

Curriculum Vitae

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Recent Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Emory University (since 2003)
Affiliate Faculty, Center for Neuropolicy, Emory University (since 2008)
Affiliate Faculty, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Emory University (since 2003)
Visiting Professor, Groupe d'Analyse et de Theorie Economicque (GATE) – Lyon, France (Fall 2008)
Assistant Professor of Economics, Washington and Lee University (2000-2003)
Visiting Professor, California Institute of Technology (Fall 2002)

Education

PhD in Economics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA - 1999
BA in Economics, Franklin and Marshall College (with honors), PA - 1992
Areas of Interest: Experimental Economics, Behavioral Economics, Neuroeconomics

Publications

Refereed Publications

(⁺ Student co-author)

Forthcoming “The Effects of Induced Mood on Bidding in Random Nth-price Auctions,” (with K. Lanier⁺ and S. Meer⁺) the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*

Forthcoming “Adolescent Engagement in Dangerous Behaviors is Associated with Increased White Matter Maturity of Frontal Cortex,” (with G. Berns and S. Moore) *Public Library of Science – One*.

“The Impact of Simple Institutions in Experimental Economies with Poverty Traps” (with C. Camerer, L. Feiler⁺, C. Noussair, V. Sovero⁺, and T. Tanaka) the *Economic Journal*, lead article, 119(539), July 2009, 977-1009

- “Expert Advice Neurobiologically “Offloads” Financial Decision-Making under Risk” (with G. Berns, J. Engelman, and C. Noussair) *Public Library of Science – One*, 4(3), March 2009, 1-14.
- “Three Studies on the Neuroeconomics of Decision-making when Payoffs are Real and Negative” (with G. Berns and C. Noussair) in *Advances in Health Economics and Health Services Research*, Kevin McCabe and Daniel Houser (Eds.), Elsevier, 2008.
- “Nonlinear Neurobiological Probability Weighting Functions for Aversive Outcomes” (with G. Berns, J. Chappellow, S. Moore, and C. Noussair) *NeuroImage*, 39 (4), February 2008, 1499-1509
- “Neurobiological Regret and Rejoice Functions for Aversive Outcomes” (with P. Chandresakhar, S. Moore, C. Noussair, and G. Berns) *NeuroImage*, 39 (4), February 2008, 2047-2057
- “Communication and the Extraction of Renewable Natural Resources with Threshold Externalities,” (with T. Tanaka) in *Environmental Economics, Experimental Methods*, Todd Cherry, Stephan Kroll, and Jason Shogren (Eds.), Oxford: Routledge, 2008
- “Probability Weighting over Losses: Behavioral and neurobiological measures” (with G. Berns, J. Chappelow, S. Moore and C. Noussair) *Waseba*, Keisoshobo, Tokyo (in Japanese), 2007.
- “A Shocking Experiment: New Evidence on Probability Weighting and Common Ratio Violations” (with G. Berns, S. Moore and C. Noussair) *Judgment and Decision Making*, 2(4), August 2007, 234-242
- “Receptor Theory and Biological Constraints on Value” (with G. Berns and C. Noussair) *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 1104, June 2007, 301-309
- “Behavior in One-shot Traveler's Dilemma Games: Model and Experiment with Advise” (with S. Cabrera and R. Gomez) *Spanish Economic Review*, 9(2), June 2006, 129-152
- “Mood Driven Behavior in Strategic Interactions,” *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings*, 94(2), May 2004, 387-372
- “A Common Pool Resource Game with Sequential Decisions and Experimental Evidence” (with L. Bru, S. Cabrera, and R. Gomez) *Experimental Economics*, July 2003, 6, 91-114
- “Bounded Rationality and Decision Processes” in *Estrategia y Competitividad Global*, Facultad Universidad Andina Simon Bolivar (in Spanish), May 2003.
- “Learning and Noisy Behavior in an Experimental Study of Imperfect Price Competition,” (with J. Goeree, R. Gomez, and C. Holt), *International Economic Review*, August 2002, 43(3), 613-636
- “Classroom Games: A Prisoner’s Dilemma,” (with C. Holt) the *Journal of Economic Education*, Sumer 2000, 229-236
- “Predation, Asymmetric Information, and Strategic Behavior in the Classroom: An Experimental Approach to the Teaching of Industrial Organization,” (with J. Goeree, R. Gomez, and C. Holt) *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, January 2000, 18(1), 205-225
- “Treasury Auctions in Bolivia” *Revista de Análisis*. Banco Central de Bolivia (in Spanish), December, 1999, 2(2), 122-155
- “Anomalous Behavior in a Traveler’s Dilemma?” (with J. Goeree, R. Gomez, and C. Holt) the *American Economic Review*, June 1999, 89 (3), 678-690
- “A Dynamic Decision Model with Error” in *Jóvenes Economistas en Andalucía*, Eds. Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Empresariales de la Universidad de Málaga (in Spanish), May 1999.
- “Coordination” (with C. Holt) *Southern Economic Journal*, 65(3), January 1999, 630-636.

Working Papers

- “Neural Mechanisms of the Influence of Popularity on Adolescent Ratings of Music” (with G. Berns, S. Moore and C. Noussair) *under revision for NeuroImage*
- “Exploiting Moral Wiggle Room: Illusory Preference for Fairness? A Comment” (with T. Larson⁺) *under revision for Judgment and Decision Making*
- “Rationality and Utility: Economics and Evolutionary Psychology” (with P. Rubin) *under revision for Evolutionary Psychology for the Business Sciences*, Gad Saad (Ed.)
- “Attitudinal and Behavioral Measures of Trust: A New Comparison” (with K. Lanier⁺ and S. Meer⁺)
- “Tie Me Up! An Empirical Investigation of Perceived Tie Characteristics of Prospective Connections Creating Social Network Links” (with E. Bendoly and D. Thomas)
- “Moral Hazard and Credit Screening: An Experiment” (with I. Comeig and M. Fernández)
- “Conformity in Contribution Games: Gender and Group Effects” (with K. Lanier⁺ and L. Li⁺)
- “Risk attitude is associated with structural differences in grey matter density” (with J. Engelmann and G. Berns)

Grants, Honors and Fellowships

External Grants:

- “The Neurobiology of Uncertainty” (\$950,000) National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) co-investigator, 5/03 – 4/14
- “Measuring Individual Characteristics of Hispanic Entrepreneurs in Atlanta” (\$20,000) the Kauffman Foundation and Georgia Regional Alliance (GRA) principal investigator, 07/08 – 07/10
- “Neurobiology of Reward and Preference in Adolescence” (\$900,000) National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) co-investigator, 9/05 – 8/09

Internal Grants:

- Woodruff Presidential Funds, Emory University, 2007 and 2008
- College Grants Management Office seed funding for “An Experimental Study of Individual Characteristics of Hispanic Entrepreneurs in Atlanta” (\$20,000), May 2007
- Associate Dean of Research funding for “The Introduction of Experimental Methods in the Analysis of Institutions and their Effect on Economic Growth” (\$10,800), February 2004
- University Research Committee (URC) funding for “The Effects of Affect in Strategic Interactions: Learning and Models of Others” (\$6,550), February 2004
- Institute for Comparative and International Studies Travel Grant, Emory University, October 2003

Teaching Grants:

- Theory Practice Learning Mini Grant: To visit the Carter Center with my Latin American Economics students, Spring 2008
- Teaching Research Grant to invite Charles A. Holt, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, University of Virginia and author of *Markets, Games, and Strategic Behavior*, Emory GSAS, Spring 2007
- “Games and Experiments” New Course Development Grant (\$2,000), co-prepared with Maria Arbatskaya, submitted to the Center for Teaching and Curriculum, Emory University on April, 2006
- “Economics and Psychology” New Course Development Grant (\$3,000), submitted to the Center for Teaching and Curriculum, Emory University on April, 2005

Emory University Honors:

Chosen as one of the Fantastic Four young promising researchers by *the HUB*, Emory Wheel Magazine, Fall 2007

Recognition for Excellence in Teaching, Emory University, Spring 2005

Other Honors:

“Top Publishing Liberal Arts Assistant Professor in the U.S. (1991-2001)” Ranked second among publishing liberal arts assistant professors in the U.S.

Included in Marquis Who-is-Who in America 2010 edition

Other Grants/Honors/Fellowships received:

Glenn Grant, Washington and Lee University, 2000-2001

Summer Research Grant, University of Arkansas, 1999

TA development Grant, University of Virginia, 1997-1998

Academic Enhancement Program Summer Research Grant, University of Virginia, 1997

Academic Enhancement Program Summer Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1993-1995

DuPont Fellowship, University of Virginia 1992 – 1993

Merit Scholarship: Franklin and Marshall College 1989 – 1992

Merit Scholarship: United World Colleges (UWC) Scholarship, Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific 1987-1989

Teaching and Mentoring

Emory Graduate Program:

Courses taught:

1. Microeconomic Theory I (ECON 500)
2. Experimental Economics (ECON 710)

Advisees:

Kelli Lanier (Chair – PhD ongoing) “The Evolution of Trust and Cooperation: Field and Laboratory Experiments”

Roberta Calvert (Reader – PhD ongoing) GSU Andrew Young School of Public Policy, “The determinants and the effects on giving, volunteering, and law-abiding behavior of moral values”

Shireen Meer (Chair – PhD in Economics, August 2007) “Affect in Markets: Experimental Evidence”

Yaron Lahav (Reader – PhD in Economics, May 2007) “The Role of Beliefs in the Process of Decision Making under Uncertainty”

Tara Larson (Chair – MA in Economics, May 2005) “The Use of Strategic Ignorance in Dictator Games when Payoffs are not Transparent”

Emory Undergraduate Program:

Courses taught:

1. Experimental Economics – (ECON 310S)
2. Economic Games and Experiments – (ECON 190S)
3. Economics and Psychology – (ECON 190S)
4. Latin American Economies – (ECON 390SWR and ECON 364S)
5. Introductory Microeconomics – (ECON 101)

Honor Student Advisees:

Vanessa Gonzalez (Spring, 2007)
Bruno Camargo (Spring, 2006)
Lucila Crena (Spring, 2006)
Lei Li (Spring, 2005)
Oliver Bohorquez (Spring, 2004)

Students involved in Scholarly Inquire and Research at Emory (SIRE):

Arundati Murthy (2009) / Katherine Morris (2008 and 2009) / Vanessa Gonzalez (2006)* /
Lucila Crena (2005) ** / Lei Li (2004)*

* Winners of the *Jack and Lewis Greenhut Prize* for excellence in economics and promise for graduate studies.

** Winners of the *Whitman Prize in Economics* for analytic clarity, personal integrity, and leadership.

Teaching Training Activities:

Center for Teaching and Curriculum Teaching Pairs/Triplets (Fall 2003; Fall 2005; Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007)
Teaching workshop with Marshall Gregory (Summer 2004)
Center for Teaching and Curriculum Callaway Gardens Retreat, Faculty invited panelist and participant (March 2004)
Intercollegiate Teaching Retreat at Rollins College (May 2002)

Teaching at other Universities:

The New Frontiers of Experimental and Behavioral Economics (University of Lyon II, France) / Latin American Economies (California Institute of Technology) / Intermediate Microeconomics (Washington and Lee) / Managerial Economics and Industrial Organization (University of Arkansas Walton School of Business) / Experimental Economics (Washington and Lee University and Universidad Andina, Simon Bolivar)

Professional Services

Conference Co-organizer:

The 2006 Economics Science Association World Meetings, in Atlanta, GA

Refereeing:

Academic Journals: American Economic Review (AER), Economics Inquiry (EI), Economic Theory (ET), European Economic Review (EER), Experimental Economics (EE), Games and Economic Behavior (GEB), International Journal of Game Theory (IJGT), International Journal of Industrial Organization (IJIO), Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization (JEBO), Journal of Economic Education (JEE), Journal of the European Economic Association (JEEA), Management and Decision Economics (MDE), Management Science (MS), Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes (OBHDP), Review of Industrial Organization (RIO), Southern Economic Journal (SEJ).

Foundations: The National Science Foundation (NSF)

Presentations

Workshops Invited to Participate:

Maastricht Behavioral and Experimental Economics Symposium (June 5 – 8, 2008)
Mini-conference on the Foundations of Accounting, Goizueta Business School (January 20-21, 2006)
Experimental Finance: Individuals, Firms and Financial Institutions, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (September 22-23, 2005)
Experimental Public Economics, GSU Andrew Young School of Public Policy (May 23-24, 2005)
Experimental Methods in Environmental Economics, Appalachian State University, Boone North Carolina (April 2005)
Workshop on Bounded Rationality in Markets, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy (July 2001).

Seminar Presentations:

2008 – 2009

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR (April 2009) / Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL (November 2008) / Texas A&M University, College Station, TX (October 2008) / Rice University, Houston, TX (October 2008) / Center for Mind Brain and Culture, Emory College, Atlanta, GA (October 2008) / University of Lyon II, *Université Lyon II*, Lyon France (September 2008) / Institute des Sciences Cognitives, Centre national de la recherche scientifique – CNRS, France (September 2008) / University of Granada, Granada Spain (April 2008) / University of Geneva, Geneva Switzerland (March 2008)

2003 – 2007

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (September 2007) / Auburn University, Auburn, AL (May 2007)
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA (March 2006) / University of Southern Florida, Tampa (March 2004) / Emory University, Atlanta, GA (January 2003)

1999 – 2002

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena (December 2002) / Loyola-Marymount University, Los Angeles (November 2002) / European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy (July 2001) / University of Malaga, Spain (May 2001) / University of Missouri, Columbia, MO (March 2001) / University of Málaga, Spain (May 1999)

Conference Presentations:

2007 – 2009

Human Social Cultural Behavioral Modeling (HSCB), Washington, DC / Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics (SABE – IAREP), Halifax, NS Canada / Economic Science Association World Meetings, Lyon France / International Meetings of Experimental and Behavioral Economics Alicante, Spain / IAES North American Meetings, Savannah, GA / Economic Science Association World meetings Rome, Italy

2005 – 2006

Southern Economic Association meetings, Charleston, SC / Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics, annual meetings, Paris, France / Economic Science Association world meetings, Atlanta, GA / Economic Science Association North American meetings, Tucson AZ / Southern Economic Association meetings, Washington, DC / Economic Science Association world meetings, Montreal, Canada

2003 – 2004

Economic Science Association North American meetings, Tucson, AZ / Southern Economic Association meetings, New Orleans, LA / Economic Science Association world meetings, Amsterdam, Holland / Economic Science Association North American meetings, Tucson, AZ / American Social Science

Association meetings, San Diego, CA / Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics, Lake Tahoe, NV

1998 - 2002

Southern Economic Association meetings, Tampa, FL / Economic Science Association world meetings, Barcelona, Spain / Public Choice Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA / Southern Economic Association meetings, Baltimore, MD / Economic Science Association North American meetings, Tucson AZ / American Social Sciences Association meetings, Chicago, IL / SETIT meetings, Durham, NC / Virginia Economic Association meetings, Charlottesville, VA

University-wide and College-wide presentations:

Presentation for the 2008 Classroom on the Quad “The Economic and Business Impacts of Immigration” (February 26, 2008)

Center for Mind, Brain, and Culture Presentation “Social Decision-making: Neuro-scientific and Economic Perspectives (October 21, 2008)

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association; Royal Economic Society; Economic Science Association; Western Economic Association International; Society for Neuroeconomics

University, College, and Departmental Services

University and College Services:

Neuroscience Interdisciplinary Scholars Program Committee Member (2009 –ongoing) / College Committee on Fundraising Member (2006 – ongoing) / Class of 2012, Orientation Information Fair Representative (Fall 2008) / Faculty Leader for Freshman Advising and Mentoring at Emory (FAME) (2006) / Center of Teaching and Curriculum (CTC) Course Development Grant Reviewer (Spring 2007) / Dean’s Teaching Fellowship Committee Reviewer (Spring 2006) / Piedmont Project Participant – Sustainability initiative (Spring 2005) / Conversations with the President’s Commission on Race and Ethnicity (PCORE) (Fall 2005) / Class of 2009, Orientation Information Fair representative (Fall, 2005) / Honor Code Departmental Liaison (Fall 2004 – Fall 2005) / Honor Code Appeals Committee (Fall 2004)

Departmental Services:

Grant Writing Committee Chair and Workshop Organizer (2009 – ongoing) / Member of the Fundraising Committee Economics (2009 - ongoing) / Organizer, Experimental Economics Seminars (2003 – 2009) / Pedagogy Seminar Organizer “The Millennium Generation” seminar by Andrea Hershatter (Spring 2009) / Faculty Recruitment Committee (2004 – 2005, 2007 – 2008) / Co-organizer, Graduate Microeconomics Workshop (Spring, 2007) / Graduate Student Recruitment (Spring 2004, Spring 2006, and Spring 2007) / Faculty Transfer Student Advisor (Fall 2006) / Core Exam Committee Chair (Summer 2004) and member (Summer 2006) / PhD Mock Interviews (Fall 2003; Fall 2005) / Peer Teaching Reviews (Spring 2004, Spring 2005, Spring 2008) / Second Year at Emory (SYE) faculty advisor (Fall, 2004) / Co-preparation of proposal for the Capital Campaign “Social Sciences Experimental Lab” (Fall 2003) / Economics Library Liaison (Fall 2003)

Other Activities

Affiliate Faculty (LACS) Latin American and Caribbean Studies at Emory (since 2003)

Affiliate Faculty (IHR) Institute for Human Rights at Emory (since 2006)

Affiliate Faculty (EXCEN) Experimental Economics Center at the Andrew Young School of Public Policy, Georgia State University (since 2006)

Other Employment

Invited Scholar, Postgraduate studies at the Andean University Simón Bolívar, La Paz (Summer 2002, Spring 2003, and Summer 2006)

Consultant, Undersecretary of Hydrocarbons, Ministry of Mining and Hydrocarbons, Government of Bolivia (January – June, 2003)

Visiting Scholar, Catholic University of La Paz, Maestrías para el Desarrollo (Harvard Institute of International Development) (2001)

Consultant, Central Bank of Bolivia, Secretaría de Políticas Económicas, La Paz (August - December, 1999)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Arkansas (1998 –1999)

Community Outreach

World Chamber of Commerce: Invited Panelist “Reasons to be Optimistic about the Future” Four Seasons Hotel, Atlanta, GA (April, 2009)

Nueva Economía – Nueva Empresa: A course on Behavioral Economics and what we can learn from the Brain, La Paz, Bolivia (December, 2008)

Media Coverage

Emory: *Emory Magazine*: Mind over Money interview (Spring 2009); The *Quadrangle Magazine* - Article on the Economics Department (Fall 2008); The *Emory Report*, Profiles of an Economist (Spring 2008); The *Emory Report*, First Person article on Immigration (Spring 2008).

Other interviews/features: “Studying how we decide” – Atlanta Business Chronicle (Sept 11, 2009). “The Teen Brain: The More Mature, the More Reckless” – Time magazine (Sept 02, 2009). “Ciencia y el Efecto Toyotomi” Tendencias - LaTercera (Santiago de Chile – 7 Nov, 2008); “Real Life Economic Events vs Conventional Economics” The *Cronicle of Higher Education* (November, 2008); Article on Micro-financing for the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Sunday issue (September, 2007); Article on my paper in *Scientific American* (June, 2007) about the Traveler’s Dilemma; Interview on DR-CAFTA Posted in *Globalatlanta.com* (October, 2006).

Columnist: *Nueva Economía* weekly magazine, La Paz, Bolivia (January 2001-March 2003, and reinstated in the summer of 2004 – 2006)

Languages

Fluent in **English** and **Spanish**, and basic **German**