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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Economics (2009)

University of Washington; Seattle, Washington

Fields of study: Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Public Policy, Contract Theory.

Dissertation: “Incentives for Real Estate Agents: Impact of Compensation, Information Technology, & Concern for Reputation”

Master of Arts, Economics (2002)

University of Washington; Seattle, Washington

Fields of study: Health Care Economics, Microeconomics

Master’s thesis: “CAM Integration: Implications of the Every Category of Health Care Provider Law in Washington State”

Master of Education, Teacher Preparation (1997)

University of Washington; Seattle, Washington

Teacher certification, secondary level

Endorsements: Economics, History, Social Studies

Bachelor of Arts, Economics and History (1995)

University of Washington; Seattle, Washington

Magna cum laude with College Honors in Economics

U.W. Undergraduate Scholar Award (1993-1994)

U.W. Annual Dean’s List (1990-1994)

U.W. High Scholarship Certificate (1990-1993)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Northwest Economics, L.L.C.; Seattle, Washington

Economist, Founder

March 2016 – present

OSC Vocational Systems, Inc.; Bothell, Washington

Economist

September 2013 – February 2016

Nickerson & Associates, L.L.C.; Seattle, Washington

Economist

May 2011 – August 2013

Nickerson & Associates, L.L.C.; Seattle, Washington

Analyst

June 2001 – July 2007

Christina P. Tapia; Seattle, Washington

Economist

January 2007 – May 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington, Department of Economics; Seattle, Washington

Affiliate Faculty

October 2012 - present

Courses:

- Topics in Financial Economics
- Economic Analysis of Law

Seattle University, Albers School of Business & Economics; Seattle, Washington

Senior Adjunct Professor

September 2007 - 2023

Courses:

- Principles of Macroeconomics, undergraduate
- Principles of Microeconomics, undergraduate
- Domestic and Global Economies, MBA

University of Washington, Foster School of Business; Seattle, Washington

Lecturer

September 2009 - March 2010

Courses:

- Global Economic Environment of the Firm, Executive MBA
- Analysis of Global Economic Conditions, MBA
- Macroeconomics, Executive Development Program

University of Washington, Department of Economics; Seattle, Washington

Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer

2005 – 2007, 2009, 2012

Courses:

- Economics of Human Resource Management; Game Theory; Money, Credit, & the Economy

University of Washington, Foster School of Business; Seattle, Washington

Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer

2000 – 2002, 2005 – 2006

Courses:

- Analysis of Global Economic Conditions, Executive MBA
- Technology Management MBA

ADDITIONAL RELATED EXPERIENCE

KPMG, LLP; Seattle, Washington

Senior Analyst, Economic and Valuation Services

June 2010 – April 2011

Microsoft Corporation; Redmond, Washington

Research Assistant - Competition Analysis Team, Government Standards Time Series Project
December 2009 – March 2010

Microsoft Corporation; Redmond, Washington

Research Analyst - AdECN, Online Services

June 2008 – September 2008

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, PAPERS, and AWARDS

- Session Chair, National Association of Forensic Economics National Meeting, American Economic Association/Allied Social Science Associations. Workforce Participation (January 2025)
- Panelist, National Association of Forensic Economics Western Regional Conference, WEAI. Ethical Concerns in Forensic Economics (June 2024)
- Discussant, National Association of Forensic Economics Western Regional Conference, WEAI. Assessing Economic Damages in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation: State of Washington (June 2024)
- Presenter, Fall Forensic Economics Workshop. Claudia Goldin, Nobel in Economic Sciences 2023; Research of Interest to Forensic Economists (October 2023)
- Presenter, Fall Forensic Economics Workshop. Adverse Tax Consequences and Tax Neutralization (October 2022)
- Women of NAFE Session: Becoming More Knowledgeable About BLS Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics; Moderator (July 1, 2022)
- Kathy Gehrt Memorial Economics Volunteer Service Award (2021)
- NAFE Past Presidents' Award (2020)
- University of Washington Law School, presentation in Forensics course (2014-2018; 2020 to present)
- Seattle University Law School, presentation in Forensics course (2020; 2022 to present)
- Diversity and Inclusion Seed Grant Award from University of Washington Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity, with Rachel Heath, Ph.D. (2017)
- Buechel Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Undergraduate Program (2017)
- Presenter, "A Preliminary Summary of Court Decisions Related to the ACA," National Association of Forensic Economics Winter Conference 2017.
- Chair/Moderator, "Topics in Forensic Economics," National Association of Forensic Economics Winter Conference 2017.
- Panel Presentation, "Dealing with Collateral Source Questions When Federal or State Governments are the Defendants," American Academy of Economic and Financial Experts Annual Meeting 2017.
- "The Disciplining Effect of Concern for Referrals: Evidence from Real Estate Agents,"

with Dr. Lan Shi. *Real Estate Economics*, Summer 2016, Volume 44, Number 2 (pp. 411-461).

- Discussant, National Association of Forensic Economics Western Regional Conference, WEAI, “Estimation Risk in Determining the Present Value of Life Care Plans,” 2016.
- Presenter, American Board of Vocational Experts 2014 Annual Conference (Nashville, TN), “Vocational Experts, Life Care Planners & Economists: Interplay & Collaboration,” with Cloie Johnson, M.Ed., A.B.V.E., C.C.M.
- “Compensation and Incentives for Real Estate Agents: Do Alternative Systems Yield Better Outcomes for Buyers?” working paper.
- “Industrial Organization Analysis of the Residential Real Estate Market,” working paper.
- “Surprise Job Losses in State Just Blip or Start of a Bad Trend?” *The Seattle Times*; September 19, 2012 (interviewed for and quoted in article).
- “Council Should Slow Down on Paid Leave,” *Puget Sound Business Journal* (September 2, 2011).
- “The Disciplining Effect of Concern for Referrals for Better Informed Agents: Evidence from Real Estate Transactions.” Presented at American Economic Association annual meeting, January 2010.
- “Compensation, Incentives, and Reputation: Evidence from Real Estate Agents.” Presented to Seattle Economics Council, February 2009 meeting.
- Testified before Washington State Senate Transportation Committee February 1, 2005 regarding SB 5534, monorail transportation authority and transportation financing.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- National Association of Forensic Economics (President 2025 - present; Western Vice-President 2018 – 2020; Nominating Committee 2020; Women of NAFE Committee 2021 to present)
- Journal of Legal Economics Reviewer (2024)
- Visiting Committee, Department of Economics, University of Washington (Chair 2016 - 2020, Member 2011 to present)
- Women in Economics, Department of Economics, University of Washington, (Founder, Board member, 2013 to present)
- Mentor through Department of Economics Mentorship Program, University of Washington (2011-2017)
- Seattle Economics Council (Board member 2009-2012, President 2011-2012)
- American Economic Association (Member)
- AEA Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession Liaison with UW Economics
- Western Economic Association International (Member)
- Collegium of Pecuniary Damages Experts (Member)
- American Academy of Economic and Financial Experts (Member)
- American Rehabilitation Economics Association (Board member 2014-2016)
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (Member)
- Puget Sound Beekeepers Association (Member)