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## EDUCATION

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### West Virginia University - Morgantown, West Virginia

Ph.D. in Economics

M.A. in Economics

August 2019 – Expected Completion May 2024

December 2022

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

B.Sc. in Economics with Honors

August 2014 – May 2017

## RESEARCH

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### Interests

Urban and Regional Economics, Transportation Economics, Health Economics

### Publications

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

### Working Papers

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

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

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

### Works in Progress

**Paranavitana, Dinushka**. *Driving on the Losing Lane: The Impact of NFL and NBA Home Game Losses on Traffic Accidents in the Golden State* (JMP)

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

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

### News Articles

**Paranavitana, Dinushka**. (2019) *Trash Talk: Dealing with Marine Plastic Pollution in Sri Lanka's Oceans*

**Paranavitana, Dinushka** & Weerasekera, Harini. (2019) *Digitising the Economic Space: Enter, Entrepreneurs of Sri Lanka!*

### Research Assistant

Professor Shuichiro Nishioka, West Virginia University

Fall 2019

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Interests

Health Economics, Urban and Regional Economics, Mathematical Economics, Money and Banking,

### Instructor

West Virginia University

ECON 421 Introduction to Mathematical Economics

Fall 2023

ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics

Fall 2022

ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics

Spring 2022

ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics

Fall 2021

ECON 225 Elementary Business Statistics

Summer 2021

### Teaching Assistant

West Virginia University

ECON 225 Elementary Business Statistics

Spring 2023

ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics

Spring 2021

ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics  
Mathematics Tutoring  
ECON 225 Elementary Business Statistics

Fall 2020  
Spring 2020  
Fall 2019

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)	Summer 2023
<b>Presenter</b> - <i>The Unintended Consequences of Women's Clinic Closures on Preventive Care</i>	
The Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka	Spring 2023
<b>Presenter</b> - <i>Dueling Measures of Inflation Pass-Through: Sri Lanka's NCPI and CCPI</i>	
Southern Economic Association (SEA)	Fall 2022
<b>Presenter</b> - <i>Adaptive Traffic Control Systems and Congestion: Evidence from Los Angeles</i>	
CSWEP - "Successfully Navigating Your Economics PhD": Mentoring Workshop	Fall 2021
<b>Participant</b>	

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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### Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

Project Officer

January 2019 – June 2019

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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  Studio 

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

## DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Professor Economics, West Virginia University

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Executive Director, American Society of Health Economists

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**Dr. Nathaniel Burke:** Assistant Professor, West Virginia University

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