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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2002
Advisors: Daron Acemoglu and Olivier Blanchard

B.A. (Economics), Highest Honors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1996

EMPLOYMENT

University of Missouri, Department of Economics
Associate Professor, September 2009–
Assistant Professor, August 2002–August 2009

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

United States Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies
Research Associate, August 2011–

VISITING POSITIONS

United States Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies
ASA/NSF/Census Research Fellow, August 2010–July 2011

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Research Department
Visiting Scholar, May 2009, September 2008, November 2007

University of California–Berkeley, Haas School of Business
Visiting Scholar, August 2005–July 2006

Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Research Department
Visiting Scholar, June–December 2003

Hebrew University, Department of Economics
Visiting Lecturer, May–June 2003

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. Basker, Emek. Raising the Barcode Scanner: Technology and Productivity in the Retail Sector, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* (forthcoming)
2. Basker, Emek, Shawn Klimek and Pham Hoang Van. Supersize It: The Growth of Retail Chains and the Rise of the “Big Box” Retail Format, *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy* (forthcoming)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

3. Basker, Emek. Does Wal-Mart Sell Inferior Goods?, *Economic Inquiry* 49:4 (October 2011) 973-981
4. Basker, Emek and Pham Hoang Van. Imports “Я” Us: Retail Chains as Platforms for Developing-Country Imports, *American Economic Review (Papers and Proceedings)* 100:2 (May 2010) 414–418
5. Basker, Emek and Michael Noel. The Evolving Food Chain: Competitive Effects of Wal-Mart’s Entry into the Supermarket Industry, *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy* 18:4 (Winter 2009) 977–1009
6. Basker, Emek. The Causes and Consequences of Wal-Mart’s Growth, *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 21:3 (Summer 2007) 177–198
7. Basker, Emek. ’Twas Four Weeks before Christmas: Retail Sales and the Length of the Christmas Shopping Season, *Economics Letters* 89:3 (December 2005) 317–322
8. Basker, Emek. Selling a Cheaper Mousetrap: Wal-Mart’s Effect on Retail Prices, *Journal of Urban Economics* 58:2 (September 2005) 203–229
9. Basker, Emek. Job Creation or Destruction? Labor-Market Effects of Wal-Mart Expansion, *Review of Economics and Statistics* 87:1 (February 2005) 174–183

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Basker, Emek. The Economics of Wal-Mart, in *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics Online*, ed. by Steven Durlauf and Lawrence Blume, Palgrave Macmillan (online December 2009)

WORKING PAPERS

1. Basker, Emek and Pham Hoang Van. Putting a Smiley Face on the Dragon: Wal-Mart as Catalyst to U.S.–China Trade, University of Missouri Department of Economics Working Paper 07-10
2. Basker, Emek. When Good Instruments Go Bad: A Reply to Neumark, Zhang, and Ciccarella, University of Missouri Department of Economics Working Paper 07-06
3. Basker, Emek. Education, Job Search and Migration, University of Missouri Department of Economics Working Paper 02-16

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

ASA/NSF/Census Research Fellowship, August 2010–July 2011
 University of Missouri Arts & Sciences Alumni Organization, 2009
 University of Missouri Economic and Policy Analysis Research Center, 2009, 2008, 2007
 University of Missouri Research Board, 2008, 2004
 University of Missouri Faculty International Travel Grant, 2008
 University of Missouri Arts & Sciences Assistant Professor Travel Fund, 2007, 2006
 Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Dissertation Fellowship, August–November, 2001
 MIT Graduate Fellowship, 1997–1999

HONORS AND AWARDS

Journal of Urban Economics 2004–2008 Highly Cited Author Award, 2009
 MIT Graduate Student Council Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Graduate Level, 2001
 Economics Graduate Student Prize, MIT Department of Economics, 2001
 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, 1995

STUDENT ADVISING (PRINCIPAL ADVISOR)

Muhammad Khan (University of Missouri, PhD, ongoing)
 Matthew Sveum (University of Missouri, MA, graduated 2009)
 Andrew Shepler (University of Missouri, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, graduated 2009)
 Patrick McNamara (University of Missouri, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, graduated 2008)
 Alan Simpson (U of Missouri, Undergraduate Mentorship/Honors Thesis, completed 2008)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate courses (Ph.D. level):

- Advanced Game Theory (University of Missouri, 2004, 2003, 2002)
- Topics course: Economic History of the U.S. Retail Sector (University of Missouri, 2011)
- Seminar in Macroeconomics (University of Missouri, 2005, 2004, 2003)
- Mini-Course on Credit Market Imperfections (Hebrew University, 2003)
- Teaching Assistant to Profs. Peter Diamond, Glenn Ellison, Franklin Fisher, and Eric Maskin, Graduate Microeconomics (MIT, 1999–2002)

Graduate courses (M.A. level):

- Economic Analysis for Public Policy (University of Missouri, 2008, 2007)
- Game Theory (University of Missouri, 2011, 2009)

Undergraduate courses:

- Industrial Organization (University of Missouri, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2005)
- Honors Intermediate Microeconomics (University of Missouri, 2007, 2006)
- Intermediate Microeconomics (University of Missouri, 2012, 2009, 2006)
- Capstone Seminar for Economics Majors (University of Missouri, 2004)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Invited seminars (last five years):

- 2011–12: University of Texas–Arlington, Iowa State University
 2010–11: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis, Federal Trade Commission, Department of Justice, George Washington University, University of Delaware, Census Bureau
 2009–10: Clemson University, University of British Columbia (Sauder/Strategy and Business Economics)
 2008–09: University of Maryland, Washington University in St. Louis, Census Bureau, INSEAD, London Business School (Strategy), Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
 2007–08: Norwegian University of Science and Technology, University of Milan, Hebrew University, University of Illinois–Chicago, DePaul University, Cornell University

Academic conference presentations (last five years):

- 2011–12: NBER Universities Research Conference on Insurance Markets and Catastrophe Risks (Cambridge, MA); NBER Patents, Standards and Innovation Conference (Tucson, AZ); Association for Social Economics/ASSA[†] (Chicago)
 2010–11: Searle Center Conference on Entrepreneurship and Innovation[†] (Chicago); NBER Patents, Standards and Innovation Pre-Conference (Cambridge, MA); International Industrial Organization Conference (Boston); American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association/ASSA[†] (Denver); Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Micro Data (London)
 2009–10: American Economic Association (Atlanta)
 2008–09: International Industrial Organization Conference (Boston); Missouri Economic Conference (Columbia, MO)
 2007–08: Endogenous Market Structures and Industrial Policy (Milan); MIT Sloan BPS Mini Conference (Cambridge, MA); RPI Marketing and Innovation Mini Conference (Troy, NY); Quantitative Marketing and Economics (Chicago)

[†] Discussant only

Invited non-academic talks:

- 2008–09: Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, NC)
 2007–08: Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Conference on Economics of Geography: Cities, Growth, and Economic Development (Cleveland)
 2006–07: University of Missouri Economics Undergraduate Student Association Wal-Mart Event (Columbia, MO)
 2005–06: Industry Canada Global Supply Chains Conference (Ottawa); Global Insight: Measuring Wal-Mart's Impact on the U.S. Economy (Washington, DC)

Ad hoc referee:

American Agricultural Economics Journal, American Economic Review, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Development Quarterly, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Agricultural Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Industrial Organization, Southern Economic Journal

Ad hoc reviewer:

National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, University of Missouri Research Board, U.S. Census Bureau

Professional service:

- 2011–12: Program Committee, 10th Annual International Industrial Organization Conference (IIOC), Washington DC; Scientific Committee, 11th International Comparative Analysis of Enterprise (Micro) Data (CAED) Conference, Nuremberg, Germany
- 2010–11: Program Committee, 9th Annual International Industrial Organization Conference (IIOC), Boston; Scientific Committee, 10th International Comparative Analysis of Enterprise (Micro) Data (CAED) Conference, London
- 2009–10: Program Committee, 8th Annual International Industrial Organization Conference (IIOC), Vancouver

Department service:

- 2011–12: Faculty Awards Committee (chair), Junior Faculty Mentoring
- 2010–11: (on leave)
- 2009–10: Seminar Coordinator, Faculty Awards Committee (chair), Junior Faculty Mentoring
- 2008–09: Seminar Coordinator, Brown Bag Lunch Coordinator, Junior Faculty Mentoring
- 2007–08: Brown Bag Lunch Coordinator
- 2006–07: Brown Bag Lunch Coordinator, Junior Faculty Recruiting
- 2005–06: (on leave)
- 2004–05: Brown Bag Lunch Coordinator
- 2003–04: Brown Bag Lunch Coordinator

Selected press coverage:

- “Are Wal-Mart’s Products Normal?” *Freakonomics* blog, May 29, 2008
- “Opening up the Big Box” *The Economist*, February 23, 2006
- “Who Says Wal-Mart is Bad for Cities?” *Business Week*, May 10, 2004