

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. candidate, Applied Economics (Expected Graduation – Winter/Spring, 2022)

Oregon State University, USA

M.Sc., Agricultural Economics (August 2017)

University of Nebraska - Lincoln, USA

B.Sc., Agriculture (March 2014)

Wayamba University of Sri Lanka

Specialization: Agri Business Management

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Economics, Consumer Behavior and Food and Agricultural Marketing, Behavioral and Experimental Economics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND PUBLICATIONS

Peer- reviewed journal papers

Weerasekara, N. D. K., Jayasinghe-Mudalige, U. K., Ikram, S. M. M., Udugama, J. M. M., Edirisinghe, J. C. and Herath, H. M. L. K. (2014). Firms' Responsive Towards Quality Management in Bottled Drinking Water Manufacturing Industry in Sri Lanka. *Sri Lanka Journal of Economic Research*, 2(1), 67 - 78.

Poster Presentations

Weerasekara, N. D., Streletskaia, N. A & Li, J. (2019). Wine tasting: consumer preferences for wine, choice, and sensory information. In *2019 Annual Meeting, July 21-23, Atlanta, Georgia* (No. 290753). Agricultural and Applied Economics Association.

Weerasekara, N. D. K., Banerjee, S. and Mukherjee, Z. (2016). Do regulations on fishery resource management affect spatial competition among processors. In *Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

Yinrou, W., **Weerasekara, N. D. K.** and Banerjee, S. (2016). Economics of Fishing: An Application to Eastern India. *Summer Research Symposium*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Articles

Banerjee, S., Mukherjee, Z. and **Weerasekara, N. D. K.** (2016). Understanding the Economic Characteristics of a Developing Country Marine Fishery— A Case Study of the Digha-Shankarpur Fishery in Eastern India. *Cornhusker Economics*, Sep. 21, 2016.

Peer- reviewed conference papers and presentations

Weerasekara, N. D. K., Jayasinghe-Mudalige, U. K., Ikram, S. M. M., Udugama, J. M. M., Herath, H. M. T. K., Edirisinghe, J. C. and Herath, H. M. L. K. (2013). Food Safety Responsiveness of Bottled Water Manufacturers: An Empirical Investigation. *proceedings of 2nd International Economic Research Conference*, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, 43-49 (presented on 13th -14th December 2013).

Weerasekara, N. D. K., Jayasinghe-Mudalige, U. K., Ikram, S. M. M., Udugama, J. M. M., Herath, H. M. T. K., Edirisinghe, J. C. and Herath, H. M. L. K. (2013). Constraints and Incentives for Bottled Drinking Water Manufacturing Firms in Sri Lanka to adopt HACCP Food Safety and Quality Metasystem-A Discriminant Analysis. *proceedings of 12th Agricultural Research Symposium*, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, Makandura, Gonawila, 429-433 (presented on 30th – 31st May 2013).

Abstracts

Weerasekara, N. D. K. (2013). Risk Management in Agribusiness, *proceedings of 8th In-Plant Training Symposium*, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, Makandura, Gonawila, 53-54.

Thesis

Weerasekara, N. D. K. (2022, PhD). Consumer food choices: importance of option saliency, peer and expert information and uncertainty.

Weerasekara, N. D. K. (2017, Msc). An Economic Analysis of a Total Allowable Catch-Individual Transferable Quota System in a Developing Country Heterogeneous Fishery: An Application to the Digha Fishery in West Bengal, India, *digitalcommons.unl.edu*.

Projects

Experimenter for the project “Towards Successful Fundraising Campaigns: Social Networks and their Role in Threshold Public Goods Games” under the supervision of Dr. Simanti Banerjee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Instructor, Oregon State University, USA

AEC 221 - Agricultural Marketing and Policy (Spring 2021-Ecampus)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Oregon State University, USA

For Dr. Nadia Streletskaia; AEC 513 - Microeconomic Theory II (Fall 2019, 2020)

For Prof. Junjie Wu; AEC 512 - Microeconomic Theory I (Fall 2020)

For Dr. Nadia Streletskaia; AEC 221 - Agricultural Marketing and Policy (Spring 2019, 2020, 2021)

For Dr. Nadia Streletskaia; AEC 311- Intermediate Applied Econ I (Winter 2019)

For Dr. Jeff Reimer; AEC 311- Intermediate Applied Econ I (Winter 2020, 2021)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

For Dr. Simanti Banerjee; AECN 265 - Environment and Resource Economics I (Spring 2016)

Student Mentor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

Wang Yinrou, undergraduate, summer research program 2016

AFFILIATIONS

- Lab manager, Applied Experimental Economics Lab (AEELab), Oregon State University (since August 2018)
- Treasurer, Agri Econ Graduate Student Association, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (since 2016-2017)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Temporary Assistant Lecturer, Department of Agribusiness Management, Faculty of Agriculture and Plantation Management, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka (since May 2014 to May 2015)

Internship Trainee, CIC Agri Businesses (Pvt.) Ltd., Kandy, Sri Lanka (since October 2013 to February 2014)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Graduate research/teaching assistantship awarded by the Oregon State University, USA, 2017 Fall
- Graduate research assistantship awarded by the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, USA, 2015 Fall
- Excellence at G.C.E. Advanced level examination (2008) – Swarnamali Girls' School, Sri Lanka
- Best project award at the competition organized by the Sri Lanka Environment conservation organization (2001)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Co-coordinator, 9th In-Plant Training Symposium (2014), Wayamba University of Sri Lanka
- Member, logistic committee, Agriculture Research Symposium (2013), Wayamba University of Sri Lanka
- Member, publication committee, In-plant Training Symposium (2013), Wayamba University of Sri Lanka

OTHER

Languages: Sinhala (Native speaker), English

Citizenship: Sri Lanka

Computer skills: STATA, R, working knowledge of HTML, PHP, MySQL

Interests: Hand-made cards (Blog: <http://fairygreetings.blogspot.com>), scrap books, sewing, sightseeing