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Research Interests Macroeconomics, Economic Development

Professional Experience

2011-present Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Winnipeg
2006-2011 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Winnipeg
2004-2005 Research Assistant, University of Toronto
2003 Research Assistant, Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN)
2001 Consultancy, Northern Pakistan Education Program (NPEP)
2000-2001 Fellowship in International Development Management, Aga Khan Foundation, Canada (AKF-C)

Education

2001-2007 Ph.D., Economics, University of Toronto
 Thesis Title: “Accounting for Disparity: Essays on Agricultural Development and Racial Earnings Inequality”
 Supervisors: Albert Berry, Diego Restuccia and Shouyong Shi
1999-2000 M.A., Economics, Queen’s University
1995-1999 B.A., Collaborative International Development Studies (Honours), University of Guelph

Teaching Experience

University of Winnipeg (2006-present)

- ECON-1102/3 – Introductory Microeconomics
- ECON-1103/3 – Introductory Macroeconomics
- ECON-1106/3 – Introductory Economic Development
- ECON-2102/3 – Intermediate Macroeconomics
- ECON-2302/3 – Monetary Economics and Banking
- ECON-2301/3 – Financial Systems
- ECON-3120/3 – Microfinance in Theory and Practice
- ECON-3305/3 – Economic Development
- ECON-4104/3 – Macroeconomics
- ECON-4306/3 – Topics in Economic Development
- ECON-4412/3 – Advanced Reading Course in Economics

Trent University (2005-2006)

- IDST-310 - International Development in an Economic Context

University of Toronto (2001-2006) – Teaching assistant

- ECO 206Y1 - Microeconomic Theory
- ECO 333Y1 - Urban Economics

Queen's University (1999-2000) - Teaching Assistant

- ECON-239 - Economic Development
- ECON-361 - Income Distribution and Problems of Inequality

Research

Published Articles

“Why the CCM Won’t Lose: The Roots of Single Party Dominance in Tanzania”, *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, Volume 30, Issue 2, pages 313-333 (April-May 2012). Published by Taylor and Francis Group.

“Racial Earnings Inequality in South Africa: A Quantitative Assessment of the Policy Options”, *Journal of Policy Modeling*, Volume 32, Issue 6, pages 703-718 (November-December 2010). Published by Elsevier.

“Cross-Country Disparity in Agricultural Productivity: Quantifying the Role of Modern Seed Adoption”, with Manish Pandey, *Journal of Development Studies*, Volume 46, Issue 10, pages 1-18 (November 2010). Published by Taylor and Francis Group.

“Education Finance and the Persistence of Racial Earnings Inequality in the Post-Brown Era”, *Economics of Education Review*, Volume 29, Issue 4, pages 526-542 (August 2010). Published by Elsevier.

Work in progress

“Africa's Missed Agricultural Revolution: A Quantitative Study of Technology Adoption in Agriculture”

“The Political Economy of Rural Neglect in Tanzania”

“The Optimality of Universal Primary Education in Developing Countries”, joint with Manish Pandey

“Cultivating the Arctic's Most Valuable Resource: An Analysis of the Barriers to High School Completion Among Arctic Youth”, joint with Manish Pandey

Book reviews

Review of Nelson Lichtenstein, ed., *Wal-Mart: The Face of 21st Century Capitalism* (New York: New Press 2006) for the Spring 2008 issue of *Labour/Le Travail*.

Review of Karmakar, K.G., ed., *Microfinance in India*, (New Delhi: Sage Publications India 2008), for the *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, Volume 31, number 1–2 (2010).

Conference Participation

Presenter

“Where’s the Money?: The Right to Water in First Nations Communities”

- Cherishing water, claiming health: a planning symposium on water as a holistic health right in the Pas (May 2012)

“If Women Were in Power: An Examination of the Determinants and Impacts of Gendered Agricultural Policy in Africa”

- Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) conference in Fredericton (June 2011)

“Experiential Learning and Microfinance Mechanisms”

- Canadian Economics Association (CEA) meetings in Ottawa (June 2011)

“The Optimality of Universal Primary Education in Developing Countries”

- Canadian Economics Association (CEA) meetings in Quebec City (June 2010)
- Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) conference in Montreal (June 2010)

“Why the CCM Won’t Lose: The Roots of Single Party Dominance in Tanzania”

- Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference in Oxford, England (March 2009)

“The Political Economy of Rural Neglect in Tanzania”

- Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Meetings in Vancouver (June 2008)
- Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS) conference in Edmonton (May 2008)
- Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) conference in Vancouver (June 2008)

“Accounting for Productivity Differences in Developing Country Agriculture”

- 41st Annual Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Halifax, June 2007)

“Educational Disparity and Racial Earnings Inequality: Insights from South Africa and the U.S.”:

- University of Manitoba, Department of Economics Seminar, October 2006
- 12th Annual Graduate Research Conference in African Studies, Boston University (March 2004)
- University of Toronto Macroeconomics Workshop (April 2004)
- 38th Annual Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Toronto, June 2004)

“Africa's Missed Agricultural Revolution: Examining the Links between Factor Endowments, Government Investment and Technology Adoption in Agriculture”

- Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference, Oxford, England (March 2007).
- Canadian Council of Area Studies Learned Societies Conference (Montreal, May 2005)
- Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) Congress (London, June 2005)
- 39th Annual Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Hamilton, June 2005)

Discussant

- “The Effects of Women's Political Representation and Democratization on Health in the Developing World, 1980-2005” by Giovanni Burgos, Kathleen M. Fallon and Liam Swiss at the CASID conference in Fredericton (June 2011)
- “Microfinance Profitability: Does the financing structure matter?” by Peter Muriu at the CEA meetings in Ottawa (June 2011)
- “The Long-Run Impacts of Early Childhood Education: Evidence from a Failed Policy Experiment” by Justin Smith and Philip DeCicca, at the Canadian Economics Association meetings in Quebec City (June 2010)
- “Democracy's Achilles Heel, or How to Win an Election without Really Trying” by Paul Collier and Anke Hoeffler, at the Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference in Oxford, England (March 2009).
- “Trends in Rainfall and Economic Growth in Africa: A Neglected Cause of the African Growth Tragedy”, by Luisito Bertinelli, Eric Strobl and Salvador Barrios, at the Canadian Economics Association Meetings in Vancouver (May 2008).
- “Child Labor Traps, Schooling Quality and Growth”, by Alice Fabre, 41st Annual Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Halifax, June 2007).
- “Micro Evidence of the Brain Drain Hypothesis: The Case of Cape Verde”, by Catia Batista, Aitor Lacuesta and Pedro Vicente, at the Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference in Oxford, England (March 2007).
- “Debt Contracts and Endogenous Growth with Imperfect Financial Markets”, Qichun He, Canadian Economics Association Meetings (June 2005)
- “Total Factor Productivity and Heterogeneous Production Units”, Yang Liu, University of Toronto Macroeconomics Workshop (November 2003)

Session Chair

- “Focus on Gender”, CASID conference in Fredericton (June, 2011)
- “Comparing the Perceptions of Teachers and Students on Education Reforms in Five Countries”, CASID conference in Montreal (June, 2010)
- “Pro-poor Economic Growth in Transition Economies” at the Canadian Association of International Development Studies (CASID) conference in Vancouver (June, 2008)
- “Researching Local Economies” at the Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS) conference in Edmonton (May 1-4, 2008)

Refereeing

Referee for *Agricultural Economics*, Taylor and Francis Books, *the Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, *Feminist Economics*, *Economics of Education Review*, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, *the Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies* and *World Development*.

Grants and Awards

- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Planning Grant, “Cherishing water, claiming health: a planning symposium on water as a holistic health right”, with Brenda Elias, Inez Vystril-Spence, Jaymie Leary, Karen Busby, Warren Cariou, Susan Thompson, Zulfiya Tursonova, Benita Cohen and Annemieke Farenhorst (October 2011).

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Development Grant for the project “Cultivating the Arctic's Most Valuable Resource: An Analysis of the Barriers to High School Completion Among Aboriginal Youth in Northern Communities”, joint with Manish Pandey (June 2011)
- Faculty of Business and Economics Chartered Accountants of Manitoba Excellence in Teaching Award (May 2011)
- Major Research Grant, University of Winnipeg (May 2007)
- Bank of Canada Research Grant (April 2005)
- University of Toronto Fellowship (2001-2005)
- Sir Edward Nuffeld Travel Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto (May 2003)
- Institute for Economics Research Scholarship, Queen’s University (1999-2000)

Administrative Work

- Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) (2008-2012)
- Graduate Program Committee – Department of Economics (Chair) (2007-2012)
- Urban and Inner-City Studies Advisory Board (member) (2010-2012)
- Urban and Inner-City Studies Departmental Personnel Committee (member) (2011-2012)
- Honours Advisor – Department of Economics (2009-2012)
- Departmental Personnel Committee – Department of Economics (2007-2012)
- SSHRC Master’s Scholarships Departmental Representative (2007-2012)
- Planning Committee, Summer Institute on Infectious Diseases III, Global College (2009, 2011)
- Departmental Review Committee – Department of Economics (2007 – 2008)
- Library Representative – Department of Economics (2007-2009)
- Senate Advisory Subcommittee on the Library (SASOL) (2007-2009)
- Senate Library Committee (SLC) (2007-2008)

Community Service

- Treasurer, Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID)
- Advisory Board, *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*

References

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