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Positions

Academic

2011 (Spring) University of Chicago
Visiting Professor

2007-present George Mason University
Assistant Professor of Economics

2007-present Mercatus Center
Research Fellow

Other

2010-present Joint Advisory Board of Economists for Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell
Member

2010-present Center for Economic Progress
External Consultant

Primary research fields

Political economy, economics of science, experimental economics

Education

PhD Economics, University of Chicago, 2007

MA Economics, University of Chicago, 2003

BA Economics, University of Cambridge (Queens' College), 2001, *1st class honours*

Publications

Al-Ubaydli, O. (2012). "Natural resources and the tradeoff between authoritarianism and development," *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 81(1).

Al-Ubaydli, O. (2011). "How large looms the ghost of the past? State-dependence vs. heterogeneity in the stag hunt," *Southern Economic Journal*, 78(2).

Al-Ubaydli, O. and M. S. Lee (2011). "Can tailored communications motivate environmental volunteers? A field experiment," *American Economic Review* (Papers and Proceedings), 101(3).

Al-Ubaydli, O., U. Gneezy, J. List and M. S. Lee (2010). "Toward and understanding of the relative strengths of positive and negative reciprocity," *Judgment and Decision Making*. 5(7).

Al-Ubaydli, O. and M. S. Lee (2009). "An experimental study of asymmetric reciprocity." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. 72 (2).

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

"Do you reward and punish in the way others expect you to?," (joint with Min Sok Lee). Revision requested at *Journal of Socio-Economics*.

"Markets as economizers of information: Field experimental examination of the 'Hayek Hypothesis'," (joint with Peter Boettke). Revision requested at *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

"The nature of excess: using randomized treatments to investigate price dynamics," (joint with John List and Mike Price). NBER working paper 16319. *Under review*.

"For love or money: testing non-pecuniary and pecuniary incentive schemes in a field experiment," (joint with Steffen Andersen, Uri Gneezy and John List). *Under review*.

"Does Hayek travel well in the field?," (joint with Peter Boettke). *Under review*.

"Patience, cognitive skill and coordination in the repeated stag hunt," (joint with Garrett Jones and Jaap Weel). MPRA working paper 27723. *Under review*.

"Can tailored communications motivate volunteers? A field experiment," (joint with Min Sok Lee). MPRA working paper 30343. *Under review*.

"The causal effect of market participation on trust: An experimental investigation using randomized control," (joint with Dan Houser, John Nye, Maria Paganelli and Xiaofei Pan). ICES Discussion Paper. *Under review*.

“Intelligence, patience and cooperation: An experimental study,” (joint with Garrett Jones and Jaap Weel).

“On the generalizability of experimental results,” (joint with John List).

Work in progress

“An experimental test of the resource curse,” (joint with Kevin McCabe and Peter Twieg).

“Efficient bargaining,” (joint with Martin Santamaria and Hugo Sonnenschein).

“Regulation and growth,” (joint with Patrick McLaughlin).

“Trade and personality,” (joint with James Heckman, John List and Mike Price).

“Markets and social preference,” (joint with Jeff Livingstone and Mike Price).

“Volunteering and charitable contributions,” (joint with Mike Yeomans).

Newspaper articles

"إغواء التحليح السطحي للإنتاجية", Akhbar Al-Khaleej, 2/6/2011

Grants

George Mason University Faculty Development Award 2009 (\$4,000)

George Mason University Faculty Development Award 2007 (\$5,000)

Honours/awards

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

BA econometrics, BA microeconomics, BA experimental economics, MA micro, PhD mathematical economics, PhD experimental labor economics, PhD experimental economics.

PhD students who have graduated under my supervision: Abdirahman Abdi (Islamic banking, 2010), Jason Aimone (economic psychology and mechanism design, 2011; placement: post-doc at Virginia Tech.), Jason Arentz (experimental political economy), Mark Troutman (international finance, 2009; placement: National Defense University), Andrew Wallen (price dispersion and insurgent violence, 2011; placement: Pentagon).

PhD students currently under my supervision: Nakul Kumar (natural disaster political economy in India), William Luther (money and banking), Xiaofei Pan (behavioral economics), Richard Wallick (agent-based modelling).

Committee work

George Mason University: internal assessment committee; graduate placement officer for the economics department (output included creating a secure, internal wiki for students); economics department faculty website contact; economics department undergraduate curriculum committee; economics department hiring committee, guest lecturer at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, several minor committee posts and examination committee work.

Academic activities

Referee: American Economic Review, Environment and Development Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, European Economic Review, Experimental Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Resource Economics, National Science Foundation, Public Library of Science: Medicine, Public Choice, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Southern Economic Journal.

Academic Review Committee Membership: Institute for Humane Studies Humane Studies Fellowship (2011).

Invited presentations

2011: NHLBI Global Health Initiative 5th Semi-Annual Steering Committee Meeting, Research Unbound Through Open Access (George Mason University)

2010: Purdue University (Krannert School)

2009: University of California at San Diego (Rady School), University of Tennessee at Knoxville (Econ. dept.)

2008: University of Nevada at Reno (Ag. Econ. dept.), Copenhagen Business School

2005: George Mason University (Contentious Politics Workshop), University of Maryland at College Park (Ag. Econ. dept.)

Conference presentations

2011: American Economic Association meetings (Denver), Economic Science Association meetings (Chicago), Southern Economic Association meetings (Washington DC)

2010: Southern Economic Association meetings (Atlanta)

2009: Economic Science Association meetings (International)

2008: Economic Science Association meetings (North America)

2006: Economic Science Association meetings (North America), Economic Science Association (Europe)

2005: Conference on Structure and Evolution of Institutions (Stanford University)

Media citations

1/12/2011: 8pm News on Bahrain TV. Asked to comment upon private-public sector partnership.
1/9/2011: Isbu'iyat on Bahrain TV. Interview about appointment to JABE.
12/20/2010: Al-Bilad Newspaper (Bahrain). Article about appointment to JABE.
12/14/2010: Aswaq Newspaper (Bahrain). Article about appointment to JABE.
12/8/2010: Akbhar Al-Khaleej Newspaper (Bahrain). Article about appointment to JABE.
12/7/2010: Al-Watan Newspaper (Bahrain). Article about appointment to JABE.
12/7/2010: Al-Ayyam Newspaper (Bahrain). Article about appointment to JABE.
7/7/2010: Al-Watan Newspaper (Bahrain). Interview about Bahraini economic affairs.
12/10/2008: Al-Waqt Newspaper (Bahrain). Article about the PLoS Medicine piece.
10/11/2008: The Economist. Article about the PLoS Medicine piece. Appeared on the cover.

Voluntary work

2008-present Ronald McDonald House Charities
Young Professionals Auxiliary Council (YPAC) Webmaster
Red Shoe Run Committee Member
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

Languages

Arabic (fluent), English (fluent), French (working knowledge), German (basic).