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EDUCATION

West Virginia University - Morgantown, West Virginia

Ph.D. in Economics

August 2019 – Expected Completion May 2024

M.A. in Economics

December 2022

London School of Economics and Political Science - London, United Kingdom

B.Sc. in Economics with Honors

August 2014 – May 2017

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) - United Kingdom

May 2015

Dissertation Committee Members

Dr. Brad Humphreys (Dissertation Chair)

Dr. David Slusky

Dr. Daniel Grossman

Dr. Palak Suri

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urban and Regional Economics, Health Economics, Transportation Economics

DISSERTATION

1. Job Market Paper: *The Impact of NBA and NFL Games on Traffic Accidents in Oakland, California*

“The impact of NBA and NFL games reach beyond the walls of the stadiums and arenas, extending to impacts on driver behavior after games. In this paper I analyze game outcomes for professional football and basketball games and its impact on driver behavior on game days. Using crash data from the Transportation Injury Mapping System, I match locations of accidents within a 3-mile, 5-mile and 10-mile radius from the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Complex with data on NBA and NFL games from 2011 to 2019. Results show that game outcomes (home wins and unexpected losses) result in increasing overall accidents, while also increasing both alcohol involved accidents and accidents resulting in fatalities or severe injuries.”

2. Grossman, Daniel, **Paranavitana, Dinushka**, & Slusky, David. *The Unintended Consequences of Women’s Clinic Closures on Preventive Care*

3. **Paranavitana, Dinushka**. *Mission Abort: Interest Groups that influence the reduction of access to abortions*

Publications

Paranavitana, Dinushka. Review of *A Research Agenda for Migration and Health*. by K. Bruce Newbold & Kathi Wilson (2019), *The Review of Regional Studies* - (Forthcoming)

Working Papers

4. Bock, Margaret, Humphreys, Brad, & **Paranavitana, Dinushka**. *Adaptive Traffic Control Systems and Congestion: Evidence from Los Angeles*

5. **Paranavitana, Dinushka** & Williams, Corey. *Dueling Measures of Inflation Pass-Through: Sri Lanka’s NCPI and CCPI*

Works in Progress

6. **Paranavitana, Dinushka**. *Lost in Translation: The Impact of Age at Arrival on English Fluency for Immigrant Labor Market Assimilation*

Research Assistant

Professor Shuichiro Nishioka, West Virginia University
Dr. Bilesha Weeraratne, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

Fall 2019
Summer 2021

TEACHING INTERESTS

Health Economics, Urban and Regional Economics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Statistics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

West Virginia University

ECON 302 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory	Fall 2023
ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics	Fall 2022
ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics	Spring 2024, Spring 2022 & Fall 2021
ECON 225 Elementary Business Statistics	Summer 2021

Teaching Assistant

West Virginia University

ECON 225 Elementary Business Statistics	Spring 2023 & Fall 2019
ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics	Spring 2021
ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics	Fall 2020
Mathematics Tutoring	Spring 2020

CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Southern Economic Association (SEA) ^{(1), (2)}	Fall 2023
ASHE - "Successfully Navigating Your Economics PhD": Mentoring Workshop for Health Economics and Health Policy ⁽²⁾	Fall 2023
American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) ⁽²⁾	Summer 2023
The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS) ⁽⁵⁾	Spring 2023
Southern Economic Association (SEA) ⁽⁴⁾	Fall 2022
CSWEP - "Successfully Navigating Your Economics PhD": Mentoring Workshop ⁽³⁾	Fall 2021

AWARDS AND HONORS

ASHEcon Diversity Scholarship	2023
Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship	2023
Distinction Award of Academic Scholarship for Academic Excellence, University of London	2014

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

Project Officer January 2019 – June 2019

TECHNICAL SKILLS

LaTeX STATA QGIS R Studio

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English, Sinhala, Spanish (basic), Korean (basic)

REFERENCES

Dr. Brad Humphreys (Dissertation Chair)

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Professor Economics, West Virginia University
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