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Education

Ph.D., Economics (*Honors*), University of Kansas, 2019
Dissertation: *Contributions to Antitrust Economics*.
M.A., Economics, University of Kansas, 2016
B.Sc., Economics (*Honors*), Ibmec – MG, Brazil, 2012
B.A., European Management (*Honors*), Université de Strasbourg, France, 2011

Fields of Interest

Antitrust and Competition, Industrial Organization, Economic Impact

Select Professional Experience

Economists Incorporated
Senior Economist, 2019 – Present

University of Kansas – Economics Department
Instructor, 2014 – 2019

Ultragas AS
Senior Pricing Analyst, 2011 – 2013
Mergers, Acquisitions and Other Restructuring Activities Analyst, 2012-2013

Selected Matters

Healthcare

Several private litigation matters involving negotiation of payment rates between insurance companies and hospital groups in California. (2019, 2020)

Private litigation matter involving physician privileges and hospital staffing (2020).

Energy

Energy Texas, Inc., FERC Docket No. EC20-85-000 (2020). Entergy Texas' proposed acquisition of the Hardin County Peaking Power.

NRG Energy Inc. proposed acquisition of Direct Energy (2020).

Several analyses on behalf of merging parties for Hart-Scott-Rodino review of electric utility transactions occurring in NERC regions SERC and MISO, and also market definitions in SOCO, WOTAB, DUK, etc. (2019, 2020)

Analysis on behalf of merging parties for Hart-Scott-Rodino review of electric utility transactions occurring in NERC region WECC and SERC, with horizontal competition considerations in the Natural Gas market. (2020)

Study of acquisition of Riogas in Uruguay by Ultragaz in Brazil (2013) in the Liquefied Petroleum Gas market.

Study of acquisition of Rayogas, and some smaller distributors in Colombia by Ultragaz in Brazil (2012) in the Liquefied Petroleum Gas market following a change in legislation for cylinder maintenance that affected competition in local.

Study of acquisition of Fogas by Ultragaz Brazil in the Liquefied Petroleum Gas market. (2012)

Economic Impact analysis

Economic impact analysis of copyright industries in the US economy, including value added, employment and compensation, and for International Intellectual Property Alliance. (2020)

Economic impact analysis of music industries in the US economy using RIMS II multipliers for Recording Industry Association of America. (2020)

Economic impact analysis of Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS (2014). The analysis used IMPLAN, and the report was presented to the State of Kansas.

Publications and Working Papers

“Antitrust analysis with upward pricing pressure and cost efficiencies.” (with Tarun Sabarwal), 2020 *PLoS ONE* 15(1): e0227418.
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0227418>

“Should Market Power Still Be a Concern in the U.S. Electric Power Industry?” (with John Morris and Tristan Snow Cobb), 2020 *The Electricity Journal* 33(4).
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tej.2020.106725>

“Paradigm Shifts on Merger Efficiencies in Antitrust Analysis”, 2020 *Kansas Law Review* 68.
<https://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/ukalr68&div=37&id=&page=>

“Alternative measures of "representative market prices" for FERC delivered price tests” (with John Morris and Tristan Snow Cobb). *Under review at Energy Law Journal*.

“The European Commission’s New Initiatives for Digital Platforms” Winter 2021 *Economists Ink*.
<https://ei.com/economists-ink/winter-2021/the-european-commissions-new-initiatives-for-digital-platforms/>

“Merger Efficiencies and Market Concentration” Summer 2020 *Economists Ink*.
<https://ei.com/economists-ink/summer-2020/merger-efficiencies-and-market-concentration/>

“Antitrust Analysis with Upward Pricing Pressure and Cost Efficiencies” Winter 2020 *Economists Ink*.
<https://ei.com/economists-ink/winter-2020/antitrust-analysis-with-upward-pricing-pressure-and-cost-efficiencies/>

“Copyright Industries in the U.S. Economy: The 2020 Report” (with Robert Stoner). <https://www.iipa.org/files/uploads/2020/12/2020-IIPA-Report-FINAL-web.pdf>

“The U.S Music Industries – Jobs & Benefits: The 2020 Report” (with Robert Stoner). <https://www.riaa.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/The-U.S.-Music-Industries-Jobs-Benefits-2020-Report.pdf>

“Anticompetitive effects of common ownership on hospital prices” (with David Slusky, José Azar and Donna Ginther). *Working Paper*

“Relationship between Legal Access to Medical and Recreational Marijuana and Motor Vehicle Fatalities in the U.S.” (with Gregory Leung). *Working Paper*

“Unilateral Effects of Mergers on Multimarket Oligopolies”, *Work in Progress*

Awards and Honors

The University of Kansas

Summer Research Fellowship 2018
Graduate Teaching Assistant Scholarship 2014-2019
Comprehensive Doctoral Exam with Honors 2017
Summer Fellowship 2015
Graduate Assessment Consultant 2015, 2017, 2018
Graduate Research Consultant 2017

American Statistical Association

Women in Statistics and Data Sciences Travel Award 2017, 2018
Hackathon for Social Service Finalist 2017

Golden Key International Honour Society

Select Teaching Experience

Industrial Organization and Antitrust Policy, University of Kansas, 2016-2018

Principles of Microeconomics, University of Kansas, 2017

Presentations and Professional Activities

“Finding ‘representative market prices’ for calculating concentration in electric power markets”. Seminar at FERC, 2020.

“Antitrust analysis with upward pricing pressure and cost efficiencies.” Southern Economic Association Conference, SEA, 2019

“Paradigm Shifts on Merger Efficiencies in Antitrust Analysis.” Kansas Law Review Symposium – Antitrust Law and Policy in the 21st Century. 2019.

“Investigating the Effects of Common Ownership on Hospital Prices.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Conference. 2019

“Cost Efficiencies and Upward Pricing Pressure.” Brattle, 2018

“Cost Efficiencies and Upward Pricing Pressure.” Kansas State University Economics Department Seminar, 2018

“Cost Efficiencies and Upward Pricing Pressure.” Southern Economic Association Conference, SEA, 2018

“Cost Efficiencies and Upward Pricing Pressure.” Women in Statistics and Data Sciences, American Statistical Association, 2018

“Cost Efficiencies and Upward Pricing Pressure.” Midwest Economic Association Conference, MEA, 2018

“Unilateral Effects of Multimarket Oligopolies.” Women in Statistics and Data Sciences, American Statistical Association, 2018

“Unilateral Effects of Multimarket Oligopolies.” Missouri Valley Economic Association Conference, MVEA, 2017

“Unilateral Effects of Multimarket Oligopolies.” KU Graduate Research Competition, The University of Kansas, 2017

Memberships

American Economic Association (AEA)

American Bar Association (ABA)
Antitrust Section

Energy Bar Association (EBA)

Programming and Computer Skills

R, Stata, SQL, IMPLAN, Eviews, Tableau, API

Language Skills

Portuguese (Native), English (Fluent), French (Advanced), Spanish (Advanced), German (Basic)