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## EMPLOYMENT

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2022-2023    Lecturer, University of Illinois at Chicago, USA  
2024-TODAY    *Serving as Director of Undergraduate Studies*

## EDUCATION

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2016 - 2022    Ph.D. in Economics, University of South Carolina, USA  
2014 - 2015    M.Sc. in Behavioral Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam,  
the Netherlands  
2010 - 2014    B.A. in Economics, University of Ioannina, Greece

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Higher Education, Teaching Pedagogy

## RESEARCH

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### PUBLICATIONS:

“Sequential Contests with Incomplete Information: Theory and Experimental Evidence”  
(with Alexander Matros and Philip Brookins) *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 229 (2025): 106808.

“Monitoring Corruption: Can Top-down Monitoring Crowd-Out Grassroots Participation?”  
(with Robert Gonzalez and Matthew Harvey) *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (2025) 73(3)

### WORKING PAPERS:

“The Effect of Nudging on the Utilization of Counseling Services and the Implications on College Student Involvement” [under review]

### WORK IN PROGRESS:

“Dare to switch? Gender risk preference differences on mobility and other labor outcomes”  
“Why Do Students Vote? Using Social Network Analysis to Understand College Election Voter Turnout”

“An Advisor Like Me: The Short-Run Effects of Race Matching During the COVID-19 Pandemic”

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### PRIMARY & ONLY INSTRUCTOR:

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

SPRING 2025	Behavioral Economics (ECON344) - Evaluation: Pending
SPRING 2025	Freakonomics (ECON111) - Evaluation: Pending
FALL 2024	Applied Microeconomics I (ECON501) - Evaluation: 5 out of 5
FALL 2024	Freakonomics (ECON111) - Evaluation: 4.73 out of 5
SPRING 2024	Research Design (ECON506) - Evaluation: 5 out of 5
SPRING 2024	Behavioral Economics (ECON344) - Evaluation: 4.59 out of 5
SPRING 2024	Freakonomics (ECON111) - Evaluation: 4.59 out of 5

FALL 2023	Applied Microeconomics I (ECON501) - Evaluation: 4.75 out of 5
FALL 2023	Behavioral Economics (ECON344) - Evaluation: 4.83 out of 5
FALL 2023	Freakonomics (ECON111) - Evaluation: 4.71 out of 5
SPRING 2023	Research Design (ECON506) - Evaluation: 4.75 out of 5
SPRING 2023	Behavioral Economics (ECON344) - Evaluation: 4.71 out of 5
SPRING 2023	Freakonomics (ECON111) - Evaluation: 4.69 out of 5
FALL 2022	Applied Econometrics (ECON505)
FALL 2022	Behavioral Economics (ECON344) - Evaluation: 4.93 out of 5
FALL 2022	Econometrics (ECON300) - Evaluation: 4.63 out of 5

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SPRING 2022	Introduction to Economics (ECON224) - Evaluation: 4.70 out of 5
FALL 2021	Behavioral Economics (ECON589) - Evaluation: 4.70 out of 5
SPRING 2021	Introduction to Economics (ECON224) - Evaluation: 4.49 out of 5
FALL 2020	Introduction to Economics (ECON224) - Evaluation: 4.33 out of 5
SPRING 2020	Introduction to Economics (ECON224) - Evaluation: 4.17 out of 5
FALL 2019	Introduction to Economics (ECON224) - Evaluation: 4.60 out of 5
SPRING 2019	Introduction to Economics (ECON224) - Evaluation: 4.50 out of 5
FALL 2018	Introduction to Economics (ECON224) - Evaluation: 4.59 out of 5

## ADVISING

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#### UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH:

2024 - 2025	Patricia Georgiou, Senior Thesis; Kailin Lugo, Capstone Project; Ria Tharakan, Honors Capstone & Senior Thesis awarded the Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Award
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## SCHOLARSHIPS - AWARDS - GRANTS

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2024	Silver Circle Award for Excellence in Teaching, USA
2021	Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, USA
2020	W. Pierce Liles Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, USA
2020	Ronald and Charlotte Wilder Economics Fellowship, USA
2017 - 2019	Darla Moore School of Business Research Grant Program (with Orgul Ozturk, Robert Gonzalez & Alexander Matros), USA
2016 - 2020	Presidential Fellowship from the University of South Carolina, USA
2015	Scholarship and Award from the Eleutheria Barka Foundation, Greece
2014	Scholarship and Award from the Joseph Esthir Ghani Foundation, Greece
2012 - 2013	National Merit Scholarship and Award, Greece
2010	Scholarship and Award from the Christodoulou Efthimiou Foundation, Greece

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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August, 2024	Chicago School of Experimental Economics, University of Chicago, IL.
June, 2024	University of South Carolina, SC.
April, 2022	Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA.
April, 2022	Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN.
March, 2022	York University, virtual.
February, 2022	Knox College, Galesburg, IL.
January, 2022	Delft University of Technology (TU Delft), virtual.
January, 2022	Beloit College, virtual.
November, 2021	The 91st Southern Economic Association, Houston, TX.
November, 2021	WU Vienna University of Economics and Business, virtual.
October, 2021	University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
February, 2021	Western Illinois University, virtual.
November, 2020	The 90th Southern Economic Association, virtual.

November, 2020	2020 Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (NEUDC 2020 @ Dartmouth) virtual.
October, 2020	2020 Assessment Institute hosted by IUPUI, virtual moderator.
November, 2019	The 89th Southern Economic Association, Fort Lauderdale, FL.
April, 2019	University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
November, 2018	The 88th Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC
July, 2018	The 29th International Conference on Game Theory, Stony Brook, NY.

## LANGUAGES

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ENGLISH:   Fluent  
GREEK:     Native

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES	Python, Matlab, C++, C
SOFTWARES	Stata, R, Mathematica, arcGIS, zTree, Gephi, Cytoscape, SPSS, PowerBi, Tableau