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Research and Teaching Fields

Applied Econometrics, Health Economics, Industrial Organization

Education

Ph.D. Economics, 2016	<i>Florida International University</i>	Miami, FL
Dissertation Topic: "Essays in Retail and Regional Economics"		
Major Adviser: Hakan Yilmazkuday		
M.A. Economics, 2013	<i>Florida International University</i>	Miami, FL
B.A. Economics, 2007	<i>University of Florida</i>	Gainesville, FL

Experience

Assistant Professor	<i>Farmingdale State College</i>	2016 – Present
Instructor of Record	<i>Florida International University</i>	2013 – 2016
Graduate Teaching Assistant	<i>Florida International University</i>	2011– 2016

Peer Reviewed Publications

Preprints available at www.davidvitt.com/research

1. "Trigger Warning: The Causal Impact of Gun Ownership on Suicide" joint with Alexander McQuoid and students
 - *Applied Economics*, Volume 50, Issue 53 pp. 5747-5765.
 - <https://doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2018.1488064>
2. "Estimating the Impact of E-Commerce on Retail Exit and Entry Using Google Trends"
 - *Economics Bulletin*, Volume 40, Issue 1 pp. 679-688
3. "Estimating the Impact of Shuttle Launches on Regional Economic Activity"
 - *Space Policy* Vol. 46 p.1-8
 - <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.spacepol.2018.03.006>

4. “ Does fiat-to-Bitcoin exchange activity lead to increased user-to-user Bitcoin transaction activity?”
 - *Academy of Economics and Finance Journal* Volume 8 2018, p. 71-76
5. “ Does fiat-to-Bitcoin exchange activity lead to increased user-to-user Bitcoin transaction activity?”
 - Also appearing in the *Applied Economics Research Bulletin Peer Reviewed Working Paper Series*

Working Papers

Working papers available at www.davidvitt.com/research

1. “Public Safety, Private Harm: The Impact of Police Militarization on Mortality” joint with Alexander McQuoid
 - Revision Requested, *Health Economics*
2. “Auction Fever: Questionably Rational Bidding Behavior and Reappraising the Deadweight Loss of Christmas ”
 - Revision Requested, *Review of Industrial Organization*
3. “The Social Costs of Trade: Death and Declining Distance” joint with Alexander McQuoid (Under Review)

Papers in Progress

1. “Fatal Tradeoffs: Child Mortality and the Unintended Consequences of Fighting the Opioid Epidemic”
2. “The Effects of Task Assignments on Budget Welfare with Ex-Post Auditing” with Doug Nikias

Media Appearances

1. “Ask the Experts: Secured Credit Cards” expert opinion piece for WalletHub.com, November 2019.
2. “Ask the Experts: Best Credit Cards for Students” expert opinion piece for WalletHub.com, May 2019.
3. “LI jobless at 3.1%” interviewed and quoted in Newsday, November 2018.
4. “Ask the Experts: Credit Cards for Fair-Credit” expert opinion piece for WalletHub.com, November 2018.
5. “Ask the Experts: Credit-Checking Tips” expert opinion piece for WalletHub.com, March 2018.
6. “ LI experts weigh in on stock market’s volatility” interviewed and quoted, Newsday, February 2018.

7. “4 in 10 millennial Long Islanders now live with relatives: Survey” interviewed and quoted, Newsday, January 2018.
8. “Do Free Credit Reports Matter?” expert opinion piece for WalletHub.com. May 2017.
9. “A Spectator’s Guide to Bitcoin Futures” *Bitcoin Magazine* March 2014 Vol. 20 p. 14-17

Conference Activity

47th Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, February 2021, (Held virtually via Zoom)

- Presented “Public Safety, Private Harm: The Impact of Police Militarization on Mortality”
- Chair, Public Economics I session

73rd New York State Economic Association Conference, October 2020, (Held virtually via Zoom)

- Presented “Fatal Tradeoffs: Child Mortality and the Unintended Consequences of Fighting the Opioid Epidemic”
- Chair, Health, Education, Welfare Economics: II session.

72nd New York State Economic Association Conference, October 2019, Rochester NY

- Judge, Undergraduate Paper Competition.
- Invited to present “The Social Costs of Trade: Death and Declining Distance”
- Discussant, International Trade session

56th Academy of Economics and Finance Conference February 2019, St. Pete Beach FL

- Invited to present “Public Safety, Private Harm: The Impact of Police Militarization on Mortality”

71st New York State Economic Association Conference, October 2018, Rochester NY

- Judge, Undergraduate Paper Competition.
- Invited to present “Public Safety, Private Harm: The Impact of Police Militarization on Mortality”
- Discussant, Public Policy session

55th Academy of Economics and Finance Conference, February 2018, Houston TX

- Presented “The Social Costs of Trade: Death and Declining Distance” in International Trade session.
- Judge, MBA Paper Competition
- Recipient “Best Conference Paper Award” for previous years’ work.

2018 ASSA Annual Meeting, January 2018, Philadelphia PA

- Presented “Trigger Warning: The Causal Impact of Gun Ownership on Suicide” in AEA session “The Economics of Controversial Policies and Unintended Consequences”

70th New York State Economic Association Conference, October 2017, Farmingdale NY

- Judge, Undergraduate Paper Competition.
- Chair, Industrial Organization session.
- Discussant, Mathematical and Quantitative Methods session

43rd Eastern Economic Association Conference, February 2017, New York NY

- Presented “Trigger Warning: The Causal Impact of Gun Ownership on Suicide” in Public Economics session.
- Chair and Discussant Public Economics session.
- De facto Chair “Growth and Distribution Effects of Public Finance and War”

54th Academy of Economics and Finance Conference, February 2017, Charleston SC

- Presented “Trigger Warning: The Causal Impact of Gun Ownership on Suicide” in Microeconomics I session.
- Presented “Does fiat-to-Bitcoin exchange activity lead to increased user-to-user Bitcoin transaction activity?” in Microeconomics II session.
- Chair and Discussant Microeconomics 1 session.
- Discussant Microeconomics 3 session.

69th New York State Economic Association Conference, Farmingdale NY

- Presented “Auction Fever: Evidence of Questionably Rational Bidding Behavior and Reappraising the Deadweight Loss of Christmas” in Microeconomics section
- Discussant Microeconomics session.

85th Southern Economic Association Meeting, November 2015, New Orleans LA

- Chair “Pricing and Retail” session.
- Presented “The Empirical Relationships Between Travel Costs, Internet Use Intensity, and Retail Market Structure” in “Pricing and Retail” session.
- Presented “Regional Effects of Industry Privatization” in “Small-scale and Local Entrepreneurship” session.
- Presented “Retail Firm Size and the Spatial Distribution of Income” in “Topics in the Economics of Consumption and Saving” session.
- Discussant “Housing Markets” session.

52nd Academy of Economics and Finance Conference, February 2015, Jacksonville FL

- Presented “The Empirical Relationships Between Travel Costs, Internet Use Intensity, and Retail Market Structure” in “Special Topics in Econometrics” session
- Presented “Regional Effects of Industry Privatization” in Microeconomic Outcomes session
- Chair “Microeconomic Outcomes” session.

84th Southern Economic Association Meeting, November 2014 , Atlanta GA

- Presented “The Empirical Relationships Between Travel Costs, Internet Use Intensity, and Retail Market Structure” in E-commerce and Retail Pricing session
- Discussant E-commerce and Retail Pricing session.

Awards and Honors

2017 Best Conference Paper, Academy of Economics and Finance

Service to the Profession

Referee, Growth and Change: A Journal of Urban and Regional Policy

Referee, Economics Bulletin

Referee, Space Policy

Referee, Journal of Economics and Finance

Referee, New York Economic Review

Referee, Academy of Economics and Finance Journal

Editor, *New York Economic Review* 2017-Present

Member, Board of Directors, New York State Economic Association 2017-2018

Institutional Service

Nominations Committee Chair, University Faculty Senate 2021-Present

Faculty Senator, Farmingdale State College 2019 - Present

Tech Sector Representative, University Faculty Senate Executive Committee 2021 - Present

Associate Provost Search Committee Member, Farmingdale State College 2021

Governance Committee Member, University Faculty Senate 2020-Present

Assistant Provost Search Committee Member, Farmingdale State College 2019

Operations Committee Member, University Faculty Senate 2017-20

Farmingdale Executive Committee Member 2018-Present

Calendar Committee Secretary, Farmingdale State College 2018-19

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Search Committee Member, Dept. of Economics, Farmingdale State College 2016-17

Curriculum Committee Member, Dept. of Economics, Farmingdale State College 2016-Present

Dept. of Computer Systems Search Committee Member 2019

Software Proficiency

R, Stata, Mathematica, L^AT_EX

Memberships

American Economic Association

Royal Economic Society

National Economic Education Delegation

Eastern Economic Association

Academy of Economics and Finance

New York State Economic Association