 2015 - current (Chair 2016 - current).
- CMUQ Faculty Senate member
- Committee member of CMU-Q Finance Review. CMU-Q. 2015.
- Academic Review Board member. CMU-Q. 2012 - 2014.
- Organizer of the CMU-Q Business Administration Seminar Series. 2012-2015.
- Committee judge for the CMU-Q Meeting of the Minds. 2013 - 2015
- Committee member for the Qatar Student Initiated Undergraduate Research Proposal evaluation. 2013-2015.
- Member, Management Game Board CMU-Q. 2011-2014.
- Internal Judge, CMU-Q Case Competition 2012-2015
- Steering Committee Chair for CMU-Q / General Secretariat of Development Planning. 2012 - 2013.
- Committee Chair for Student Outreach and Recruitment Review. CMU-Q. 2012.
- Organizer of the CMU-Q LAS Seminar Series and Faculty Brown-bag Series. 2010-2012.
- Conference presentations and / or discussant duties: 13th Annual Media Economics Workshop, 2015 (invited but canceled); European Political Science Association annual meeting. 2015; American Political Science Association annual meeting. 2004, 2005 (Poster), 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 (canceled); European Political Science Association (EPSA), 2015; European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR). Marburg, Germany. September 2003; Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010; Joint Seminar on Political Economy. Cancun, Mexico. March 2005; Political Networks. June 2009 (poster); Public Choice Society annual meeting. 2005, 2009, 2014; Southern Political Science Association annual meeting. 2009, 2011; Society for Political Methodology summer meeting. 2007. (Poster)
- Reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *Economics and Politics*, *Electoral Studies*, *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Network Theory in Finance*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Public Choice*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Southern Economic Journal*