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CURRENT POSITION & AFFILIATIONS

Associate Professor
University of Saskatchewan, Department of Economics, Saskatoon, Canada, August 2004 – present

Research Faculty
Saskatchewan Population Health & Evaluation Research Unit, Saskatoon, Canada, August 2004–present

Adjunct Scientist, Health Quality Council, Saskatoon, Canada, April 2011 - present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston, MA, U.S.A, September 2001

M.A., Economics, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, U.S.A, June 1996

B.Sc. (Honors), Economics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, June 1992

MAJOR RESEARCH FIELDS

Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics
Applied Econometrics, Industrial Organization

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Florida International University, School of Policy & Management, Miami, USA,
2001-2004

Research Assistant, Boston University, Department of Economics, Boston, USA, 2000- 2001

Instructor, Boston University, Department of Economics, Boston, USA, summer 1999

World Bank Intern, Eastern Europe & Central Asia Division, Washington D.C., USA, summer 1998

Teaching Assistant, Boston University, Department of Economics, Boston, USA, 1997- 2000

Instructor, Middle East Technical University, Department of Public Administration, Ankara, Turkey,
spring 1994

Teaching Assistant, Middle East Technical University, Department of Economics, Ankara, Turkey, 1992-1994

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS & PRIZES

First prize in *Young Researchers in Health Economics Paper Competition* (Paper title: Do Managed Care and Competition Improve Quality? Evidence from US Hospital Markets), International Health Economics Association, Third World Congress, York, United Kingdom, July 2001

Dissertation Fellowship, Health Care Financing Administration, Baltimore, USA, 2000- 2001

Policy Communication Fellowship, Population Reference Bureau, Washington DC, USA, 2000- 2001

Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship, Department of Economics, Boston University, USA, 1997- 2001

Student Research Award, Institute for Economic Development, Boston University, USA, spring 2001

Travel Award, Deans' Office, Boston University, College of Arts and Science, USA, spring 2001

Travel Award, Industry Studies Program, Boston University, USA, spring 2001

Graduate Fellowship, Turkish Ministry of Education, 1994 - 1997

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS & BOOKS

Sari, N., 2011. "Does physical exercise affect demand for hospital services? Evidence from Canadian panel data", In: PR. Guerrero, S. Kesenne, and BR. Humphreys (Eds) *The Economics of Sport, Health and Happiness: The Promotion of Well-being through Sporting Activities*, Northampton: Edward Elgar, pp. 81-100.

Sari, N., 2010. "A short walk a day shortens the hospital stay: Physical activity and the demand for hospital services for older adults" *Canadian Journal of Public Health* 101(5): 385-389.

Sari, N., 2009, "Physical inactivity and its impact on healthcare utilization" *Health Economics* 18(8): 885-901

Sari, N., S. de Castro, F. Newman, and G. Mills, 2008, "Should We Invest in Suicide Prevention Programs?" *Journal of Socio-Economics* 37(1): 262-275.

Sari, N., 2008, "Competition and Market Concentration", *Advances in Health Economics and Health Services Research* (Vol. 18, pp. 139-156), Amsterdam: Elsevier

Johnson, S., S. Abonyi, B. Jeffery, P. Hackett, M. Hampton, T. McIntosh, D. Martz, N. Muhajarine, P. Petrucka, **N. Sari**, 2008, "Recommendations for Action on the Social Determinants of Health: a Canadian Perspective" *Lancet* 372: 1690-1693.

Sari, N., 2007, "A Discussion on Alternative Reimbursement Schemes and Healthcare Utilization in Turkey", *İktisat, İşletme ve Finans (Journal of Economy, Business and Finance)*, April 2007: 5-17 (in Turkish).

Sari, N., 2007, “Reflections of DRG based Reimbursement Systems on Health Care Reforms”, In: C. Aktan and U. Saran (Eds) *Sağlık Ekonomisi ve Sağlık Yönetimi (Health Economics and Health Management)*, Ankara: Sağlıkta Umut Vakfı Yayınları, pp. 361-379 (in Turkish).

de Castro, S., F. Newman, G. Mills, and **N. Sari**, 2004, “Economic Evaluation of Suicide Prevention Programs for Young Adults in Florida”, *The Business Review, Cambridge*, December 2004, 3(1): 14-20.

Sari, N., 2004, “Consumer Spending for Pharmaceuticals and Its Implications for Health Care Financing”, *Eastern European Economics* 42 (1): 43-55.

Sari, N., 2003, “Efficiency Outcomes of Market Concentration and Managed Care”, *International Journal of Industrial Organization* 21(10): 1571-1589.

Sari, N., 2002, “Do Competition and Managed Care Improve Quality?” *Health Economics* 11 (7): 571-584.

Sari, N. and JC Langenbrunner, 2001, “Consumer Out-of-Pocket Spending for Pharmaceuticals in Kazakhstan: Implications for Sectoral Reform”, *Health Policy and Planning* 16(4): 428-434.

Sari, N., JC Langenbrunner, and M. Lewis, 2000, “Affording Out-of-Pocket Payments for Health Services: Evidence from Kazakhstan”, *EuroHealth* 6 (Spring Special Issue): 37-39.

PUBLICATIONS IN NON-REFEREED JOURNALS

Sari, N., 2009. The Impact of Physical Inactivity on Canadian Health Care. *Alberta Center for Active Living Research Update* 16(3): 3-4.

PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS

Sari, N., 2010. Review of the book “The Fattening of America, by Finkelstein and Zuckerman. Wiley Press”, *Review of Social Economy* 68(4): 496-498.

Sari, N., 2009. Review of the book “Targeting in Social Programs: Avoiding Bad Bets, Removing Bad Apples, by P.H. Schuck and R.J. Zeckhauser. Washington, D.C., Brookings Institution Press”, *Review of Social Economy* 67(1): 117-119

RESEARCH GRANT & SUPPORT

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, Collaborative Research and Development Grant, (Principal Investigator: WJ Zhang) “Human-Centered Production Systems: design and management”, Total fund: \$53,314 CND, my role: Co-Principal Investigator

Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation, Phase Three Health Research Group Grant, (Principal Investigators: Bonnie Jeffrey and Nazeem Muhajarine) “Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit Team Grant”, Total fund: \$750,000 CND, April 2011-March 2014, my role: Co-applicant

The Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems, “Do adequate access to Certified Respiratory Educators with spirometry in family physician offices create reduction in health care expenditures?” Total fund: \$15,000 CND, February 2011-June 2011, my role: Principle Investigator

Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Partnerships for Health Systems Improvement Grant, (Principal Investigators: Gary F. Teare and G. Ross Baker) “Impact of Releasing Time to Care: The Productive

Ward-Relationship of Outcomes and Context in a Nurse-led Health Care Improvement Innovation”, Total fund: \$500,000, June 2010 – June 2013, my role: Co-applicant

Tri-Council Bridge Funding, University of Saskatchewan, “Participation in leisure-time physical activity and its implications for labor market outcomes”, Total fund: \$8,000. April 2010- March 2012, my role: Principle Investigator

Tri-Council Bridge Funding, University of Saskatchewan, “Determinants of Physical Activity and Its Influence on Health Care Utilization in Canada”, Total fund: \$6,000. April 2009- March 2011, my role: Principle Investigator

Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation, (Principal Investigators: Bonnie Jeffrey and Nazeem Muhajarine) “Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit Team Grant”, Total fund: \$900,000 CND, April 2008-March 2011, my role: Co-applicant

The Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems, “Family Physician Work Force Projection in Saskatchewan” Total fund: \$15,000 CND, February 2007-September 2007, my role: Principle Investigator

Canadian Institute for Health Information, Canadian Population Health Initiative (Principal Investigator: Nazeem Muhajarine) "Early Childhood Intervention in the Community: makes sense, but does it really work?" Total fund: \$300,000 CND, December 2006 – December 2009, my role: Co-applicant

Saskatchewan Ministry of Education, (Principal Investigator: Nazeem Muhajarine) “Services to develop an evaluation framework for the KidsFirst program”, Total fund: \$38,600 CND, December 2006 – March 2007, my role: Co-applicant

Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Funding through Saskatoon In-Motion Project (Principal Investigator: Karen Chad), Total fund for the grant: \$703,450 CND, Total available fund for my sub project: \$15,000 CND, “Economic Implications of Physical Activity Programs”, June 2005 - May 2007, my role: Lead Researcher and team member

University of Saskatchewan, Office of the Vice-President Academic, Start -Up Funds, \$13,000 CND, October 2004 -November 2006 (Research support)

Center for REACH 2010 Program at Florida International University, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Program on Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health 2010 (Principal Investigator: Bill Darrow), Total available fund for my sub-project: \$6,000 USD, “AIDS/HIV Risk Factors for Minorities in Broward County”, Spring 2004, my role: Lead Researcher and team member

Florida International University Foundation, “Quality Discrimination in Healthcare Markets”, Total fund: \$5,000 USD, May 2003- December 2003, my role: Principal Investigator.

Florida International University, College of Health and Urban Affairs, Start -Up Funds, \$5,000 USD, September 2001 (Research support)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (formerly known as Health Care Financing Administration), “Quality and Efficiency Issues in the US Hospital Market”, Total fund: \$30,000 USD, January 2000-October 2001, my role: Principal Investigator.

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

Does physical exercise affect demand for hospital services? Evidence from Canadian panel data. 5th Gijon Conference on Sport and the Promotion of Health and Well-being, Gijon, Spain. May 2010

Exercise, Aging & Healthcare Utilization, Department of Economics, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, March 2008

Physician Work Force Projection in Saskatchewan (with Kit Ling Lam), 3rd International Conference in Business Management and Economics, Izmir, Turkey, June 2007

External Costs of Physical Inactivity, University of Regina, Department of Economics, Regina, Canada, January 2007.

External Costs of Physical Inactivity, University of Calgary, Department of Economics, Calgary, Canada, December 2006.

Exercise? Maybe another time: The cost of sedentary lifestyles, 2nd International Conference in Business Management and Economics, Izmir, Turkey, June 2006.

Exercise? Maybe another time: The cost of sedentary lifestyles, Department of Economics, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada, March 2006.

An Overview of the American Healthcare System, Fourth International Seminar on Hospital Administration, Latin American and Caribbean Center at Florida International University, Miami, USA, October 2002.

CONFERENCE, SYMPOSIUM & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Social Interactions and Participation in Leisure Time Physical Activity, International Health Economics Association Conference, Toronto, Canada, July 2011

Social Interactions and Participation in Leisure Time Physical Activity, Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2011

Social Interactions and Participation in Leisure Time Physical Activity, European Conference on Health Economics, Helsinki, Finland, July 2010

Does physical exercise affect demand for hospital services? Evidence from Canadian panel data. 9th International Conference on Health Economics, Management and Policy, Athens, Greece. June 2010

Hospital stays associated with physical inactivity: Should we have age based targeting to promote activity? European Conference on Health Economics, Rome, Italy, July 2008

Exercise, Aging & Healthcare Utilization, Department of Economics, TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Ankara, Turkey, February 2008

Physical Inactivity and its Impact on Healthcare Utilization, Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, November 2007

Physical Inactivity and its Impact on Healthcare Utilization, Canadian Public Health Association, Ottawa, Canada, September 2007

Economic Contributions of Physical Activity Programs to the Publicly Funded Healthcare System (with R. Gezer, L. Harrison, K. Chad, N. Ashworth, A.P. Jenssen, B. Reeder, S. Schultz, S. Sheppard, K. Fisher), International Health Economics Association, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2007 (poster presentation).

Anti-smoking Policies and the Demand for Cigarettes: Do Social Norms Matter?, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Health and Public Policy Meeting, Saskatoon, Canada, May 2007.

Impacts of Institutional Structure on Smoking Prevention Policies, Southern Economic Association Meeting, Charleston, USA, November 2006.

External Costs of Physical Inactivity, 6th Annual Economics Research Symposium, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, October 2006.

Exercise? Maybe another time: The cost of sedentary lifestyles, Inaugural Conference of the American Society for Health Economists, Madison, USA, June 2006.

A Discussion on Alternative Reimbursement Schemes and Healthcare Utilization in Turkey, 5th Annual Economics Research Symposium, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, October 2005.

Economic Contribution of Physical Activity to the Canadian Healthcare System (with L. Harrison, K. Chad, N. Ashworth, A.P. Jenssen, B. Reeder, S. Schultz, S. Sheppard, K. Fisher), Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research, Montreal, Canada, September 2005.

Economic Evaluations of Suicide Prevention Programs (with S. Castro, G. Mills and F. Newman), Western Economic Association Meeting, San Francisco, USA, July 2005.

Impacts of Alternative Provider Reimbursement Schemes on Health Care Utilization, Department of Economics, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, May 2005.

Efficiency Measures for Hospitals: Are They Reliable? (with K. Carey), Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, June 2004.

Quality Discrimination in Managed Care Health Plans, Eastern Economic Association Meeting, New York, USA, February 2003.

Efficiency Outcomes of Market Concentration and Managed Care”, Western Economic Association Meeting, Seattle, USA, July 2002.

Do Competition and Managed Care Improve Quality? , International Health Economics Association Conference, York, United Kingdom, July 2001.

Consumer Out-of-Pocket Spending for Pharmaceuticals in Kazakhstan: Implications for Sectoral Reform (with J.C. Langenbrunner), Population Association of America (Special Session organized by Population Reference Bureau, Policy Communication Program), Washington DC, USA, March 2001.

OTHER ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Manuscripts Review for:

American Journal of Public Health
Canadian Journal of Economics
Contemporary Economic Policy
Economics of Education Review
Economics Bulletin
Health Economics
Health Policy and Planning
Health Services Research
İktisat, İşletme ve Finans (Journal of Economy, Business and Finance)
Institute for Advanced Policy Research at the University of Calgary
International Journal of Industrial Organization
Journal of Applied Econometrics
Journal of Economics and Management Strategy
Journal of Health Economics
Journal of Socio-Economics
Scandinavian Journal of Economics
Southern Economic Journal
Social Science and Medicine

External Reviewer /Examiner:

External Grant Reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Faculty Judge for the poster competition, 16th Annual Life & Health Sciences Research Day, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, March 2009.

Book Reviewer for *Health Economics*, McGraw-Hill/Ryerson Publisher

Book Reviewer for *Macroeconomics* by DeLong/Mansoorian/Michelis, McGraw-Hill Publisher

Book Reviewer for *Health Economics in Canada*, Pearson Education Canada Press

Activities Related to Professional Associations:

Member of iHEA Scientific Review Committee, International Health Economics Association, 2010-2012

Co-founder of Health and Public Policy Association (HPPA), 2006

Member of HPPA Scientific Review Committee, Health and Public Policy Association (HPPA), 2007

Member of ASHE Scientific Review Committee, American Society for Health Economists (ASHE), 2006-2008

Conference, Symposium & Seminar Organizing Committee Membership:

Co-organizer of the Health and Public Policy Meeting, 2007 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Saskatoon, Canada, May 2007.

Organizer of the 6th Annual Economics Research Symposium, Department of Economics, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, October 2006

Chair of the Seminar Series in Economics, Department of Economics, University of Saskatchewan, 2006-2007

Member of the Seminar Series in Economics Committee, Department of Economics, University of Saskatchewan, 2004-2005

Session Organizer, Session Chair & Discussant: International Health Economics Association, American Society for Health Economists, European Conference on Health Economics, Southern Economic Association, International Conference in Business Management and Economics Meetings,

University, College & Department Committee Membership:

Member, University Academic Support Committee, University of Saskatchewan, 2009-present

Member, College of Arts and Science IT Committee, University of Saskatchewan, 2009-2010.

Member, College of Arts and Science Online C.V. Utility Development Committee, University of Saskatchewan, 2009-2010.

Member, Social Science Research Committee, College of Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan, 2008-present

Chair, IT Committee for the Department, Department of Economics, University of Saskatchewan, 2008-2009

Member, Executive Committee for Master of Public Health Program, University of Saskatchewan, 2006-2007.

Member, Faculty Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, University of Saskatchewan, 2006-2009.

Chair, Fowke Award Committee for the best paper, Department of Economics, University of Saskatchewan, 2006, 2009.

Member, Graduate Program Committee, Department of Economics, University of Saskatchewan, 2005- present.

Member, Faculty Hiring Committee, Department of Economics, University of Saskatchewan, 2004-2005.

Mentor, Community and Population Health Research Training Program, University of Saskatchewan, 2004 – 2008.

Member, Faculty Hiring, Search and Screen Committee, Florida International University, 2003-2004.

Member, Curriculum Committee for Graduate Quantitative Courses, Florida International University, 2003-2004.

Other Committee Membership:

Member, Drug Advisory Committee of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Health, 2010 – present