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EDUCATION

Ph.D. candidate, University of Utah, Dept. of Economics Aug 04 – present

Title of the dissertation: *Essays on rhetoric of economic policy: Social Security reform in the U.S.*

Expected graduation date: December 2008

GPA: 3.83/4.00

Academic fields: History of Economic Thought, Industrial Organization

M.A., Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

Sept 01 – Aug 03

Degree in: Economics

GPA: 3.65/4.00

Title of the master thesis: *Microfoundations of New Keynesian Macroeconomics.*

B.S., Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

Sept 97 – June 01

Degree in: Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Higher Education Teaching Specialist

Sept 06 – Oct 07

Certificate is awarded by Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE), University of Utah

Graduate Instructor, University of Utah, Dept. of Economics, UT August 2004 – present

Adjunct Instructor, Weber State University, Dept. of Economics, UT August 2008 – present

Classes taught: *Current Economic Problems, History of Economic Thought, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, and Principles of Microeconomics*

TEACHING INTERESTS

Macroeconomics (with policy and open economy emphasis), Intermediate Microeconomics (with industrial organization emphasis), Economic Thought, Current Economic Issues

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy of contemporary issues, welfare state, environmental economics and economic pedagogy

PUBLICATIONS

“A critique of ‘neoliberal autonomy’: The rhetoric of Ownership Society,” *Forum for Social Economics*, 2008, 37(2), pp. 125-134.

“How Relevant Is the New (Keynesian) Phillips Curve? The Case of Turkey,” *Journal of Economic Cooperation*, 2004, 25(4), pp. 89-104 (together with Timurhan Gur).

“Methodological Individualism in Lucas: A Critical Realist Perspective,” *Hacettepe University Journal of Economics and Administrative Sciences*, 2004, 22(1), pp.103-114.

PRESENTATIONS

AEA Poster Session on Teaching Ideas and Projects at ASSA Annual Meeting, *Active Learning and the Socratic Method*, January 4, 2009, San Francisco, CA, USA.

The Association for Social Economics at ASSA Annual Meeting, *Neoliberal Autonomy: A Critical Analysis of the "Ownership Society" Rhetoric*, January 4, 2008, New Orleans, LA, USA.

Middle East and Central Asia (MECA) Conference, *Fiscal Policy in a Neoliberal Era: The Example of Turkey*, September 9th, 2006, Salt Lake City, UT, USA.

International Network for Economic Method (INEM) Conference, *Shocks and Individual Responses: Some Critical Observations on New Classical and New Keynesian Microfoundations*, August 21st, 2004, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

International Network for Economic Method (INEM) Conference, *Methodological Individualism in Lucas*, September 3rd, 2003, Leeds, UK.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The fiscal policy in the neoliberal era: Turkey example

Socratic method in teaching economics: An application for history of economic thought

CAFÉ standards and greenhouse gas emissions: A projection

REFERENCES

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