

## Research Work and Projects

### Graduate Research Assistant

Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA, 2003 – present. Research Assistant to Drs. Angela Fertig and John O’Looney.

- A Study of the Potential for Disproportionality in the Georgia Child Protection and Foster Care Systems.
- Understanding the Uptake of Social Programs Among Those Persons Living in Extreme Poverty.
- Bright from the Start, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Economic Impact/Workforce Development Issues of the Child Care Industry in Georgia
- Child Support Arrears in Georgia: Who Doesn’t Pay and Why?” *This project was awarded the University of Georgia Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach Scholarship of Engagement Grant, 2007-2008.*

### Senior Research Analyst

Divestment Secretariat, Ministry of Finance, Trinidad and Tobago, 2001-2003.

- Assisted in the development and implementation of public economic policy related to the privatization agenda.
- Prepared draft speeches for the Prime Minister, Ministers of Finance, and the Minister of Trade and Industry.
- Served as Corporate Secretary to Trinidad and Tobago (BWIA International) Airways Corporation.
- Provided technical/resource assistance and/or served as a Government appointee to Committees such as inter alia:
  - The Budget Committee with respect to the preparation of the 2002/2003 National Budget.
  - The Joint Central Bank/ Ministry of Finance Committee to prepare a reform programme for strengthening the Trinidad and Tobago Capital Market.
  - The “Vision 2020” Committee for advancing Trinidad and Tobago to developed country status by 2020.
  - The Ministerial Committee appointed to oversee the restructuring of Caroni (1975) Limited.
  - The Port Authority Restructuring Committee with respect to the preparation of the Committee’s reports to the Cabinet, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Works and Transport.
  - The Committee for the divestment of the Port Authority. Made presentations to prospective investors in Belgium, The Philippines and England as the Government representative in the divestment of Cargo-Handling Operations of the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago.

### **Papers Presented**

- “Foreign Aid and the Real Exchange Rate”, Department of Economics, July 2008.
- “Foreign Aid and Macroeconomic Performance”, Southern Economic Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2007.
- “Examining The Impact Of Income Taxation On Income Distribution In Barbados”, Summer Internship at The Central Bank of Barbados, Barbados, September 1998.
- “Caricom: An Economic Appraisal”, Centre de Recherche sur Les Pouvoirs Locaux dans la Cariabe, L’Universite des Antilles et de la Guyane, Scholcher, Martinique, April 1997.
- “The Monetary Transmission Process in Small Open Economies: The Case of Trinidad and Tobago”, XXVII Caribbean Centre for Monetary Studies Conference, Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, Port of Spain, October 1996.

### **Publications**

- “CARICOM Financial Development and Economic Growth: Some Initial Statistical Relationships” in The Financial Evolution of the Caribbean Community 1970-1996, Caribbean Center for Monetary Studies, St. Augustine, 1997.
- “The Monetary Transmission Process in Small Open Economies: The Case of Trinidad and Tobago”, XXVII Caribbean Centre for Monetary Studies Conference Proceedings Publications, Caribbean Centre for Monetary Studies, St. Augustine, October 1996.