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**Employment**

2017 – Associate Professor (with tenure), Economics Department, University of Houston  
2010 – 2017 Assistant Professor, Economics Department, University of Houston  
2003 – 2005 Research Assistant, Economics Department, Harvard University  
2002 – 2005 Researcher, Research Institute of Economics and Enterprises of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**Education**

2010 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Minnesota  
Dissertation committee: Amil Petrin, Patrick Bajari, Thomas Holmes, Christopher Timmins  
2002 MSc in Economics and Finance, Budapest University of Economics  
Rajk College for Advanced Studies, member 1998-2002

**Research and Teaching fields**

Industrial Organization, Development Economics

**Publications**

- [1] A. Szabó (2015): “The Value of Free Water: Analyzing South Africa’s Free Basic Water Policy,” *Econometrica*, 83(5), 1913–1961.
- [2] A. Szabó and G. Ujhelyi (2015): “Reducing Nonpayment for Public Utilities: Experimental Evidence from South Africa,” *Journal of Development Economics* 117, 20-31.
- [3] A. Szabó and G. Ujhelyi (2017): “Choice and Happiness in South Africa,” *Economics Letters* 155, 28-30.
- [4] A. Szabó (2018): “Measuring Firm-level Inefficiencies in the Ghanaian Manufacturing Sector,” *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 66, 447-487.
- [5] G. Ujhelyi, S. Chatterjee, and A. Szabó (2021): “None Of The Above: Protest Voting in the World’s Largest Democracy,” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 19(3), 1936-1979.
- [6] A. Szabó and V. Pham (2022): “Net Neutrality and Consumer Demand in the Video On-demand Market,” *Information Economics and Policy*, 61, 1-20.

**Working papers**

- [7] “Bundling to Save”
- [8] “National Parks and Economic Development” (with Gergely Ujhelyi)
- [9] “Family Financing and Aggregate Manufacturing Productivity in Ghana” (with Gergely Ujhelyi)
- [10] “Job Search Through Weak and Strong Ties: Theory and Evidence from Indonesia” (with Tolga Umut Kuzubas)

## Teaching

U of Houston: *Applied Econometrics* (undergrad., Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022), *Econometrics* (undergrad., Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2013), *Empirical Industrial Organization* (graduate, Spring 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2021, Spring 2023), *Industrial Organization* (undergrad., Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2022, Spring 2023), *Intermediate Microeconomics* (undergrad., Fall 2014, Spring 2016)

U of Minnesota: *Principles of Microeconomics* (2005-2010), *Principles of Macroeconomics* (2006)

## Invited Seminars and Conferences

- 2021 U of Chicago
- 2019 2nd Scottish Workshop in Development Economics (Heriot-Watt University)
- 2018 Industrial Organization Society Meeting (Indianapolis), Washington University (St. Louis)
- 2016 3rd Annual Empirical Microeconomics Workshop, Banff, Canada, NEUDC (MIT)
- 2015 U of Chicago, U of Oxford, Managing Water Demand workshop, London, UK
- 2014 Workshop on Manufacturing and Economic Development (Harvard), Midwest International Development Conference (U of Minnesota)
- 2013 Yale University, Industrial Organization Society Meeting (Boston)
- 2012 NEUDC (Dartmouth), Financial Systems, Industrial Organization, and Economic Development Workshop (MIT)
- 2011 U of Houston - Rice University
- 2010 U of Calgary, Georgia State University, Texas A&M, NEUDC (MIT), U of Maryland (AREC), U of Houston, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Midwest International Development Conference (U of Minnesota)
- 2009 NEUDC (Tufts University)

## Honors and Awards

- 2021 Small Grant, University of Houston \$5,000
- 2021 Research Innovation Fund, University of Houston, Economics Department, \$10,000.
- 2018 Research Progress Grant (with Gergely Ujhelyi), University of Houston, \$4,000
- 2012 Water Research Commission, South Africa, Research Grant (with Gergely Ujhelyi), \$25,000, Small Grant, University of Houston \$3,000
- 2011 Small Grant, University of Houston \$3,000, Grant in Aid, University of Houston \$6,000
- 2010 New Faculty Grant, University of Houston, \$6,000, Startup Research Grant, University of Houston \$30,000
- 2009 CLA Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship, University of Minnesota
- 2008 Zoltai Fellowship of the Graduate School, University of Minnesota

## Fieldwork experience

- 2013 Fieldwork for project on Happiness in developing countries. Includes: training of surveyors, design and supervision of household survey.
- 2012-13 Randomized field experiment to study the effect of providing information on water consumption among low-income households in South Africa. Includes sampling, training of surveyors, design and supervision of pre and post surveys, design and implementation of intervention in cooperation with local municipal water provider.
- 2012 On-site data collection on Ghanaian banking sector.
- 2009-11 Fieldwork for project on water pricing in South Africa. Includes on-site data collection from municipal water provider and local governments, training of surveyors, design and supervision of household survey.

**Service to the profession**

Referee for *AEJ: Applied*, *AEJ: Macroeconomics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Journal*, *Economic Systems*, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Resource and Energy Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Water Resources and Economics*, *Water Resources Research*

Hungarian translation of “P. Milgrom and J. Roberts: Economics, Organization and Management,” (with Gergely Ujhelyi), 2004.