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### Education

<i>Degree</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Year</i>
Ph.D.	Economics	University of Minnesota	2006
M.A.	Economics	University of Minnesota	2005
B.S.	Economics	Arizona State University	2001
B.S.	Mathematics	Arizona State University	2001

### Employment

<i>Position</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Associate Professor	Brigham Young University	Sept 2013 to present
Assistant Professor	Brigham Young University	Sept 2006 to Aug 2013
Research Assistant	University of Minnesota	June 2004 to July 2006
Teaching Assistant	University of Minnesota	Sept 2002 to Dec 2005

### Teaching Experience

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Comments</i>
BYU	Econ 110 / 110H	One-semester Principles course Large lecture format (200+ students)
	Econ 382	Intermediate Price Theory II
	Econ 582	Topic in Mathematical Economics
U of M	Econ 1101 / 1102	Two-semester Principles course Large lecture format (500+ students)
	Econ 3801	Public Finance
	Econ 1101	Distance learning course Revised curriculum extensively

### Textbooks

*Discussions of Modeling: Purpose and Practices in Economic Theory*, by Brennan Platt. BYU Academic Press, 2014. Supplemental text (89 pgs) for intermediate price theory.

### Publications at Refereed Journals

- “Accounting for Age in Marital Search Decisions,” by S. Nuray Akin and Brennan Platt. Forthcoming, *European Economic Review* (Accepted January 2016).
- “Sticking with What (Barely) Worked,” by Lars Lefgren, Brennan Platt, and Joseph Price. *Management Science*, 61:1121-1136, March 2015.
- “Insurance, Consumer Search, and Equilibrium Price Distributions,” by S. Nuray Akin and Brennan Platt. *Journal of Risk and Insurance*, 81:397-429, June 2014.
- “A Theory of Search with Deadlines and Uncertain Recall,” by S. Nuray Akin and Brennan Platt. *Economic Theory*, 55:101-133, January 2014.
- “The Role of Risk Preferences in Pay-to-Bid Auctions,” by Brennan Platt, Joseph Price, and Henry Tappen. *Management Science*, 59:2117-2134, September 2013.
- “Rushing to Overpay: Modeling and Measuring the REIT Premium,” by S. Nuray Akin, Val Lambson, Grant McQueen, Brennan Platt, Barrett Slade, and Justin Wood. *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, 47:506-537, October 2013.
- “Running Out of Time: Limited Unemployment Benefits and Wage Dispersion,” by S. Nuray Akin and Brennan Platt. *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 15:149-170, April 2012.
- “The n-Person Kalai-Smorodinsky Bargaining Solution under Pre-Donations,” by S. Nuray Akin, Brennan Platt, and Murat Sertel. *Review of Economic Design*, 15:147-162, June 2011.
- “Spoilers, Blocking Coalitions, and the Core,” by Brennan Platt. *Social Choice and Welfare*. 33:361-381, September 2009.
- “Queue-Rationed Equilibria with Fixed Costs of Waiting,” by Brennan Platt. *Economic Theory*. 40:247-274, August 2009.

### Working Papers

- “Inferring Ascending Auction Participation from Observed Bidders,” by Brennan Platt. Under Review at *RAND Journal of Economics* (October 2015).
- “A Theory of Bidding Dynamics and Deadlines in Online Retail,” by Dominic Coey, Bradley Larsen, and Brennan Platt. Under Review at *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (January 2016).
- “Cherry-Picking with Asymmetric Information: A Model of Wage Dispersion, Sorting and Unemployment Stigma,” by Shuaizhang Feng, Lars Lefgren, Brennan C. Platt, and Bingyong Zheng. Under Review at *Review of Economic Studies* (January 2016).
- “Unemployment Insurance Eligibility and Wage Dispersion,” by Brennan Platt.
- “Outcome Based Accountability,” by Lars Lefgren, Brennan Platt, and Joseph Price.
- “Auctions for Priority Access,” by Brennan Platt.

### Work in Progress

- “Escaping the Fire Sale: Post-Shock Dynamics with Endogenous Price Dispersion.” With S. Nuray Akin.
- “Learning by Bidding: Bid Paths in a Sequence of Second Price Auctions.” With Justin Gardiner.

“Unemployment (Self-) Insurance and Wage Dispersion.” With S. Nuray Akin.

“Revealing Offers: The Effect of Voluntary Disclosure on Optimal Unemployment Insurance.”  
With S. Nuray Akin.

“Endogenous Price Formation in a Queue-Rationed System.”

“Information Cascades in Second Price Auctions.”

## **Presentations**

Presented “eBay or Amazon? Time-Sensitive Retail Purchases via Auctions” at:

Conference on Economic Design, Lund, Sweden. July 2013.

American Economic Association Poster Session, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. January 2014.

Invited Seminar, Utah State University, Logan, Utah. March 2014.

Invited Seminar, eBay Research Labs, San Jose, California. November 2014.

Invited Seminar, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington. December 2014.

Spring West Coast Search and Matching Workshop, San Francisco, California. May 2015.

Searle Center Conference on Internet Search, Chicago, Illinois. June 2015.

IO/Digitization Joint Session, NBER Summer Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts. July 2015.

World Congress of the Econometric Society, Montreal, Canada. August 2015.

Presented “Unemployment Insurance Eligibility and Wage Dynamics” at:

Midwest Macro Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota. November 2013.

Presented “Outcome Based Accountability” at:

Invited Finance Seminar, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. April 2013.

Presented “Accounting for Age in Marital Search Decisions: Measurement with Theory” at:

Quantitative Society for Pensions and Savings Summer Workshop (QSPS), Utah State University Logan, Utah. May 2012.

Utah Symposium in Science and Literature, Salt Lake City, Utah. March 2014.

North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota. June 2014.

Presented “Sticking with What (Barely) Worked” at:

Invited Seminar, University of Nevada Reno, Reno, Nevada. October 2011.

Presented “Search on a Deadline” at:

Midwest Economic Theory Conference, Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. April 2011.

Conference on Economic Design, Montreal, Canada. June 2011.

Presented “Running Out of Time: Limited Unemployment Benefits and Wage Dispersion” at:

Midwest Macro Meeting, East Lansing, Michigan. May 2010.

North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, St. Louis, Missouri. June 2011.

Presented “Pay-to-Bid Auctions” at:

International Game Theory Festival, Stony Brook, New York. July 2009.

Presented “Auctions for Priority Access” at:

Invited Seminar, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. November 2008.

International Game Theory Festival, Stony Brook, New York. July 2010.

Tournaments, Contests, and Relative Performance Conference (TCRP), North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, February 2011.

4<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the Game Theory Society, Istanbul, Turkey. July 2012.

Presented “Search, Moral Hazard, and Equilibrium Price Dispersion” at:

Society for Economic Design, Ann Arbor, Michigan. June 2008.

North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. June 2008.

Presented “Strategic Queuing under Fixed Costs of Waiting” at:

Midwest Economic Theory Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota. April 2007.

North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Durham, North Carolina. June 2007.

Presented “Queue-Rationed Equilibria with Fixed Costs of Waiting” at:

Midwest Economic Theory Conference, Lawrence, Kansas. October 2005.

Presented “Concerning ‘A Simple Non-Cooperative Core Story’” at:

Midwest Economic Theory Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana. April 2004.

Conference on Economic Design, Mallorca, Spain. July 2004.

## Grants

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Grant</i>
BYU College of FHSS	2014	College Research Grant
BYU Kennedy Center	2012	International Travel Grant

## Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Award</i>
U of M Department of Economics	2005	Heller Outstanding Teacher Award
U of M Department of Economics	2003 – 2005	Distinguished Instructor
U of M	2001 – 2002	Graduate School Fellowship
ASU	2001	Graduated summa cum laude
ASU Barrett Honors College	2001	Thesis of Distinction
ASU Department of Economics	1999	Bank One Economics Scholar
ASU	1995 – 2001	Flinn Scholar

## Professional Service

### *Professional Associations*

American Economic Association, Econometric Society, Society for Economic Design, Game Theory Society.

### *Journal Referee*

*Games and Economic Behavior, Review of Economic Dynamics, Economic Inquiry, Management Science, Journal of Economics & Management Strategy, Managerial Finance, Economic Theory, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Mathematical Economics, Electronic Commerce Research and Applications, B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics, RAND Journal of Economics*

### *Interviews*

KJZZ Café	Jan, Sept 2008	SLC Morning TV news show
Ankarlo Mornings	Sept 2008	KTAR 92.7 FM talk radio show
The Educated Voter	May 2009	Lecture to local voters on economic recovery