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Research Auctions · Decision Theory · Mechanism Design

Fields Microeconomic Theory · Industrial Organization · Political Economy

Employment BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
Assistant Professor of Economics, 2016-present

Education UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
Ph.D. in Economics, May 2016
Dissertation *Robustness of the K-Double Auction Under Knightian Uncertainty*
Advisor Steven R. Williams
Committee In-Koo Cho, George Deltas, Martin Perry

Doctoral School in Experimental Economics
Society for Economic Design and Bilgi Economics Lab of Istanbul (BELIS)
June 30–July 1, 2015

UNIVERSITY OF TULSA
B.S. in Economics and Mathematics, May 2009
TU Presidential Scholar · Honors Program

Presentations & Conferences *Convergence to Price-Taking by Regret-Minimizers in k-Double Auctions*,
Conference on Auctions, Market Mechanisms & their Applications, Chicago,
August 9, 2015

The Axiom of Symmetry and Failure of Convergence under Knightian Uncertainty Conference on Economic Design, Istanbul, Turkey, July 4, 2015

Robustness of Convergence to Price-Taking Behavior in Simple Markets under Knightian Uncertainty, Calvin College Economics Seminar, Grand Rapids, March 6, 2015

Decision Rules for Double Auctions Under Ambiguity, Illinois Economics Association Meeting, Chicago, October 17, 2014

Jump Bidding in FCC Auctions, Southwestern Economics Association Meeting, Denver, April 10, 2009

Broadband PCS License Pricing, Economics Scholars Program, Dallas, March 28, 2008

Economics Scholars Program (undergraduate research conference held at the Dallas Federal Reserve) discussant 2007, 2008, & 2009; Peer Review Board member 2009.

Papers

Regret-Minimizers and Convergence to Price-Taking (Job Market Paper)

The Symmetry Axiom and Strategies Invariant to the Number of Rivals

Robustness of Information Aggregation in Common Value Auctions under Knightian Uncertainty

Teaching Experience

PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS Spring 2017

ADVANCED MICROECONOMICS Fall 2016
Graduate-level microeconomic theory for students in Masters of Financial Economics program.

INTERMEDIATE MICROECONOMICS Fall 2016, Spring 2017

AUCTIONS Spring, Fall 2014 & 2015
Full Course Responsibility. Created a topics course related to research area of interest. Chose the scope and sequence of topics, wrote lecture notes, assignments, and exams. Class time incorporated lecture, discussion, auction simulations and experiments.

INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION Spring, Summer, Fall 2012;
Spring, Fall 2013
Full Course Responsibility. Created syllabus, prepared and delivered lectures, wrote exams, designed a series of in-class and at-home exercises.

MICROECONOMICS Summer 2011
Teaching Assistant for an online course. Graded and responded to group projects.

BUSINESS STATISTICS I Fall 2010; Spring, Fall 2011
Teaching Assistant. Led three discussion sections weekly. Assisted individual student work in large lecture. Programmed online homework and quizzes on Lon-Capa.

Teaching Awards Robert E. Demarest Memorial Teaching Award 2012, 2013
Listed among Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Students 2011–2012, 2014

Fellowships & Honors Paul W. Boltz Fellowship 2015
Summer Student Fellow, AIER 2009, 2010
Prize for Student Paper, Southwestern Econ. Association 2009
University of Tulsa Outstanding Senior in Economics 2008

Phi Beta Kappa · Omicron Delta Epsilon · Phi Kappa Phi

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George Deltas · 217 - 333 - 4678 · deltas@illinois.edu
Martin Perry · 217 - 333 - 0120 · mkperry@illinois.edu