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EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Economics , University of Houston	August 2020
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	M.A. in Economics , University of Houston	August 2019
	Master of Financial Economics , University of Colombo, Sri Lanka	January 2014
	B.S. in Engineering (Electrical) , University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka	June 2009
TEACHING	Assistant Professor of Business & Economics	
EXPERIENCE	Business Department, Berkshire Community College	Fall 2020 - Present
	Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Fundamental of Business, Business Mathematics, Personal Finance, Business Internship.	
	Instructor	
	Department of Economics, University of Houston	Fall 2017 - Summer 2019
	Intermediate Macroeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics	
	Teaching Assistant	
	Department of Economics, University of Houston	Fall 2015 - Spring 2020
	Microeconomics Theory II (Game Theory) - Ph.D. Level, Behavioral Economics, Introduction to Economic Data Analysis, Intermediate Microeconomics	
	Instructor	
	Center for Banking Studies, Central Bank of Sri Lanka	2012-2015
	<i>-Taught courses in Financial Institutions and Regulations for bankers and professionals.</i>	
HONORS & AWARDS	Teaching Award , Department of Economics, University of Houston	2019
	• Awarded to one out of a batch of 20 graduate students for excellence in mentoring and teaching students.	
	Cullen Fellowship Travel Grant , University of Houston	2019
	Doctoral Student Tuition Fellowship , University of Houston	2015 to Present
SEMINARS & CONFERENCES	Conference of the Swiss Society of Health Economics (Virtual)	January 2021
	IUSSP Population, Poverty and Inequality Conference (Virtual)	December 2020
	North East Universities Development Consortium (Virtual)	November 2020
	Pacific Conference For Development Economics, Berkeley, CA	March 2020
	Texas Health Economics Conference, Waco, TX	December 2019
	Graduate Research Showcase, University of Houston	November 2019
	Empirical Microeconomics Seminar, University of Houston	October 2019
	Missouri Valley Economic Association, Kansas City, MO	October 2019
	Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Houston, TX	September 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p>Conduct research in applied microeconomics using variety of econometric techniques. Current research focus on labor market regulations and wage inequality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Women’s Labor Market Opportunities and Fertility Decisions: Using Regression Discontinuity in Time design, I find that government labor migration restrictions targeting women changes women’s fertility decisions resulting more younger women starting their childbearing early.• Trends in Wage Inequality in Sri Lanka: Using a Katz and Murphy (1992) supply and Demand framework and 14 years of labor force surveys with more than 1 million observations, I find that Sri Lanka shows a unique decline in wage inequality due to the increase in supply of high skill workers along with occupational upgrade among low skill workers.						
WORK EXPERIENCE	<p>Assistant Director Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Sri Lanka September 2010 - July 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed national policies foreign investments and trade as a team member.• Analyzed and approved foreign investments and financial derivatives.• Led the Investigation Division of the Department of Foreign Exchange.• Investigated and prosecuted firms and individuals for non-compliance with regulations.• Assisted the Attorney General’s Department on litigation on financial transactions.• Issued, and enforced regulatory permits to private entities.• Supervised, mentored and trained six employees on conducting investigations.• Redesigned the file recording system for improved efficiency. <p>Electrical Engineer Ceylon Electricity Board, Colombo, Sri Lanka February 2010 - September 2010 Bharti Airtel Lanka Ltd., Colombo, Sri Lanka August 2009 - January 2010</p>						
SKILLS	<p>Proficient in STATA, Working knowledge in R, MATLAB, Python & SQL L^AT_EX, SPSS, RATS, Microsoft suite of products.</p>						
CERTIFICATES	<p>IBM Data Science Professional Certificate on Coursera May 2020 CFA, Passed Level I 2014</p>						
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