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Education

Ph.D. in Economics , University of South Carolina (USC)	<i>Expected May 2025</i>
<i>Fields: Development Economics, Economic History, Political Economy</i>	
M.A. in Economics , Ibn Haldun University	<i>May 2020</i>
B.A. in Economics , Istanbul University	<i>May 2018</i>
B.A. in Public Finance (Second Major), Istanbul University	<i>May 2018</i>

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Colonial Origins of Comparative Development in Ghana. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 59(2), 188–208. (2023) [doi](#)
- The Impact of Precolonial Political Centralisation on Local Development: Ghana’s Paradox. *Oxford Development Studies*, 51(2), 163–178. (2023) [doi](#)

Working Papers

- The Long-run Effects of Africa’s Wave of Democratization. (Job Market Paper) [see here](#)
- Governing from Below: The Impact of Subnational Governance Quality on Wellbeing [see here](#)
- Early-life Adversity and Long-term Outcomes: Evidence from the Cocoa Swollen Shoot Virus Outbreak in the Gold Coast. [see here](#)
- Understanding the temporal and spatial trend of work-at-home in the United States. (Co-author) [see here](#)
- Climate Shocks and Social Intolerance. (Co-author) [see here](#)
- Who Opts Out? Financial Exclusion Due to Religious Reasons. (Co-author) [see here](#)

Works in Progress

- Modern Technology and Cocoa Production in the Gold Coast.
- African Mining Economies and Local Support for Democracy.
- From Missions to Migration: The Long-Term Impact of Missionaries on Brain Drain in Africa.

Conferences and Seminars

- The Long-run Effects of Africa’s Wave of Democratization. *94th Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting*. Washington DC. Nov. 23–25, 2024.
- Roads, Local Growth and Agricultural Production in the Gold Coast. *1st Annual Symposium, Department of Economics, USC*, Columbia, SC. Apr 12, 2024.
- The Long-run Effects of Africa’s Wave of Democratization. *University of Oxford Center for the Study of African Economies*, Oxford, U.K. March 17–19, 2024.
- Democratization and Long-run Development: Evidence from Africa’s Star Democracy. *93rd Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, Louisiana. Nov. 18–20, 2023.

- Democratic Governance and Long-run Development: Evidence from a Natural Experiment. *Annual South East Exchange of Development Studies Conference*. Atlanta, Georgia. Apr 27–28, 2023.
- Democratic Governance and Long-run Development: Evidence from a Natural Experiment. *Brownbag Seminar Department of Economics, USC*. Columbia, South Carolina. Feb 15, 2023.
- Colonial Origins of Comparative Development in Ghana. *91st Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting*. Houston, Texas. Nov 20–22, 2021.
- Colonial Origins of Comparative Development in Ghana. *Graduate Conference on Social Sciences, Humanities and Management*. Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey. May 5, 2020.

Professional Experience

Research Experience

- Research Assistant: **Division of Research, Darla Moore School of Business** Fall 2022 – Present
 - **Assisted Projects**
 - * Project 1: The Internationalization of South Carolina’s Economy
 - * Project 2: Localized Spatial Distribution of Foreign Direct Investments in the U.S.
- Research Assistant: Dr. Kathleen Broussard, **Department of Sociology, USC** Fall 2024 – Present
 - **Assisted Projects**
 - * Project 1: Unrealized Fertility in the U.S.
 - * Project 2: The Changing Dynamics of Big Families in the U.S.
- Research Assistant: Dr. Sicheng Wang, **Department of Geography, USC** Spring 2024
 - **Assisted Projects**
 - * The Temporal and Spatial Trends of Work-at-home in the U.S.

Teaching Experience

- Instructor of Record, USC Spring 2024 – Present
 - Taught *Introduction to Economics* for three semesters, engaging students from diverse backgrounds and improving their grasp of economic principles.
- Teaching Assistant, USC Fall 2020 – Fall 2023
 - Supported courses such as Public Economics, Industrial Organization, Macroeconomics, and Money and Banking, assisting students in technical and theoretical aspects of economics.

Awards, Grants and Honors

- Graduate Student Award, Southern Economic Association 2023
- International Conference Travel Grant, USC Graduate School 2023
- Third-year Paper Completion Fellowship, USC Department of Economics 2023
- Graduate Fellowship, Darla Moore School of Business, USC 2020–2022

- Best Paper Award, Graduate Conference on Social Sciences, Humanities and Management, Ibn Haldun University 2020
- Undergraduate Merit Scholarship, Turkish Government Scholarships 2013–2018

Technical Skills

- **Programming Languages:** Python, R, SQL
- **Software and Tools:** Stata, ArcGIS (ArcMap), L^AT_EX
- **Relevant Certificates:**
 - Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate
 - IBM Data Analysis With Python Professional Certificate

Invited Talks, Service & Extracurricular Activities

- Democracy and Development in Africa. Prof. Douglas Woodward’s Urban Economics class, Department of Economics, USC. Feb. 14, 2024
- Urbanization in Africa. Prof. Douglas Woodward’s Urban Economics class, Department of Economics, USC. Feb 12, 2024
- Urbanization in Africa. Prof. Douglas Woodward’s Urban Economics class, Department of Economics, USC. Apr 10, 2023
- Urbanization in Africa. Prof. Douglas Woodward’s Urban Economics class, Department of Economics, USC. Nov 21, 2022
- Vice President. Graduate Student Association, USC 2022
- Secretary of Grad Student Awards. Graduate Student Association, USC 2021

About/By Me in Press

- Northern Ghana is underdeveloped because of underinvestment during colonial rule, not geography. *The Conversation*. [see here](#)
- Understanding the Microeconomic Impact of Covid-19 Lockdowns in Africa. *The Diplomatic Affairs*. [see here](#)
- A New Dimension of the Legacy of Colonial Borders. *The Diplomatic Affairs*. [see here](#)
- The Monetisation of Electoral Process in Ghana: The Stakes and The Costs *The Diplomatic Affairs*. [see here](#)
- The Search for New Keynesians *The Diplomatic Affairs*. [see here](#)
- Angry Ghanaians Want Their Country Fixed. *The Diplomatic Affairs*. [see here](#)

References

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