Chris Surro | Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

University of California - Los Angeles   **Los Angeles, CA**
Assistant Adjunct Professor of Economics   *2020-Present*

Education

University of California - Los Angeles   **Los Angeles, CA**
Ph.D in Economics, GPA: 3.606   *2014–2020*

University of California - Los Angeles   **Los Angeles, CA**
M.A. in Economics   *2014–2015*

University of Massachusetts   **Amherst, MA**
B.A. in Economics, GPA: 3.982   *2011–2014*

Teaching

Adjunct Professor, UCLA

Undergraduate Courses

- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
- Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
- History of Capitalism in America
- Applications of Economic Theory
- Monetary Policy

Graduate Courses

- Macroeconomic Theory, UCLA MQE Program

Teaching Assistant, UCLA (2015-2020)

- Principles of Economics
- Macroeconomic Theory
- Microeconomic Theory
- Statistics for Economists

Teaching Assistant Consultant, UCLA (2017-2018)

- Trained incoming economics graduate students to be teaching assistants
- Offered additional support and training for teaching assistants with low evaluation scores

Tutor, UCLA (2016-2019)

- Tutored undergraduates in core microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics classes as well as upper division electives

Research

Research Interests

Economics pedagogy, Macroeconomics, History of economic thought, Agent based models

Work in Progress

Beyond AS-AD: Simplifying the Foundations of Principles of Macroeconomics

Clustering Consumer Data: Using Density Peaks Clustering to Uncover Preference Similarity

The Cost of Heterogeneity: Can Density Peaks Clustering Improve Estimation of CES Price Indexes?

Keynesian Dynamics with Customer Markets in a Visual, Interactive, Agent Based Model

Rationality Without Rational Expectations: Alternative Methods for Modeling Expectations in Macroeconomics

The Market Socialism Misunderstanding: The Impact of the 20th Century Socialism Debate on Modern Economics

Service

Director of Education Technology

Tested and shared new education technologies with other faculty, with particular focus on AI tools

Advising

UCLA Fed Challenge Team, 2021-Present

UCLA Bruin Reserve Bank (Student Club), 2022-Present

UCLA MQE Capstone Projects (30+ Students), 2021-Present

Refereeing

International Review of Economics Education

Conferences Attended

Institute for Humane Studies

Graduate Student Research Colloquium (Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2019)

Duke University

Topics in the History of Economics (Spring 2017)

American Economic Association

Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (Spring 2021, Spring 2025)

Awards and Distinctions

Pass with Honors, Economic History Comprehensive Field Exam (2016)

Pass with Honors, Macroeconomics Second Year Field Paper (2016)

Excellence in Teaching Award (2016)

Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship (2017, 2018, 2019)

Programming Experience

Python (Pandas and Numpy)

Matlab

Stata

Objective C/Swift (iOS/Mac apps)