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## EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Economics, University of Southern California, August 2006  
“Topics in Women’s Labor Force Participation”  
Advisors: Professor Ayşe İmrohoroglu, Professor Caroline Betts  
B.A., Economics, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey, 1997

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Associate Dean, Specialized Masters Programs, University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business, July 2022 – present  
Professor of Clinical Finance and Business Economics, University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business, December 2023 – present  
Academic Director, MBA for Professionals & Managers Program, University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business, January 2021 – June 2024  
Associate Professor of Clinical Finance and Business Economics, University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business, January 2019 – December 2023  
Academic Director, Master of Science in Finance Program, University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business, September 2015 – July 2020  
Assistant Professor of Clinical Finance and Business Economics, University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business, July 2013 – January 2019  
Lecturer, University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business, Department of Finance and Business Economics, January 2011 – June 2013  
Part-Time Faculty, California State University - Fullerton, Mihaylo College of Business and Economics, Economics Department, Fall 2010  
Part-Time Faculty, Chapman University, Argyros School of Business and Economics, Spring 2010  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Pomona College, Economics Department, August 2006 – May 2009

## SERVICE AND GOVERNANCE:

Member, Graduate Business Curriculum Roundtable (GBCR) Specialty Masters Committee, February 2025 – present  
Member, Specialized Masters Leadership Council, 8 participating schools, June 2023 – September 2024  
External Reviewer, Haskayne School of Business’ Unit Review, May 2025  
Referee, Macroeconomic Dynamics

**RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Macroeconomics: Labor Economics, Growth and Development

Household and Family Economics: Home Production, Household Labor Decisions

**PUBLICATIONS:**

*“Sectoral Changes and the Increase in Women’s Labor Force Participation”*, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Vol.15, No. 2, April 2011.

**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

*“Age-specific Differences in Unemployment Persistence”*, with Sherif Khalifa.

*“Female Labor Force Participation and House Prices”*, with Selale Tuzel.

*“Long-run Changes in Sectoral Productivities and Gender Specific Time Allocations”*.

*“A Cross-country Data Analysis of Women’s Labor Force Participation”*.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

University of Southern California, Spring 2011 – present

Microeconomics for Management (MBA.PM, IBEAR, MSF)

The Global Context of Business – GLOBE, PRIME

The Power of Personal Finance

Microeconomics for Business, Macroeconomics for Business

Fundamentals of Business (Online MBA)

The Firm in the National Economy (MBA.PM)

Learning about International Commerce – LINC

California State University – Fullerton, Fall 2010

Principles of Microeconomics, Labor Economics

Chapman University, Spring 2010

Intermediate Microeconomics

Pomona College, Fall 2006 – Spring 2009

Applied Regression Analysis, Microeconomic Theory, Principles of Macroeconomics

**TEACHING AWARDS:**

*The Annual Marshall Golden Apple Teaching Award*, for Excellence in Teaching, determined by the members of the graduating Class of 2016.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS:**

Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), Masters Leadership Symposium, London, March 2025

“Student Wellbeing in the Classroom”, Marshall Faculty & Staff Conference, moderator, Los Angeles, October 2024.

“Exploring Roles in Financial Services and Corporate Finance”, Marshall Career Conference, moderator, Los Angeles, February 2018.

Graduate Panel organized by the USC Trojan Entrepreneurship Society, panelist, Los Angeles, March 2017.

“The Future of Specialty Masters Programs in Finance”, FMA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, October 2016.

“Interviewing 101”, Marshall Career Conference, moderator, Los Angeles, February 2016.

“A Day in the Life of: Financial Services”, Marshall Career Conference, moderator, Los Angeles, January 2015.

“Sectoral Changes and the Increase in Women’s Labor Force Participation”, IAFPE 2008 Summer Conference, Torino, June 2008.

“Sectoral Changes and the Increase in Women’s Labor Force Participation”, WEAI 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Seattle, July 2007.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:**

Intergroup Dialogue Training with Anna Yeakley, January – March 2025

**PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:**

Financial Controller, Mercedes-Benz Turkey (Daimler A.G.), 1997 – 2000

Responsibilities: economic analysis, financial reporting, cash management, and credit control;

**LANGUAGES:**

Turkish (fluent), English (fluent), German (good)