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## Research and Teaching Fields

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Applied Econometrics, Empirical Microeconomics

## Education

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**Ph.D. Economics, 2016**      *Florida International University*      Miami, FL  
Dissertation Topic: “Essays in Retail and Regional Economics”  
Major Adviser: Hakan Yilmazkuday

**M.A. Economics, 2013**      *Florida International University*      Miami, FL

**B.A. Economics, 2007**      *University of Florida*      Gainesville, FL

## Academic Experience

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**Assistant Professor**      *Farmingdale State College*      2016 – Present

**Instructor**      *Florida International University*      2013 – 2016

**Teaching Assistant**      *Florida International University*      2011– 2016

## Publications

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Working paper versions available at [http://bit.ly/vitt\\_research](http://bit.ly/vitt_research)

1. “ Does fiat-to-Bitcoin exchange activity lead to increased user-to-user Bitcoin transaction activity?”
  - Forthcoming *Academy of Economics and Finance Journal*
  - Accepted *Applied Economics Research Bulletin Peer Reviewed Working Paper Series*

## Working Papers

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Working papers available at [http://bit.ly/vitt\\_research](http://bit.ly/vitt_research)

1. “Auction Fever: Questionably Rational Bidding Behavior and Reappraising the Deadweight Loss of Christmas ”
  - Revise and Resubmit, *Review of Industrial Organization*

2. “Estimating the Impact of Discontinuing Shuttle Launches on Payroll and Employment in the Space Coast Using the Synthetic Control Method” (Under Review)
  - Revise and Resubmit, *Space Policy*
3. “Trigger Warning: The Causal Impact of Gun Ownership on Suicide” joint with Alexander McQuoid (Under Review)
  - Presented at AEA session “The Economics of Controversial Policies and Unintended Consequences” 2018 ASSA Annual Meeting.
  - Presented at 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Economic Association Meeting, November 2017
  - Presented at Academy of Economics and Finance Conference February 2017
  - Presented at Eastern Economic Association Conference February 2017
  - Presented at the New York Economic Association Conference (October 2016)
4. “Estimating the impact of regional labor demand shocks on unemployment using the synthetic control method: Evidence from the Shuttle program and Florida’s Space Coast” (Under Review)
5. “Public Safety, Private Harm: The Impact of Police Militarization on Mortality” joint with Alexander McQuoid (Under Review)
6. “Did Internet Kill the Retail Trade Star? Using Google Trends to Estimate the Impact of E-Commerce on Retail Employment” (Under Review)
7. “Estimating the Impact of E-Commerce on Retail Exit and Entry Using Google Trends” (Under Review)

## Papers in Progress

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1. “The Social Costs of Trade: Death and Declining Distance” joint with Alexander McQuoid
  - Presented at New York Economic Association Conference, October 2017
  - Invited for 55th Annual Academy of Economics and Finance Conference (February 2018)
2. “Regional Effects of Industry Privatization: Evidence from the Space Coast and the Shuttle Program”
  - Presented at Academy of Economics and Finance Conference (February 2015)
  - Presented at Southern Economic Association Conference (November 2015)
3. “Retail Firm Sizes and the Spatial Distribution of Income”
  - Presented at Southern Economic Association Conference (November 2015)
4. “Do Prices Converge Across a Digital Border? Evidence From the Market for Video Games”
5. “Auction Revenue Expectations with an Unknown Number of Financially Constrained Bidders”

## Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

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“A Spectator’s Guide to Bitcoin Futures” *Bitcoin Magazine* March 2014 Vol. 20 p. 14-17  
“Do Free Credit Reports Matter?” expert opinion piece for WalletHub.com. May 2017

## Conference Activity

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### **2018 ASSA Annual Meeting, January 2018, Philadelphia PA**

-Presented “Trigger Warning: The Causal Impact of Gun Ownership on Suicide” in AEA session  
“The Economics of Controversial Policies and Unintended Consequences”

### **70<sup>th</sup> New York State Economic Association Conference, October 2017, Farmingdale NY**

-Judge, Undergraduate Paper Competition.  
-Chair, Industrial Organization session.  
-Discussant, Mathematical and Quantitative Methods session

### **43<sup>rd</sup> Eastern Economic Association Conference, February 2017, New York NY**

-Presented “Trigger Warning: The Causal Impact of Gun Ownership on Suicide” in Public Economics session.  
-Chair and Discussant Public Economics session.  
De facto Chair “Growth and Distribution Effects of Public Finance and War’.

### **54<sup>th</sup> Academy of Economics and Finance Conference, February 2017, Charleston SC**

-Presented “Trigger Warning: The Causal Impact of Gun Ownership on Suicide” in Microeconomics I session.  
-Presented “Does fiat-to-Bitcoin exchange activity lead to increased user-to-user Bitcoin transaction activity?” in Microeconomics II session.  
-Chair and Discussant Microeconomics 1 session.  
-Discussant Microeconomics 3 session.

### **69<sup>th</sup> New York State Economic Association Conference, Farmingdale NY**

-Presented “Auction Fever: Evidence of Questionably Rational Bidding Behavior and Reappraising the Deadweight Loss of Christmas” in Microeconomics section  
-Discussant Microeconomics session.

### **85<sup>th</sup> Southern Economic Association Meeting, November 2015, New Orleans LA**

-Chair “Pricing and Retail” session.  
-Presented “The Empirical Relationships Between Travel Costs, Internet Use Intensity, and Retail Market Structure” in “Pricing and Retail” session.  
-Presented “Regional Effects of Industry Privatization” in “Small-scale and Local Entrepreneurship” session.  
-Presented “Retail Firm Size and the Spatial Distribution of Income” in “Topics in the Economics of Consumption and Saving” session.  
-Discussant “Housing Markets” session.

**52<sup>nd</sup> Academy of Economics and Finance Conference, February 2015, Jacksonville FL**

- Presented “The Empirical Relationships Between Travel Costs, Internet Use Intensity, and Retail Market Structure” in “Special Topics in Econometrics” session
- Presented “Regional Effects of Industry Privatization” in Microeconomic Outcomes session
- Chair “Microeconomic Outcomes” session.

**84<sup>th</sup> Southern Economic Association Meeting, November 2014 , Atlanta GA**

- Presented “The Empirical Relationships Between Travel Costs, Internet Use Intensity, and Retail Market Structure” in E-commerce and Retail Pricing session
- Discussant E-commerce and Retail Pricing session.

**Referee Activity**

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Economics Bulletin  
Journal of Economics and Finance  
New York Economic Review  
Academy of Economics and Finance Journal

**Academic Service**

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Editor, <i>New York Economic Review</i>	Ongoing
Operations Committee, SUNY Faculty Senate	Ongoing
Calendar Committee, Farmingdale State College	Ongoing
Search Committee, Department of Economics, Farmingdale State College SUNY	Ongoing
Curriculum Committee, Department of Economics, Farmingdale State College SUNY	Ongoing
Member, Board of Directors, New York State Economic Association	Ongoing

**Software Proficiency**

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Stata, Mathematica, GAUSS, ArcMap, R, Python, Microsoft Office

**Memberships**

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American Economic Association  
Royal Economic Society  
Southern Economic Association  
Eastern Economic Association  
Academy of Economics and Finance  
New York State Economic Association