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Biography:

After receiving B.S. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from Bilkent University and M.S. in Economics from Middle East Technical University, I received a Ph.D. degree in economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2006. Since then, I have been working as a Research Associate at IMPAQ International, LLC – located in Columbia, Maryland which specializes in domestic/international policy research and technical assistance and also houses a survey center. My regular responsibilities at IMPAQ include doing research, directing projects, serving as technical lead for projects, business development, and junior staff supervision. The subject matter of the projects I am involved with is mostly in domestic healthcare services research area. Typical projects involve designing and/or implementing rigorous evaluations of Federal Government programs, most recently in wellness/prevention and long term care. Another line of typical projects involves analytical/data processing activities such designing and implementing data integrity processes for Medicare Advantage payment calculations, developing and executing methodologies to measure payment error rates in Medicare Advantage programs. Aside from domestic health projects, I also participate in domestic labor projects such as evaluating a number of training programs the Department of Labor has.

I have been a member of TASSA since 2006. I am currently in the second year of serving as a TASSA auditor. I was one of the authors of the most recent TASSA Audit Report prepared in 2009.