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Education

- 2009(Expected) **Ph.D., Economics**
University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA
- 2002 **M.Sc., Economics**
University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago
- 1996 **B.Sc. Economics and Mathematics** (Upper Second Division, double major)
University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago

Dissertation

- Three Essays on Foreign Aid Effectiveness in a Small Open Economy
- Thesis Advisor: Dr. Santanu Chatterjee.

Fields

- Primary Fields: Macroeconomics, International Economics, Growth and Development
- Secondary Fields: Public Economics, Econometrics, Monetary Economics

Academic Employment

Graduate Research Assistant

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

Provided research assistance, data analysis, and written analysis on the following projects:

- *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.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, USA, 2005 - 2007.

- Introduction to Microeconomics, summer session 2007.
- International Business Environment, summer 2006 and fall 2007.
- Introduction to Macroeconomics, summer sessions 2005.

Research Assistant

The Caribbean Center for Monetary Studies, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, 1999 - 2001.

- Assisted the Executive Director and Research Fellows in implementing the research agenda of the Center and focused primarily on econometric modeling.

Teaching and Research Assistant

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Patrick Watson, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, 1996 - 1999.

- Lectured and was responsible for courses in
 - Introduction to Mathematics
 - Introductory Statistics
 - Econometrics I & II.

Professional Employment

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 including:
 - 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.

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.

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.

Recognition and Outstanding Achievements

- 2007, George P. Swift Award for Outstanding Teaching in Undergraduate Economics, Department of Economics, University of Georgia.
- 1996, Valedictorian. The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago.

Professional Membership

- Southern Economic Association, (September 2006 – present).

Other Skills

- Proficient at STATA, EViews, SPSS, MINITAB, TSP, and Mathematica.
- Functional in Pascal.
- Intermediate grammatical and conversational French skills.
- Functional Spanish skills.

Service

- Participated in Hands on Athens, 2006.
- Assisted in charity work with the Athens Area Humane Society.

- Participated in committee meetings for People for a Prosperous Athens.
- Worked on charity projects with the Athens Area Humane Society.
- Mathematics tutor at the Fowler Elementary School Saturday Program.

References

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