

OLGA SHURCHKOV

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Professor of Economics • Academic Leader • ITF Taekwon-Do Instructor

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Economist, academic leader, and ITF Certified VI Dan International Instructor with extensive experience in mentoring, women's leadership, program development, event organization, and public engagement. Expertise in social media, personnel management, fund-raising, communication with funders and donors, and budgeting. Research in behavioral and experimental economics on labor markets, leadership, education, and decision-making.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

- **2024–Present** Faculty Director • Madeleine Korbel Albright Institute for Global Affairs
- **2023–Present** Professor • Economics Department
- **2018–2022** Director • Knapp Social Science Center
- **2008–2023** Assistant and Associate Professor • Economics Department

HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL

2011–2013 Research Fellow • Women and Public Policy Program

COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL

2009, 2010, 2012 Visiting Professor • Finance and Economics Division

TAEKWON-DO LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- **2020–Present** Co-Founder and Co-Chair, ITF America Women's Committee
 - Co-edit biannual newsletter
 - Host YouTube interview series
 - Co-organize and host women's meet & greets
 - Co-organized and hosted 4 zoom seminars
- **2020–2024** Member, ITF America Board of Directors
- **2020–2024** Member, ITF America National Association Status Committee
- **2019–2023** Member, ITF Business and Marketing Committee
 - Co-produced Committee Terms of Reference
 - Developed and conducted global survey of instructors and schools; presented to the ITF Board of Directors
 - Developed and piloted International Business Development Course

TAEKWON-DO TEACHING

- **2017–Present** Instructor of Physical Education (Taekwon-Do I and II), Wellesley College; Founder and Head Instructor, Wellesley College ITF Taekwon-Do Club
- **2012–Present** Visiting Instructor at Central Taekwon-Do Academy in Hudson, NH
- **2008–2018** Volunteer at YMCA Taekwon-Do, Hanover, MA



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CORE STRENGTHS

- Mentoring and women's leadership
- Program and event development
- Public speaking and social media
- Survey and experimental methodology
- Program evaluation and rigorous empirical analysis

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CURRICULUM VITAE, CONTINUED

EDUCATION

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Ph.D. in Economics, 2008

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

- B.A. in Economics & Art History, 2001
- Summa Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa

SELECTED HONORS

- 2024 Anna and Samuel Pinanski Prize for Excellence in Teaching
- 2009 FEEM Award for Best Paper at EEA meeting
- 2007 Allyn Young Teaching Prize, Harvard University
- 2002-2006 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship

SKILLS

COMMUNICATIONS

Social media, public writing, public speaking, graphic design

TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft Office, Canva, Adobe Photoshop, LaTeX (Overleaf), Stata, z-Tree, MatLab, Qualtrics, LLMs

LANGUAGES

Russian (fluent), English (fluent)

TAEKWON-DO TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

- **1998-Present** ITF training and advancement 1st Dan through 6th Dan
 - 1st Dan Oct 1998
 - 2nd Dan Apr 2000
 - 3rd Dan Apr 2002
 - 4th Dan Jul 2012 (GM Suarez)
 - 5th Dan Nov 2017 (GM Suarez)
 - 6th Dan Dec 2022 (GM Suarez & GM Nunez)
- **2009-2025** Participated in over 10 International Instructor Courses
- **Nov 2023** Participated in International Do Course
- **2018; 2022** Participated in 2 International Umpire Courses
- **2020-Present** Participate in numerous ITF America Technical Seminars; Coaching Seminars

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP, MENTORING AND EDITORIAL SERVICE

AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION - CSWEP

- **2025-Present** Associate Chair and Director of Mentoring
- **2024-Present** Co-Organizer, Annual Women PhD Student Mentoring Workshop
- **2024-2025** Eastern Representative on the Board
- **2025** Guest Editor, CSWEP News, Issue III

EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP

- **2020-Present** Associate Editor, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization
- **2020-Present** Member, Editorial Board, Feminist Economics
- **2022-2024** Guest Editor, Special Issue on the Economics of Beauty, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization

RESEARCH AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- 17 peer-reviewed publications
- Over 40 invited and conference presentations, as well as extensive public-facing work on women, leadership, and workplace inequality.

Current Taekwon-Do-related research: "The Social and Educational Impacts of Martial Arts Philosophy and Practice" (with Danila Serra)

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

CBS News Boston; The Daily Show with Trevor Noah; The Washington Post; Nature; The Economist; Bloomberg; Boston Globe Magazine; Freakonomics Radio; Christian Science Monitor; Channel 5 News (ABC).