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EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, University of California, Irvine, expected 2019

M.A. in Economics, University of California, Irvine, 2016

M.S. in Economics, IGIDR, Mumbai, 2006

B.S in Economics, Mathematics and Statistics, Bangalore University, 2004

RESEARCH FIELDS

Econometrics, Banking and Computational Statistics

RESEARCH PAPERS

"Heterogeneity in the Resolution of Bank Failures: A Latent Class Approach"

This paper investigates the resolution of failed banks by the FDIC during 1984-1992 and finds that bank failures that were accompanied by regional economic distress had a higher median probability of receiving financial assistance from the FDIC compared to those that failed in a relatively more favorable economic climate. This article also provides evidence in favor of the importance of the political support of elected representatives in securing less severe forms of resolution for banks that failed in economically distressed regions. A novel Bayesian procedure to estimate latent class models with ordinal responses is developed to detect unobserved heterogeneity in bank resolution.

"Bayesian Latent Class Modeling with Ordinal Response Data"

Bayesian methods to estimate latent class models have been developed and implemented in contexts involving continuous and binary outcome data but have not yet been adapted to model ordinal responses. I address this open area of research and develop an efficient collapsed Gibbs sampler to estimate such models in univariate and multivariate settings. The paper discusses issues pertaining to model identification and prior sensitivity and provides applications from labor and banking.

References

Ivan Jeliazkov	Gary Richardson	Eric Swanson
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, UCI   Oct 2014 – present.

Graduate classes
Econometrics (Winter 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2017)
Probability and Statistics (Summer 2016)

Upper division
Econometrics (Winter 2017, Winter 2018)
Applied Econometrics I (Fall 2016)
Applied Econometrics II (Fall 2015)

Game Theory (Summer 2015)
Cultural Economics (Summer 2016)
Managerial Economics (Spring 2015)

Lower Division
Probability and Statistics for Social Sciences (Winter 2015)
Probability and Statistics for Economics (Fall 2014)

Other

Instructor for Data Scientist Program, Evalueserve Chile	Apr 2013 – May 2013,
	Oct 2013 – Nov 2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher for Prof. Gary Richardson, UCI	Jun 2017 – Sep 2017
Researcher for ILO funded project at BASIX Ltd., Bangalore	Jul 2013 – Aug 2013

HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, UCI	2017
Emerging Scholars Program, Federal Reserve System and CSBS	2017
Merit Fellowship in Economics, UCI	Fall 2017
Summer Research Fellowship, UCI	2016, 2017
Reserve Bank of India Governor's Gold Medal in Economics, IGIDR	2006
Gold Medal for Mathematics, Bangalore University	2004

PRESENTATION

Banking Research Group, UCI	2018
Joint Statistical Meeting – American Statistical Association, Baltimore	2017
Invited Seminar at IGIDR, Mumbai	2017
Winter School at Delhi School of Economics, Delhi	2017
Conference on Business Analytics and Intelligence, Bangalore	2017

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Senior Practice Expert in Quantitative Modeling, Evalueserve	May 2011 – Jun 2014
Key responsibilities: Operational risk models under Basel II	*Viña del Mar, Chile and Charlotte, NC*
Analytic Consultant, FICO (Fair Isaac Corp.)	Aug 2010 – May 2011,
Key responsibilities: Credit risk scorecards and models under Basel II	Jun 2006 – Jun 2008
	Bangalore, India and Birmingham, UK
Team Lead, Genpact	
Key responsibilities: Risk-based pricing model for auto loans	Feb 2010 – Aug 2010
	Bangalore, India
Manager, Credit Ratings and Models, Lloyds Banking Group	Sep 2008 – Jan 2010
Key responsibilities: Develop and manage credit risk models under	*Birmingham, UK*
Basel II models for Commercial loan portfolio	

COMPUTER SKILLS   MATLAB, R, SAS and STATA