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Positions

2007-present George Mason University
Assistant professor of economics

2007-present Mercatus Center
Research fellow

Primary research fields

Political economy, economics of science, experimental economics

Education

PhD Economics, University of Chicago, June 2007
Fields: development and growth
Dissertation: "Diamonds are a dictator's best friend"

MA Economics, University of Chicago, June 2003

BA Economics, University of Cambridge (Queens' College), June 2001
First class honours

Publications

Al-Ubaydli, O. and M. S. Lee (2009). "An experimental study of asymmetric reciprocity." Forthcoming in *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

Young, N., Ioannidis, J. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2008). "Why current publication practices may distort science". *PLoS Medicine*. 5 (10).

Kealey, T. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2001). "A critique of science and R&D based models of endogenous growth". *Knowledge, Technology and Policy*. 13 (4).

Kealey, T. and O. Al-Ubaydli (2000). "Should governments fund science?". *Economic Affairs*. 20 (3).

Al-Ubaydli, O. and T. Kealey (2000). "Endogenous growth theory: a critique". *Economic Affairs*. 20 (3).

Working papers

“Diamonds are a dictator’s best friend: natural resources and the tradeoff between authoritarianism and development,” February 2008.

“For love or money: testing non-pecuniary and pecuniary incentive schemes in a field experiment,” (joint with Steffen Andersen, Uri Gneezy and John List) February 2008.

“Do you reward and punish how you think others expect you to?,” (joint with Min Sok Lee). September 2008.

“How large looms the ghost of the past? State-dependence vs. heterogeneity in the stag hunt,” June 2009.

“The nature of excess: investigating price dynamics,” (joint with John List and Mike Price) June 2009.

“Reciprocity and reputation,” (joint with Uri Gneezy, Min Sok Lee and John List) June 2009.

Honours/awards

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| 2005-2006 | Francis William Immasche Endowment Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago |
| 2001-2005 | University of Chicago Fellowship Award |
| 2001 | Queens' College Foundation Scholarship, University of Cambridge |
| 2001 | Queens' College Economics Memorial Prize, University of Cambridge |

Teaching experience

Undergraduate econometrics, undergraduate microeconomics, MA micro, PhD mathematical economics.

University of Chicago: undergraduate microeconomics.

On the PhD thesis committees of the following students: Abdirahman Abdi (Islamic banking), Jason Aimone (economic psychology and mechanism design) and Mark Troutman (international finance).

Academic activities

Referee: American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Resource Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Environmental and Resource Economics.

Media citations

PLoS Medicine piece “Why current publication practices may distort science” was written about in the October 11th edition of the *Economist* magazine. It also appeared on the cover.

Voluntary work

- 2008-present Ronald McDonald House Charities
Young Professionals Auxiliary Council (YPAC) webmaster and house volunteer
- 2003-2007 La Rabida Children's Hospital
Literacy volunteer
- 2005-2007 Athletics Department, University of Chicago
Play-by-play announcer and analyst for basketball, soccer, softball
- 2003-2007 Maroon Newspaper
Associate editor and columnist
- 2002-2003 St John Ambulance
Brigade member