

# Abdullah Al Bahrani

# Curriculum Vitae

Accounting, Economics, and Finance  
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## Education

2010            **Ph.D. in Economics**, University of Kentucky  
2007            **MS. Economics**, University of Kentucky  
2003            **MA. Economics**, American University  
2002            **B.S Business Economics**. University of Louisville

## Academic Positions

2022-            **Interim Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research**, NKU  
2018-            **Associate Professor of Economics**, Northern Kentucky University  
2016-2022      **Director**, Center for Economic Education. Northern Kentucky University  
2013-2018      **Assistant Professor of Economics**, Northern Kentucky University  
2010-2013      **Assistant Professor of Economics**. Bloomsburg University of PA.

## Administrative Experience

### **Interim Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research-**

Responsible for the accreditation, management, and growth of the Master's in Business Administration, Master's in accountancy, and Master's in Business leadership and Innovation. Responsibility includes the management of research efforts, outreach, and executive education.

### **Director of the Center for Economic Education**

As Director, I was responsible for the designing the strategic planning for the Center. I grew our programs and increased operating funding through fundraising and grant writing. The Center for Economic Education at NKU became nationally recognized for the development of innovative curriculum and programs. Our programs reached 6000 students across the U.S on an annual basis. Raised The following programs were developed

- **Danny Dollar Academy-** Recipient of the 2019 National Association of Economic Educators Bronze curriculum award. The 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade program is an economics and personal finance program based on the book Danny Dollar Millionaire Extraordinaire. The curriculum was administered in Mississippi, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, New York, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C. Roughly 4000 students participated annually.
- **Dual Credit Financial Literacy Course-** Developed a dual credit financial literacy course that is approved for General Education. It is taught in 15 Kentucky schools and reaches 400 students annually.
- **Teacher Training Program-** Developed a summer teacher training program to help prepare educator to teach economics and personal finance in high school. The course covered standards, content, and pedagogy.
- **The Econ Games-** An international program designed to prepare students for careers in data analytics. The Econ Games provides students with technical coding and presentation curriculum, an annual conference, and

summer data camps. Roughly 800 students participate in at least one of The Econ Games programs.

- **The CEE Fellows Program-** A mentorship program designed to help students build their professional careers in academia or policymaking. Participants have gone on to lead government positions, graduate school, and policy research.
- **Econ Beats-** A program designed to increase interest in economics by leveraging the arts and music. Econ Beats is an interdisciplinary project-based learning assignment developed at the NKU Center for Economic Education.

### **Visiting Positions**

2021-2022 **Instructor**, Master of Business Administration, University of Kentucky  
2019-2020 **Visiting Associate Professor**, University College Dublin

### **Other Appointments**

2022- **Executive Director**, Journal for Economics Teaching  
2018-2021 **Executive Board Member**, National Association of Economic Educators  
2018- **Board Member**, Cleveland Federal Reserve Education Advisory Board  
2018-2022 **Board Member**, NKU Inclusive Excellence Council,  
2018- **Board Member**, NKU Institute for Student Research and Creative Activity,  
2014- **Board Member**, Kentucky Economic Association  
2015- 2021 **Board Member**, Journal of Economics Teaching  
2018- 2019 **Team Member**, Strategic Framework Resource Team. NKU  
2017- 2018 **Member**, Presidential Search Committee. NKU

### **Policy Appointments**

2019-2023 **Board Member**, Kentucky Financial Empowerment Commission

### **Industry Appointments**

2020-2021 **Economic Analyst**, Royal Court of Oman Think Thank  
2003-2006 **Economic Analyst**, New Equity Financial Corporation

### **Awards, Honors and Scholarships**

Sandy Easton Outstanding Teaching Award (2022)  
NAEE and NEFE Best Financial Literacy Research Award (2021)  
NAEE Rising Star Award (2021)  
Kenneth G. Elzinga Distinguished Teaching Award (2020)  
Unleash Innovation Award (2020)  
Faculty of the Year, NKU Trio Services (SSS) (2019)  
Faculty of the Year, NKU Black Faculty and Staff Association (2019)  
Faculty of the Year, NKU Adult Learner Programs and Services (2019)  
Spotlight on Research, Northern Kentucky University (2018)  
Friends of African American Programs and Services Faculty Member (2018)

Excellence in Teaching and Instruction Award, Northern Kentucky University (2016)  
 Presidential Ambassador Spark Recipient by Kyle Bale (2016)  
 Dean's Citation Award for Outstanding Teaching, Haile COB (2014-2015) Recipient  
 Dean's Citation Award for Outstanding Teaching, Haile COB (2013-2014) Finalist  
 Kentucky Opportunity Fellowship (2009-2010)  
 Outstanding Teaching Award, Gatton College of Business University of Kentucky (2009)  
 Academic Scholarship, Ministry of Higher Education, Oman (2006-2010)

### Research Interest

Financial Behaviors	Discrimination	Real Estate
Economic Education	Financial Literacy	Household Finance

### Teaching Experience

International Economics, Managerial Economics (MBA), Data Analytics and Visualization for Economists, Research for Economists, Intermediate Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Economics for Non-Economists, Honors Economics, Business and Economics Statistics, Labor Economics/Gender Studies, Industrial Organization, MBA Microeconomics, Financial literacy, Economics for Educators

### Publications

**Citations (471) h-index (13) i10-index (13)**

[Google Scholar Profile](#)

- 2022 Abdullah Al-Bahrani (2022). "Classroom management and student interaction interventions: Fostering diversity, inclusion, and belonging in the undergraduate economics classroom". *The Journal of Economic Education*, DOI: [10.1080/00220485.2022.2075507](https://doi.org/10.1080/00220485.2022.2075507)
- 2022 Al-Bahrani, A., Apostolova-Mihaylova, M., and Marshall, E. "Time inconsistent preferences and student performance: An investigation of assignment frequency". *The Journal of Economic Education* DOI <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220485.2022.2075506>
- 2021 Wooten, Jadrian, Abdullah Al-Bahrani, Kim Holder, Darshak Patel. "The Role of Relevance in Economics Education: A Survey". *Journal for Economic Educators*. 21(1), pp.11-31. 2021.
- 2021 Wooten, Jadrian., Abdullah Al-Bahrani. "Economics in a Crisis: A Cautious Approach to Being Relevant". *Journal of Economics Teaching*. 5(4) 143-151. 2021.

- 2020 Al-Bahrani, A. Patel, D. Weathers, J. (2020). "Can financial literacy education reduce the use of Medicaid and SNAP?" *Review of Financial Services*. 20(4). 303-314.
- 2020 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah., Whitney Buser., & Darshak Patel. "Early Causes of Financial Disquiet and the Gender Gap in Financial Literacy: Evidence from College Students in the Southeastern United States". *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. 1-14. 2020.
- 2019 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah, Jamie Weathers, Darshak Patel. "Racial Differences in the Returns to Financial Literacy Education" *Journal of Consumer Affairs*. 53(2), 572-599. 2019.
- 2018 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah, Whitney Douglas-Buser and Darshak Patel. "Does Math Confidence Matter? How Student Perceptions Create Barriers To Success In Economics Classes" *Journal of Economics and Finance Education*. 17(1), 61-77. 2018.
- 2018 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah, David Mahon, Dirk Mateer, Ryan Murphy. "Pokmon GO: Applications for the Economics Classroom" *Journal of Economics Teaching*. 3(2). 219-231. 2018
- 2018 D'Souza, Rodney, John Clarkin, Abdullah Al-Bahrani. "Starting Early: The Impact of Experience Based Education on Entrepreneurial Intentions of High School Students?" *Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice*. 18(4). 30-42. 2018.
- 2018 Al-Bahrani, A., Weathers, J., & Patel, D. (2019). Racial differences in the returns to financial literacy education. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, 53(2), 572-599.
- 2018 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah, Whitney Douglas-Buser and Darshak Patel. "Does Math Confidence Matter? How Student Perceptions Create Barriers to Success in Economics Classes" *Journal of Economics and Finance Education*. Forthcoming.
- 2017 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah; Brad Libis, Sara Drabik, John Gibson. "Econ Beats: A Semester Long, Interdisciplinary, Project-Based Learning Assignment". *Journal of Economics and Finance Education*. 16 (3), 1-11, 2017.
- 2017 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah; Darshak Patel, Brandon Sheridan "Evaluating Twitter and its Impact on Student Learning in Principles of Economics Courses" *Journal of Economic Education*. 48(4), 243-253, 2017.
- 2017 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah, Darshak Patel, and Brandon Sheridan "Have Economic Educators Embraced Social Media as a Teaching Tool?" *Journal of Economic Education*. 48 (1), 45-50, 2017.
- 2017 Acchiardo, Charity-Joy; Abdullah Al-Bahrani; Kim Holder; and Dirk Mateer. "Through the Lens of Life: Teaching Principles of Economics with Humans of New York" . *Journal of Economics and Finance Education* .17(2) Spring 19-30 2017.

- 2017 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah. ” [Competition in Online Markets: When Banks, Compete do Consumers Really Win](#)" . *Journal of Housing Research*. 25 (2), 157-170, 2017.
- 2016 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah; Kim Holder; Darshak Patel; Jadrian Wooten. “[Art of Econ: An Interdisciplinary Approach for Differentiated Assessment](#)” . *Journal of Economics and Finance Education*. 15 (2), 1-16, 2016 .
- 2016 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah; Chelsea Dowell; Darshak Patel. “[Video Scrapbooking: An Art Form Revived in the Economics Curriculum](#)” . *Journal of Economics and Economic Education Research*. 17(1), 7-15, 2016.
- 2016 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah; Kim Holder; Rebecca Moryl; Ryan Murphy; and Darshak Patel. “[Putting yourself in the picture with an "ECONSelfie": Using student-generated photos to enhance introductory economics courses](#)” *International Review of Economics Education*. 22(1) 16-22. 2016
- 2016 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah; Kim Holder, Darshak Patel; and Brandon Sheridan. “[The GreatDigital Divide: Using Television to Teach Economics?](#)” *Journal of Economics and Economic Education Research*.17 (2), 105-112. 2016.
- 2015 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah and Darshak Patel. “[Incorporating Twitter, Instagram and Facebook in Economics Classrooms](#)” . *Journal of Economic Education*. 46(1), 56-67, 2015
- 2015 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah and Darshak Patel. ”[Using ESPN 30 for 30 to Teach Economics](#)” .*Southern Economic Journal*. 81(3), 829-842, 2015
- 2015 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah, Darshak Patel and Brandon Sheridan. ”[Using Social Media to Engage Students Outside of the Classroom, the Students Perspective](#)” . *International Review of Economics Education*. 19(1) 36-50, 2015
- 2015 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah, Kim Holder, Adam Hoffer and Solina Lindahl. “[Rockonomix.com](#)” . *Journal of Economic Education*. 46(4), 443, 2015
- 2015 Al-Bahrani, Abdullah and Qing Su. “[Determinants of Mortgage Pricing: A Quantile Regression Analysis](#)” . *Journal of Housing Economics*. 13 (December), 77-85, 2015

### **Book Chapters**

- 2023 Al-Bahrani, Patel, Sheridan “Using Social Media Revisited” Forthcoming
- 2022 Al-Bahrani, A., Bawazir, H., Al-Ubaydli, O., Hamdan, A., & Mannai, M. A. (2022). Using Student Opinions to Guide Investments in Assessment Methods. In *Technologies, Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Learning Post-COVID-19* (pp. 3-18). Springer, Cham. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-93921-2\_1

- 2022 Al-Bahrani, A., & Patel, D. (2022). Using ESPN 30 for 30 to teach economics-revisited. In *Teaching Sports Economics and Using Sports to Teach Economics*. Edward Elgar Publishing.  
<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800884182.00010>
- 2019 Al-Bahrani, A., & Thompson, L. (2019). “[Making Economics Stick with Econ Beats](#)”. In *Teaching Economics* 105-114. Springer, Cham.

### Invited Presentations

Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank Teacher Training Program 2022  
 Audeo Seminar 2021  
 Pennsylvania Economic Association Keynote Speaker 2021  
 NKU Center of Teaching and Learning 2021  
 Emmanuel College, Boston MA 2021  
 Majlis Al Khonji, Muscat Oman 2021  
 College of Applied Science, Ibri Oman 2021  
 Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat Oman 2020  
 Susquehanna University, USA 2020  
 NKU COB Brown Bag, Highland Heights, KY USA 2020  
 Ministry of Education, Oman 2020  
 University of Toronto, Canada 2020  
 Majlis Al Khonji, Oman 2020  
 Texas A&M, Qatar 2020  
 The Think Tank Unit, Oman 2020  
 University College of London, United Kingdom 2020  
 University College of Dublin, Ireland 2020  
 University College of London, United Kingdom 2019  
 State Financial Officers Foundation Meeting, Lexington, KY USA 2019  
 NKU Spotlight on Research, Highland Heights, KY USA 2018  
 NKU SGA, Highland Heights, KY USA 2018  
 Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, GA USA 2018  
 NAAE New Center Director Training, Brooklyn, NY USA 2017  
 Cengage Economics, USC Columbia, SC USA 2017  
 New Student Convocation, Northern Kentucky University USA 2016  
 Susquehanna University, Susquehanna, PA USA 2016  
 Cengage Economics, Cincinnati, OH USA 2016  
 Northern Kentucky University Convocation, Highland Heights, KY 2016  
 NKU 360, Innovative Teaching at NKU, Highland Heights, KY 2015  
 Finance Doctoral Students Association Conference, Park City Utah USA 2016  
 Economics Department Seminar, Gatton College of Business, University of Kentucky 2015  
 W.W. Norton, Chicago, IL USA 2014  
 Academy of Economics and Finance, Chattanooga, TN USA 2014  
 Lafayette College, Easton, PA USA 2012  
 College of Business and Economics, Roanoke College, 2012  
 Bloomsburg University, PA USA 2010

Berry College, Rome, GA USA 2010

### Conference Presentations

- 2020 Council for Economic Education-Research Presentation  
Southern Economic Association, New Orleans  
Kentucky Economic Association  
#EconTEAching speaker series University College London  
#TeachECONference 2020 hosted by University College London
- 2019 American Economic Association.
- 2018 Southern Economic Association; National Council for Economic Education
- 2016 American Economic Association; Eastern Economic Association; CTREE;  
APEE; National Council for Economic Education
- 2015 Kentucky Economic Association; CTREE
- 2014 CTREE
- 2010 Southern Economic Association
- 2009 Kentucky Economic Association, Southern Economic Association

### Undergraduate Research Supervision

Summer 2022 Research Consortium- Asia Norman, Allyson Kunkle, Aro Rajaonah. Using the ACS to understand entrepreneurship in America.

Brooklyn Stephens. Summer 2021. "Money Keeps Me Up at Night: Analysis of Financial Anxiety in the United States." [Kentucky Economic Association Best Paper Award 2021](#)

Ty Kent. Spring 2019. "High School Financial Literacy Education and its Impact on Future Income."

Matt Frey. Spring 2019. "Measuring Efficacy of State Mandated Financial Literacy Programs."

Matt Frey. Summer 2018. "Financial Literacy In Kentucky. Preparing for House Bill 132."

Dakota Langhals. Summer 2018. "What are Predatory Lending Laws? Definition, Measurement, and Outcomes." [Kentucky Economic Association Best Paper Award 2018](#)

Matt Frey and Jacob Koors. Spring 2017. "What Have We Learned Since 2012? Revisiting the National Financial Capabilities Study to Examine Financial Literacy."

Kelsey Paulsen. December 2012 "Who's to Blame? A Story of the 2008 United States Financial Crisis." Honors Thesis

### Referee

Education Science, Academy of Economics and Finance Journal, Currents in Teaching and Learning. Journal of Economics Teaching, Cuadernos de

Economia, Eastern Economic Journal, International Review of Economic Education, Journal of Economic Education.

## **Services**

Econ Club Advisor 2013-  
Chair of the Continuous Improvement Strategy Committee 2021-2022  
Director of the CEE Search Committee Chair 2021-2022.  
Economics Search Committee 2021-2022  
Finance Search Committee 2021-2022  
Online Task Force 2021-2022  
Experiential Learning and Student Excellence 2021-2022  
COB Research Workshop Committee 2020-2021  
Student Experiential Learning Committee 2020-2021  
Business Week 2020-2021  
Campus Climate Committee 2018-2019  
Professional Concern Committee 2017-2018  
Presidential Search and Screen Committee 2017  
Faculty Benefits 2017-2018  
MBA Redesign Team-2017-2018  
Signature and Emerging Areas 2016  
Assurance of Learning Committee 2013-2018  
Principles department and General Education Coordinator 2013-2018  
NKU R.O.C.K.S Mentor 2013-2014  
Northern Exposure 2013-2014