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Education

University of Delaware

Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration
Qualifying Exam: Pass with Distinction

Newark, DE
Expected: May 2025

University of Delaware

MSc in Economics and Applied Econometrics

Newark, DE
May 2020

American University in Bulgaria

Bachelor of Arts in Economics
Major in Economics and Minor in Mathematics

Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria
May 2018

Areas of Specialization

Household Finance, Consumer Finance, Housing Policy, Social Policy, Mortgage Markets, Policy Evaluation, Education Policy

Work Experience

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant: University of Delaware
Supervisor: Amy Ellen Schwartz, Ph.D.

Newark, DE
July 2023 – Present

Graduate Research Assistant: University of Delaware
Supervisor: Katie Fitzpatrick, Ph.D.

July 2021 – June 2023

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant: University of Delaware

- ECON311: Economics of Developing Countries, Sabrin Beg, Ph.D.
- ECON433: Economics of the Public Sector, Laurence Seidman, Ph.D.
- ECON301: Quantitative Microeconomic Theory, Michael Arnold, Ph.D.
- ECON303: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Laurence Seidman, Ph.D.
- ECON311: Economics of Developing Countries, Evangelos Falaris, Ph.D.
- ECON435: Public Finance Economics, Laurence Seidman, Ph.D.
- ECON303: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Laurence Seidman, Ph.D.

Newark, DE
August 2018 – May 2021
Fall 2018 and Spring 2019
Fall 2019
Fall 2019
Spring 2020
Spring 2020
Fall 2020
Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant: American University in Bulgaria

- ECON301: Intermediate Economics, Georgi Kalchev, Ph.D.

Fall 2017

Professional Experience

- *Bank Teller Intern*, Tirana, Albania
“NGB Bank”

December 2016 – January 2017

Research

Papers in Progress

- Katie Fitzpatrick, Kejda Llana “Predicting Food Hardship in Real-Time: A Machine Learning Approach Using Aggregate Retail Sales Data”
- Michah W. Rothbart, Mary Louise Mitsdarffer, Kejda Llana, Brian Elbel, Kevin J. Konty, Sophia E. Day, Amy Ellen Schwartz “Does Grade Span Influence COVID-19 Vaccination Take-up and Attendance? Evidence on peer effects from New York City public schools”
- Kejda Llana “Household Wealth Accumulation: Investigating Disparate Outcomes in the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Market”

Awards

Scholarships

- Full Tuition Scholarship & Research Assistantship, University of Delaware August 2021 – Present
- Full Tuition Scholarship & Teaching Assistantship, University of Delaware August 2018 – May 2021
- Partial Tuition Scholarship, American University in Bulgaria August 2014 – May 2018
- Albanian Scholarship, American University in Bulgaria August 2014 – May 2015

Other Awards

- University of Delaware Travel Award October 2023
- Dean’s List, American University in Bulgaria August 2017 – May 2018
- Certificate of Excellence, “Turgut Ozal” High School, Tirana, Albania September 2012 – May 2014

Presentations

- Junior Scholar Intensive Training Program (JSIT) Madison, WI
“Household Wealth Accumulation: Investigating Disparate Outcomes in the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Market” June 2023
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) 2023 Fall Conference Atlanta, GA
“Predicting Food Hardship in Real-Time: A Machine Learning Approach Using Aggregate Retail Sales Data” November 2023
- “Household Wealth Accumulation: Investigating Disparate Outcomes in the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Market”

Activities

- Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT) 2023 *Scholar* June 2023
Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- *Panel Discussant* Washington D.C.
APPAM Fall 2022 Research Conference November 2022
“New Evidence on the Safety Net and Stability” Panel
“Government Programs, Policies, and Racial Equity” Panel
- *Training*, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program Fall 2021
“Protection of Human Rights”
- International Teaching Assistant *Training Program*, University of Delaware Summer 2018
UDIA Test for Instructional Assignment: Category I
- *Software*: Microsoft Office, STATA, SQL, EViews, R, SAS (novice), Python (novice).
- *Languages*: Albanian – native, English – fluent, Turkish - intermediate, Spanish – intermediate, French – basic

Professional Associations

- American Economic Association (AEA)
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- The American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association

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