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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Wellesley College August 1999 - present
*Courses: Principles of Macroeconomics, International Finance & Macroeconomic Policy,
Monetary Theory & Policy, Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis, Mathematics for Economics*
- Instructor, Department of Economics, Stanford University 1997-1999
Courses: Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis, Ph.D. Mathematics Review
- Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Stanford University 1995-1999
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Stanford University 1996-1999
- Summer Intern, The World Bank, Washington, D.C. June 1995 - September 1995

EDUCATION

- Stanford University, Stanford, CA September 1994 - August 1999
Dissertation: "Conducting Monetary Policy in Large Open Economies"(Advisor: John B. Taylor)
Ph.D. in Economics (awarded August 1999)
A.M. in Economics (awarded September 1997)
- Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH August 1990 - May 1994
B.A., Highest Honors, Phi Beta Kappa (awarded May 1994)
Majors: Economics and Computer Science
Honors Thesis: "Testing for Speculation in Foreign Exchange Markets"

PUBLICATIONS

- "The Impact of AIDS-Related News on Exchange Rates in South Africa (w/ Kyle Kauffman)
Economic Development and Cultural Change, forthcoming
- "An Economic Model of Terrorism" (w/ Brock Blomberg & Gregory Hess)
Conflict Management and Peace Science, 21(1): 17-28 (2004)
- "Economic Conditions and Terrorism" (w/ Brock Blomberg & Gregory Hess)
European Journal of Political Economy, 20(2): 463-478 (2004). Reprinted in *The Economic Analysis of Terrorism* (Tilman Brueck, ed.), Routledge. Forthcoming.
- "The Impact of Voter Initiatives on Economic Activity" (w/ Brock Blomberg & Gregory Hess)
European Journal of Political Economy, 20(1): 207-226 (2004)
- "Intermediate Macroeconomics without the IS-LM Model"
Journal of Economic Education, 34(3): 241-262 (2003)
- "Relief for Poor Nations" (w/ David Lindauer)
Society, 39(3): 54-58 (2002)

UNPUBLISHED WORK & WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Economic Implications of Electoral Redistricting”

“The Impact of AIDS-Related News on Financial Markets in South Africa”

“Inflation Targeting in Developing Economies”

“Rational Over-exuberance? The Case of IMF Lending” (w/ Brock Blomberg)

“The Distributional Effects of Exchange Rate Devaluations” (w/ Can Erbil and Ayako Saiki)

“The Performance of Simple Monetary Policy Rules in a Model of Asymmetric Large Open Economies”

(Revise and resubmit status)

“Monetary Policy Interactions Between the U.S. and the EMU” *(Under revision)*

AWARDS AND HONORS

The Anna and Samuel Pinanski Teaching Prize: Wellesley College 2002

National Science Foundation - Award for Integration of Research and Education; research on monetary policy coordination between the United States and the EMU

Mildred McAfee Horton Faculty Research Award, Wellesley College; research on exchange rate pass-through and monetary policy

Mildred McAfee Horton Faculty Research Award, Wellesley College; research on how economic conditions influence terrorism

Mildred McAfee Horton Faculty Research Award, Wellesley College; research on AIDS and exchange rates in South Africa

Mildred McAfee Horton Faculty Research Award, Wellesley College; research on IMF lending

National Science Foundation - Award for Integration of Research and Education; research on the macroeconomic effects of electoral redistricting

John M. Olin Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Stanford Center for Economic Policy Research

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards, Department of Economics, Stanford University
(Spring '95-'96, Winter '96-'97, Spring '96-'97)

Stanford University Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, Stanford University

Phi Beta Kappa (junior election), Oberlin College

The Joel Dean Prize in Economics, Oberlin College

The Gene Chapin Prize, Ohio University (awarded for the Best Undergraduate Thesis in Ohio)

INVITED SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Brandeis University

University of New Hampshire

Williams College

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Haverford College

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve

Wesleyan University

COLLEGE SERVICE

Co-Chair, Advisory Committee to the Committee on Faculty Appointments
Elected untenured Group B Representative, Advisory Committee to the Committee on Faculty Appointments
Elected untenured Group B Representative, Agenda Committee
President, Wellesley Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa
Member, Committee on Lectures and Cultural Events
International Relations Steering Committee
Member, Fulbright Search Committee
Member, Tsunami Relief Committee
Search Committee: First Year Dean
Member, Ruhlman Committee

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Junior Faculty Search Committee, 1999-2005
Careers & Graduate Study Committee, 2000-05
Curriculum Committee, 2000
Departmental Representative, Spring Open Campus, 2000-04
Departmental Representative, First-Year Orientation “Meet the Departments,” 2000-04
Transfer credit coordinator, 2004-05
Advisor, Economics Research Seminar, 2004-05
Departmental Representative, Honor Code Convention, 2005
Advisor, Economics Student Association, 2005-06

AFFILIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, American Economic Association
Member, Board of Trustees, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.
Editorial work for: *Journal of Money, Credit & Banking*, *Journal of Applied Economics*, *Journal of Economic Education*, *Economic Journal*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, *Environment and Development Economics*, *Sri Lankan Economic Journal*.
Textbooks reviewed for: *W.W. Norton*, *Houghton-Mifflin*, *Addison Wesley Longman*.
Revised and updated 4th and 5th editions of John B. Taylor’s textbook *Economics for Houghton-Mifflin*.
Created interactive assignments and reviewed online content for macroeconomics courses developed by *Aplia*.