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CITIZENSHIP: Turkish (F-1 Visa)

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, Ph.D., Economics, 2005 to present

Thesis Title: "Essays on Immigration"

Expected Completion Date: June 2012

Committee members: Daniele Coen-Pirani (co-chair), Marla Ripoll (co-chair), David N. DeJong, James Feigenbaum

Sabanci University, MA, Economics, 2003–2005

Marmara University, BA, Economics, 1999-2003

PUBLICATIONS

"The French First Employment Contract: Efficient Screening Device or Kleenex Contract" (with Mehmet Bac)
Journal of Economics, Vol.98, No.1, September 2009, 77-88

RESEARCH PAPERS

"Immigration in Canada: A General Equilibrium Analysis" (Job Market Paper)

This paper uses a quantitative general equilibrium model to analyze the impacts of immigration on the earning, welfare, and college attainment of native Canadians. To evaluate Canada's unique immigration policy, which explicitly targets highly educated individuals, first I calibrate my model to 1981 data. Then I simulate the 2008 version of the model economy in which the relative size of the immigrant labor force is larger and the proportion of college graduates among immigrants is higher. Following this, I run counterfactual experiments to analyze the increase in the relative share of immigrants and the shift in their composition. My findings suggest that the shift in the composition of immigrants towards college graduates results in a 6% point lower college attainment rate among natives. The impact of the increase in the proportion of college graduate immigrants on the college premium among natives amounts to a slight increase. This result is an outcome of higher ability natives being selected into college education in response to having more college graduate immigrants in the country. The welfare impacts of immigration are analyzed for the highest, lowest, and median ability natives. An interesting

result in this analysis is that the shift in the composition of immigrants towards college graduates benefits all three types, including the highest ability individual who is a college graduate. The reasons for this surplus accruing to natives are an increase in the wage earnings of both college graduates and those with less than college education as well as the decrease in the tax rates on labor income.

"Undocumented Workers' Employment Across the U.S. Business Cycles"

Abstract: Using matched employer-employee data from the state of Georgia, this paper investigates how employment of undocumented workers varies along the business cycle and how it differs from the adjustment in employment of documented workers. The cyclical component of undocumented employment is found to be significantly more volatile than the cyclical component of documented employment. Initial simulation results indicate that complementarity between documented workers and capital account for 90 percent of the difference in measured volatility between documented and undocumented employment.

RESEARCH PAPERS IN PROGRESS

"The Contribution of Technology and Immigration to the Evolution of College Education Premium in Canada"

Abstract: The objective of this paper is to evaluate how immigration and the decline in the price of machinery and equipment affected the premium paid to college education in Canada between 1980 and 2000. Initial analysis with Census Data shows that both factors had a small impact on the relative earnings of college educated workers.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

Macroeconomics, Labour Economics, Growth and Development

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Pittsburgh

Spring 2011, Summer 2011: Introduction to Development Economics, Instructor
(Overall teaching effectiveness: 4.17, School of Arts and Sciences average: 3.87)

Summer 2008, Summer 2010: Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory, Instructor
(Overall teaching effectiveness: 4.06, School of Arts and Sciences average: 3.87)

Fall 2009: Introduction to Macroeconomics, Teaching Assistant

Spring 2008: Advanced Macroeconomic Theory, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2007: Mathematical Methods in Economics, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2006: Introduction to Microeconomics, Teaching Assistant

Sabancı University

Spring 2005: Advanced Macroeconomic Theory, Teaching Assistant

Fall 2004, Spring 2004: Introduction to Macroeconomics, Teaching Assistant

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

June 2011-present: American Economics Association Editorial Office, Dataset and Code Controller

Fall 2010: Dietrich Charitable Trust, Research Assistant

June 2009-August 2009: Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Intern

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Memberships

Econometric Society, American Economics Association, Southern Economics Association

Referee

Journal of Economics

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS

Summer 2009: CSWEP Summer Fellowship

Summer 2009: Arts and Sciences Graduate Summer Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

Fall 2008, 2010: A&S-PBC and Alumni Travel Fellowship

2005-2010: Full Tuition and Scholarship, University of Pittsburgh

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

"The Contribution of Technology and Immigration to the Evolution of College Education Premium in Canada"

Southern Economic Association Meeting, 2010, Atlanta

"Undocumented Workers' Employment Across the U.S. Business Cycles"

Society of Government Economists Conference, 2010, Washington DC

Western Economics Association Meetings, 2011, San Diego

"Immigration in Canada: A General Equilibrium Analysis" (Job Market Paper)

University of Pittsburgh, Macroeconomics Seminar, 2011, Pittsburgh

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