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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- **Associate Teaching Professor of Economics** (non-tenure-track) at **The University of Tampa**
- **Curriculum Consultant, Foundation for Economic Education**
- Creator of “**Choice: Economics Materials for Success**” (on Substack & Workbooks)
- **Author of a Principles of Microeconomics textbook**
- Academy of Economics and Finance, Director
- IZA Institute of Labor Economics Research Affiliate
- Winner of 9 mathematical contests
- Educator and researcher with a passion for teaching, learning, and analyzing

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics**, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2018
- Presidential fellowship recipient, **CGPA: 4.00/4**
  - **Research interests:** Health economics, Labor economics, Economics of education, Family economics, Demographics, Microeconomics, Mathematical economics, Game theory
  - Dissertation: "Essays on Family-Friendly Policies, Child Planning and Children's Early-Age Outcomes" ([https://scholarcommons.usf.edu/ecn\\_etd/](https://scholarcommons.usf.edu/ecn_etd/))
- M.A. Economics**, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2016
- B.A. Economics**, American University in Bulgaria, Bulgaria Aug. 2011 – May 2015
- *Minors: Mathematics and Information Systems*
  - Salutatorian, Summa Cum Laude (with Honors), **CGPA: 3.98/4**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Associate Teaching Professor in Economics (Microeconomics)** Jan. 2021 – Present  
(Assistant Teaching Professor until 2023)  
The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL
- Curriculum Consultant** Aug. 2023 – Present  
Foundation for Economic Education
- Director of Assessment** Aug. 2023 – July 2024  
The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL
- Curriculum Designer/Contractor (Content team, part-time) at MRU** Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2023  
Marginal Revolution University (MRU), Mercatus Center at George Mason University
- Visiting Instructor/Professor of Instruction in Economics (Microeconomics)** Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2020  
(Professor of Instruction after Aug. 2019)  
The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL
- Pathways to Honors I and II (First-Year Seminar)** Aug. 2019 – May 2020

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The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL,

**Instructor in Economics (Microeconomics)**

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Aug. 2017 – May 2018

**Teaching Assistant**

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (Intermediate Macroeconomics)

American University in Bulgaria, Bulgaria (Differential Equations - SP 2015; Econometrics:

Time Series - SP 2015; Mathematics - F 2014; Intermediate Macroeconomics - SP 2014)

Aug. 2015 – Dec. 2015

Jan. 2014 – May 2015

**Internships**

Translation expert in HR department, Blagoevgrad BT, Bulgaria

Sales intern, UniCredit Bulbank, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

Summer 2011

Summer 2009

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Economics materials and workbooks:**

“Choice: Economics Materials for Success” (<https://econstefani.substack.com/archive>) – Launched: Jan. 2023

- Worksheets with questions based on current news articles and real-world examples of economic concepts appropriate for Principles of Economics courses.
- In collaboration with the *Foundation for Economic Education* (FEE) since August 2023
- Workbook – May/June 2023: [Amazon Kindle format](#) and [Paperback format](#) (ISBN: 9798396623200)
- Workbook – May 2024: [Amazon Kindle format](#) and [Paperback format](#) (ISBN: 9798325119071)

**Textbook:**

“Principles of Microeconomics: From Theory to Practice and Applications.” (2024). Palgrave Macmillan, an Imprint of Springer Nature, ISBN: 978-3-031-67232-3, <https://link.springer.com/book/978-3-031-67232-3> (Previous version “Microeconomics: The Science of Choice” published by Great River Learning)

**Refereed journal articles:**

Using engaging activities to enhance student mental wellness in introductory economics classes. (2024). *Int. J. of Pluralism and Economics Education*. (With Mateer, D., Cabell’s: 20%)

Three Business World Lessons for introductory Economics. (2024). *Journal of Economics Teaching*. Retrieve from [here](#). (With Mateer, D., Cabell’s: 35%, Journal recommended by the American Economic Association as one of the specialized field journals - see [here](#))

Utilizing video game clips to teach Principles of Economics. (2024). *The Social Studies*. Doi: 10.1080/00377996.2024.2394944. Retrieve from [here](#) or [here](#). (With Neves, M.; Cabell’s: 40%)

True applications of Economics from the business world. (2024). *Journal of the Academy of Business Education*. Retrieve from [here](#). (With Bess, J., & Luce, P.; Cabell’s: 32%, Recommended by the AEA as a business journal with economics education content - see [here](#))

“Choice: Economics materials for success” on Substack. (2025). *The Journal of Economic Education*, 56(2). (2024 ABDC – B, 2024 Cabell’s acceptance rate: 23%)

Utilizing Bob's Burgers to illustrate economic concepts in introductory Economics classes. (2024). *Journal of Economics Teaching*. Retrieve from [here](#). (With Lynch, B., Cabell's: 35%, Journal recommended by the AEA as one of the specialized field journals)

Effects of the 2001 draft suspension in Spain on educational attainment. (2024). *Research in Economics*, 78(3). Doi: 10.1016/j.rie.2024.100980. Retrieve from [here](#). (With Agirdas, C., ABDC – B)

Female Influencers: The Economics behind the Millions. (2024). *Journal for Economic Educators*, 24(2). Retrieve from [here](#) or [here](#). (With Geerling, W., & Mateer, D.)

What do we know from the Science of Learning, and How can we apply the knowledge in the classroom?. (2023). *Teaching Business and Economics*.

Effect of military service on fertility: Evidence from the 2001 draft suspension in Spain. (2023). *Journal of Economic Studies*, 51(3). Doi: 10.1108/JES-02-2023-0096. Retrieve from [here](#). (2022 ABDC – B, 2023 Cabell's acceptance rate: 11%)

Gender differences in the association between job characteristics, and work satisfaction and retention. (2023). *American Journal of Business*, 38(2). Doi: 10.1108/AJB-07-2022-0115. (2023 Cabell's acceptance rate: 12%)

Compulsory education and fertility: Evidence from Poland's education reform in 1956. (2023). *International Economics and Economic Policy*, 20, 139 – 161. Doi: 10.1007/s10368-023-00556-x (With Farrington, S.) (2022 ABDC – B, Cabell's acceptance rate: 18%)

Happiness, domains of life satisfaction, perceptions, and valuation differences across genders. (2022). *Acta Psychologica*, 230(103720), 1 – 18. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsy.2022.103720>. Retrieve from [here](#). (With Farrington, S.; 2022 ABDC – A)

Do parents expect too much or is it all about grades? The discrepancy between parents' aspirations and child's academic performance, and parental satisfaction with the school. (2022). *Cogent Economics and Finance*, 10(1). Doi: 10.1080/23322039.2022.2079178. Retrieve from [here](#). (ABDC – B)

The effect of child benefits on financial difficulties and spending habits: Evidence from Poland's Family 500+ program. (2022). *International Economics and Economic Policy*. Doi: 10.1007/s10368-022-00534-9. Retrieve from [here](#). (2021 ABDC – B, Cabell's acceptance rate: 18%)

Job loss and food insecurity during the Covid-19 pandemic. (2022). *Journal of Economic Studies*. (2021 ABDC – B, Cabell's acceptance rate: 15%)

The Effect of Covid-19 as an Economic Shock on the Gender and Ethnic Gap in Labor Market Outcomes. (2021). *Studies in Microeconomics*, 9(2). Doi: 10.1177/23210222211046411. Retrieve from [here](#).

The Effect of Parental and Grandparental Supervision Time Investment on Children's Early-Age Development. (2021). *Research in Economics*, 75(3), 286 – 304. Doi: 10.1016/j.rie.2021.06.006. Retrieve from [here](#). (ABDC – B)

To Present or Not: Are Students Rational? (2021). *Journal of Case Studies*, 39(3), 22 - 27. (Case study, 2019 ABDC – B, Cabell's acceptance rate: 20%)

More and None? Children and parental well-being: A bimodal outcome from an instrumental variable approach. (2021). *Research in Economics*, 75(3), 225 – 243. Doi: 10.1016/j.rie.2021.06.002. Retrieve from [here](#) (With Farrington, S., ABDC – B)

Education in the times of a pandemic: Parental socioeconomic characteristics and time spent with children. (2021). *Journal of Economic Studies*. Doi: 10.1108/JES-01-2021-0013. Retrieve from [here](#). (2019 ABDC – B, Cabell's acceptance rate: 15%)

Discipline, Risk, and the Effect of Financial Decision-Making on Health. (2021). *Journal of Economics and Finance*, 1 – 41. Doi: 10.1007/s12197-021-09542-y. Retrieve from [here](#) (With Farrington, S.; 2019 ABDC – B, Cabell's acceptance rate: 20%)

Reasons to Attend College, Academic Success, and Post-College Plans. (2020). *Education Economics*, 28(5), 526 – 547. Doi: 10.1080/09645292.2020.1801597. Retrieve from [here](#) (2019 ABDC – B, Cabell's acceptance rate: 27%, 2019 RG impact factor: 1.08)

Parents Labor Supply and Childhood Obesity: Evidence from Scotland. (2020). *Economics and Human Biology*, 38. Doi: 10.1016/j.ehb.2020.100897. Retrieve from [here](#) (2020 CiteScore: 2.46; Impact factor: 2.183; 2019 ABDC – A; 2019 cite score: 3.5, rank 14/144)

The Effect of Family Welfare Support on the Likelihood of Having another Child and Parents' Labor Supply. (2019). *Research in Economics*, 73(3), 243 – 263. Doi: 10.1016/j.rie.2019.07.005. Retrieve from [here](#) (2018 SJR: 1.192, CiteScore: 0.81; SNIP: 0.714; 2019 CiteScore: 1.8)

The Effect of Maternity Leave Expansions on Fertility Intentions: Evidence from Switzerland. (2019). *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 40(3), 1 – 15. Doi: 10.1007/s10834-019-09609-3. Retrieve from [here](#) or [here](#) (With Barbos, A.; 2018 IP: 0.921)

The Effect of the Cost of Obstetric Care on Antenatal and Postnatal Healthcare Utilization: Evidence from Armenia. (2019). *Research in Economics*, 73(1), 72 – 84. Doi: 10.1016/j.rie.2019.01.006. Retrieve from [here](#) (With Farrington, S.; 2018 SJR: 1.192, CiteScore: 0.81; SNIP: 0.714)

The Effect of Birth Rate on Inflation and Growth: An IV Approach. (2018). *Journal of Academy of Business and Economics*, 18(1), 67 – 82. Doi: 10.18374/jabe-18-1.6. Retrieve from [here](#) (Acceptance rate: 18%)

The Effect of Market Power on Labor Earnings in the Manufacturing Sector in the US. (2018). *Journal of Strategic and International Studies*, 8(1), 51 – 65.

The Relationship between Wage, Productivity and Unemployment in the Business and the Manufacturing Sectors in the US. (2016). *Journal of Strategic and International Studies*, 11(1), 18 – 28.

The Dutch Disease, Financial Development and Economic Growth in the Manufacturing Sector: A Comparative Analysis between Norway and the United Kingdom. (2015). *Journal of International Finance and Economics*, 15(1), 45 – 66. Doi: 10.18374/jife-15-1.5. Retrieve from [here](#) (With Erdinc, D.; Acceptance rate: 18%)

Experimental Platform for Measuring the Parameters of Magnetization of a Transformer in a Quasi-Static Transitional Regime. (2013). *Proceedings of the Fifth International Scientific Conference – FMNS 2013*, 2(1), 67 – 73. (With Milovanski, V. and Stoyanov, K.)

Special Features of the Construction of a Recording Module in Measuring Transformers, Working in a Quasi-Static Transient Regime. (2013). *Proceedings of the International Conference on Technics, Technologies and Education ICTTE 2013*, 1(1), 320 – 325. (With Georgieva, N. and Milovanski, V.)

**Working papers:**

“Does learning economics make you less susceptible to the sunk cost fallacy?” (With Mateer, D., Under review, 2024, Available [here](#))

“From Startup to Success: Using Gen Z Entrepreneurs to Teach Economics” (With Mateer, D., Under review, 2024, Available [here](#))

““Pop” Goes the National Debt” (With Mateer, D. & Geerling, W., Under review, 2025)

“Seeing it in a new light: Do cross-disciplinary comparisons make learning Economics and Finance concepts click?” (With Burton, J., LaForge, O., & Beal, L.; In progress)

“Learning by doing, incentive alignment, and low-stress grading.” (Under review, 2024).

"Abortion laws and sex ratios at birth: The effect of Ceaucescu's Decree 770" (With Wilde, J., In progress, 2023)

## TRAININGS AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

**Storytelling for Impact: Elevate Your Leadership Presence (Workshop)** January 2025  
Dale Carnegie

**Economics and Finance Teacher Training Program** (Certificate of training Febr. 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024  
AEF Annual Meeting – Charleston, SC (2024); Orlando, FL (2023); Virtual (2022, 2021); Atlanta, GA (2020); St.  
Petersburg, FL, (2019)

**Fundamentals of Sales and Marketing, with Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women (Coursera.org)** June 2024

**CITI training and certification: Social-Behavioral-Educational Researchers ([Certificate](#))** January 2024

### Online trainings with certificates:

- FERPA: Confidentiality of records;
- Discrimination Awareness in the workplace;
- Title IX and Sexual harassment prevention for employees

January 2024

**Workshop “Making Our Dreams a Reality: Leveraging VALUE to (Re)Imagine How We Assess” (SACSCOC conference, 6h.)** Dec. 2023

**Workshop “Reliability and Validity Evidence for Assessment” (SACSCOC conference, 3h.)** Dec. 2023

**2023 Stata Economics Virtual Symposium** Nov. 2023

**Outcomes Assessment Projects - Foundational Data Files Course** Aug. 2023  
Watermark Insights

**Outcomes assessment project 101 (Course & [Certificate](#))** Aug. 2023  
Watermark Insights

**Behavior economics of savings (Certificate)** May 2023  
The Council of Economic Education

**Wharton Specialization: Achieving Personal and Professional Success (Certificate)** March 2022

Success; Improving Communication Skills; Leading the Life You Want; Influence Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Coursera.org (Online)	
<b>EconEd 2021 Workshop</b> Macmillan Learning (virtual)	Oct. 2021
<b>Learn and Lead Series: Leading in a Post-Covid World – Certificate in Resilient Leadership</b> Sykes College of Business, Teco Energy Center for Leadership, The University of Tampa	August 2021
<b>Supply, Demand, and the First Days of School – Certificate</b> Marginal Revolution University (online)	August 2021
<b>Wharton Business Foundations Specialization (Certificate)</b> Marketing; Financial Accounting; Managing Social and Human Capital; Corporate Finance; Operations Management; Wharton Business Foundations Capstone Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Coursera.org (Online)	May 2021
<b>Introduction to Financial Accounting - Course and Certificate</b> Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Coursera.org (Online)	May 2021
<b>Introduction to Corporate Finance - Course and Certificate</b> Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Coursera.org (Online)	May 2021
<b>Introduction to Operations Management - Course and Certificate</b> Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Coursera.org (Online)	April 2021
<b>Managing Social and Human Capital - Course and Certificate</b> Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Coursera.org (Online)	April 2021
<b>Certificate of Professional Development, Innovative Educators Virtual Summit</b> Hawkes Learning	March 2021
<b>University of Tampa Online Teaching Certification and Training to teach online and hybrid classes</b> The University of Tampa’s New Teaching Institute	Aug. 2020
<b>ALICE Basic Certification for Universities</b> ALICE Training Institute	Sept. 2020
<b>Integrity in STEM Online Testing</b> (Certificate of completion of a workshop) Hawkes Learning	Aug. 2020
<b>Maintaining Integrity</b> (Certificate of completion of a workshop) Hawkes Learning	July 2020
<b>Trading Spaces: Designing a Virtual Learning Space</b> (Certificate of completion of a workshop) Hawkes Learning	July 2020
<b>Leveraging Zoom Tools for Collaboration</b> (Certificate of completion of a workshop) Hawkes Learning	June 2020
<b>Principle of Marketing - Course and Certificate</b>	April 2020

Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Coursera.org (Online)

**Case Writers Workshop**

July 2019 and July 2020

Society for Case Research (SCR)

**Elsevier Research Academy Course (Online)**

Dec. 2018 – Jan. 2019

Certificates: Fundamentals of Manuscript Preparation, Writing Skills, Technical Writing Skills, Book Writing, Five Diseases Ailing Research and How to Cure Them

**Preparing for College Teaching Course and Certificate**

June – July 2016

Academy for Teaching and Learning Excellence (ATLE) at USF

**Social and Behavioral Conduct of Research Course and Certificate**

Sept. 2015

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program), University of Miami

**Youth Empowerment Initiative**

May 2008

Seminar for writing and managing projects and development of a project with approved financing, American University in Bulgaria

**CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

**AEF Conference (Presenter)**

Febr. 2025

"Using engaging activities to enhance student mental wellness in introductory economics classes", Pensacola, FL

**SEA Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (Presenter, Invited)**

Nov. 2024

("From Startup to Success: Using Gen Z Entrepreneurs to Teach Economics")

**National Economic Teaching Association (NETA) conference, Nashville, TN (Presenter)**

Oct. 2024

("From Startup to Success: Using Gen Z Entrepreneurs to Teach Economics")

**Symposium on Economics Teaching, Journal of Economics Teaching, Blacksburg, VA (Speaker)**

Aug. 2024

(2 presentations: "Female Influencers: The Economics behind the Millions" & "From Startup to Success: Using Gen Z Entrepreneurs to Teach Economics")

**Economic Education Network for Experiments (EENE) first annual meeting**

June 2024

(Discussion, Team leader: "Content-based intervention" team, Team presenter)

**AEF Conference (Presenter & discussant)**

Febr. 2024

"Female Influencers: The story behind the millions", Charleston, SC

**Lunch & Learn Presentation at the University of Tampa**

Jan. 2024

"A story of experiential learning and student engagement" (Invited)

**SACSCOC Conference (conference & two workshops), Orlando, FL**

Dec. 2023

**National Economic Teaching Association (NETA) conference, Charlotte, NC (Presenter)**

Nov. 2023

(The Science of Learning and Teaching Economics)

**Professional Development Series, Center for Teaching and Learning at the Univ. of Tampa (Presenter)**

Sept. 2023

(What do we know from the Science of Learning, and How can we apply the knowledge in the classroom?)

**Symposium on Economics Teaching, Journal of Economics Teaching, Newport, KY (Speaker)** Aug. 2023  
 ("Choice: Economics Materials for Success" on Substack: Worksheets based on recent and interesting news articles to improve interest, retention of information and engagement in Principles of Economics classes)

**Annual Virtual TeachECONference, Centre for Teaching and Learning Economics, London, UK (Speaker)** June 2023  
 ("Choice: Economics Materials for Success" on Substack: Worksheets based on recent and interesting news articles and real-world applications to improve understanding, interest, retention of information and engagement in Principles of Economics classes; [Engaging Students through Compelling Curriculum – Centre for Teaching and Learning Economics \(ctale.org\)](https://ctale.org))

**Economics and Finance Teacher Training Program (Speaker)** Febr. 2023  
 "Real-world applications and interactive practice to improve understanding, interest, retention of information and engagement in Principles of Economics classes", *Academy of Economics and Finance*, Orlando, FL

**AEF Conference (Presenter & discussant)** Febr. 2023  
 "Effect of military service on fertility: Evidence from the 2001 draft suspension in Spain", Orlando, FL

**34th Annual Teaching Economics Conference (Presenter)** Febr. 2023  
 "Choice: Economics Materials for Success on Substack: Worksheets based on recent and interesting news articles and real-world applications to improve understanding, interest, retention of information and engagement in Principles of Economics classes"

**Women in Economics Symposium: Role Models Matter** (Organized by St. Louis Fed) Febr. 2023

**COB Faculty Research Day (Presenter)** March 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023  
*University of Tampa*, Virtual (2021), Cancelled (2020), Tampa, FL (2019, 2022, 2023)

**AEF Conference (Presenter & discussant)** Febr. 2022  
 "Compulsory education and fertility: Evidence from Poland's education reform in 1956", Virtual

**AUBG 30 Multidisciplinary Conference** Oct. 2021  
*American University in Bulgaria* (virtual)

**Innovative Educators Summit (Speaker)** March 2021  
*Hawkes Learning* (virtual)

**Economics and Finance Teacher Training Program (Speaker)** Febr. 2021  
*Academy of Economics and Finance* (virtual)

**Student Success Forum 2020 (Speaker)** Sept. 2020  
*Times Higher Education*, London, UK (virtual)

**Education Transformation 2020 Hawkes Learning Workshop Series (Speaker)** Sept. 2020  
 "Learning by doing, incentive alignment, and low-stress grading"

**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Case Writers Workshop/ SCR conference** July 2020  
 "To Present or Not: Are Students Rational?", Virtual

**EEA Conference (Presenter & discussant)** Febr. 2020  
 "More and None? Children and Parental Well-Being: A Bimodal Outcome from an Instrumental Variable Approach", Boston, MA



<b>AEF 57<sup>th</sup> Conference</b>	Febr. 2020
"More and None? Children and Parental Well-Being: A Bimodal Outcome from an Instrumental Variable Approach", Atlanta, GA	
<b>SEA 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (Presenter &amp; chair)</b>	Nov. 2019
"The Effect of Parental and Grandparental Supervision Time Investment on Children's Early-Age Development", Ft. Lauderdale, FL	
<b>41<sup>st</sup> Annual Case Writers Workshop/ Society for Case Research (SCS) conference</b>	July 2019
The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL	
<b>AEF Conference, St. Petersburg, FL</b>	Febr. 2019
<b>Presentation at USF (dissertation defense)</b>	Aug. 2018
"Essays on Family-Friendly Policies, Child Planning and Children's Early-Age Outcomes", Tampa, FL	
<b>IABE Conference</b>	March 2018
"The Effect of Birth Rate on Inflation and Growth: An IV Approach", West Palm Beach, FL	
<b>IAABR and Academic OASIS Intl. Conference on Business, Economics, Finance and Accounting</b>	Jan. 2018
"The Effect of Market Power on Labor Earnings in the Manufacturing Sector in the US", Key West, FL	
<b>Presentation at USF</b>	Dec. 2017
"Another Baby? The Effect of Maternity Leave Laws on the Likelihood of Planning A Child", Tampa, FL	
<b>IAABR and Academic OASIS Intl. Conference on Business, Economics, Finance and Accounting</b>	Jan. 2016
"The Relationship Between Wage, Productivity and Unemployment in the Business and the Manufacturing Sectors in the US", Miami Beach, FL	
<b>IABE conference</b>	March 2015
"The Dutch Disease, Financial Development and Economic Growth in the Manufacturing Sector: A Comparative Analysis between Norway and the United Kingdom", Orlando, FL	
<b>Invitation for participation in the 14th Annual Carroll Round Conference (paper accepted)</b>	March 2015
Georgetown University	
<b>Presentation at the American University in Bulgaria</b>	Dec. 2014
Senior Thesis defense in Economics, B.A.	

<b>AWARDS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS</b>
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<b>"Choice: Economics materials for success" featured in TRECC economics newsletter</b>	March 2023
<a href="https://www.aeaweb.org/about-aea/committees/economic-education/community-college-resources/econ-faculty">https://www.aeaweb.org/about-aea/committees/economic-education/community-college-resources/econ-faculty</a> or <a href="https://serc.carleton.edu/econ/2yc/index.html#newsletters">https://serc.carleton.edu/econ/2yc/index.html#newsletters</a>	
<b>Dean's Researcher of the Year Award</b>	April 2022
Sykes College of Business, The University of Tampa	
<b>Graduate Presidential Fellowship</b>	2015 – 2018

University of South Florida

**Award for Outstanding Achievements in Economics** April 2015  
Honors Convocation, American University in Bulgaria

**Best Research Publication in Journal Award** March 2015  
*Journal of International Finance and Economics*

**International Academy of Business and Economics, Membership Award** March 2015

**CERGE – EI Prague, New Economics Talent 2015 Competition** March 2015  
Paper placed among the top 15 papers in Economics

**AUBG President’s and Dean’s List** Dec. 2011 – May 2015  
American University in Bulgaria

**Poetry award “Best Poets of 2012”, World Poetry Movement** March 2013

**International Essay Contest for Young People 2013, Goi Peace Foundation and UNESCO** July 2013

**Valedictorian of Class 2011, CGPA: 6/6** May 2011  
High School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences “Acad. S. P. Korolyov”, Bulgaria

**Best culinary award, category “Desserts,” American University in Bulgaria** Dec. 2011

**Prize for considerable achievements and excellent marks during all school years** June 2011  
High School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences “Acad. S. P. Korolyov”, Bulgaria

**Spring/ Easter Mathematical Contest, Bulgaria** April 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007  
**First place** (2010, 2009 and 2007), **Second place** (2011 and 2008)

**Winter/ Christmas Mathematical Contest, Bulgaria** Dec. 2009, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004 and 2003  
**First place** (2009, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004), **Third place** (2003)

**Mathematical Contest “Todor Chimev”, Bulgaria** April 2009  
**First place**

**First Regional IT Contest “John Atanasov”** Dec. 2008  
Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, SKILLS AND SERVICE

**Academy of Economics and Finance - Director** 2024 – Present

**Economic Education Network for Experiments (EENE) – Member** 2024 – Present

**Book & Textbook reviewer, Palgrave Macmillan** 2024 - Present

- Intermediate Microeconomics Problem solver (Febr. 2024)
- Intermediate Economics with a Global Perspective – Textbook (March 2024)

<b>IZA Institute of Labor Economics Research Affiliate</b>	2021 – Present
<b>CSWEP Liaison for the University of Tampa</b>	2019 – Present
<b>Academy of Economics and Finance - Teaching Fellow Committee</b>	2021 – Present
<b>Professional memberships:</b>	
○ Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP)	2019 – Present
○ Academy of Economic and Finance (AEF)	2018 – Present
○ Golden Key International Honor Society (members: top 15% of their class)	2018 – Present
○ European Association of Labour Economists	2018 – Present
○ World Economics Association (WEA)	2019 – Present
○ Southern Economic Association (SEA), Eastern Economic Association (EEA), Member of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)	2019 – Present
Member of the <b>Editorial Review Board</b> of the <i>Journal of Case Studies</i>	2021 – 2023
Economics department <b>program review report</b> , The University of Tampa	January – April 2022
Online UT Courses - <b>Reviewer</b>	Oct./Nov. 2023, March 2024
Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) proposals – <b>Reviewer</b>	Febr. 2021, 2022
Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (URI) Committee, The University of Tampa	
URI grant applications – <b>Reviewer</b>	Sept. 2021, 2022
Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Committee, The University of Tampa	
<b>AEF conference discussant</b>	Febr. 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
<b>Interview</b> , <i>The Daily Texan</i> ( <a href="#">article here</a> )	Nov. 2024
<b>Student supervisor (supervised research)</b> (Matheus Neves)	2023 - 2024
<b>Computer skills:</b> Statistical software (Stata, R), Microsoft office, Adobe package, Canva	
<b>Language skills:</b>	
○ <b>Fluent:</b> Bulgarian, English	
○ <b>Intermediate:</b> Spanish, Russian, Macedonian	
<b>Personal skills:</b> organizational and planning skills, quick learning, critical thinking, analytical skills, communication skills, efficient issue resolution, attention to detail	
<b>Academic service:</b>	
○ Senior thesis committee member – Student: Blake Baase (ACC)	Sept. 2024 – Present
○ Coordinator, E-Proficiency Profile test, UTampa	July 2023 – Present
○ Assessment of the Spartan Studies program at the University of Tampa	July 2023 – Present
○ Assessment of First-year studies at the University of Tampa	January 2024 – Present
○ COB Student Research Day 2021 – Organizer, Host	April 2021, 2023
○ COB Student Research Day 2020 – Judge, Coordinator, Organizer	April 2020
○ COB Student Research Day 2024 – Judge	April 2024
○ <b>UTampa COB Committees:</b> Student Committee (Student Research Day Sub-Committee) (2024 – Present, 2019 – 2023)	

- **UTampa Committees:** First-Year Committee (Aug. 2024 – Present, Aug. 2019 – May 2020; Standing invite: Spring 2024), Spartan Studies Committee (Aug. 2023 – May 2024, Ex-officio), Online Teaching and Learning Committee (Aug. 2023 – May 2024), Activities Committee (2023 – Present), Undergraduate Research Committee (2020 – May 2023), Accessibility Committee (Aug. 2018 – May 2023)
- Listening Group Participant, Values to Action: UT's Task Force on DEI at UTampa (2020 – 2021)
- Panelist for the graduate student orientation at USF Aug. 2016
- CAS Computer Committee at USF (Member) Aug. 2017 – Aug. 2018
- AUBG Student Commencement Committee (Member) 2015

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