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WORK EXPERIENCE

Department of Economics, Wellesley College

Associate Professor

July 2006 to date

Assistant Professor

August 1999-June 2006

Courses Taught: Principles of Macroeconomics, International Finance, Monetary Theory and Policy, Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis, Mathematics for Economics

Department of Economics, Stanford University

Instructor

1997-1999

Courses Taught: Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis, Ph.D. Mathematics Review

Research Assistant

1995-1999

Teaching Assistant

1996-1999

The World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Summer Intern

June–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

Majors: Economics and Computer Science

Honors Thesis: "Testing for Speculation in Foreign Exchange Markets"

TEXTBOOKS

Economics 6th Edition (John Taylor and Akila Weerapana)

Houghton Mifflin, 2008.

PUBLISHED PAPERS

"The Impact of AIDS-Related News on Exchange Rates in South Africa (w/ Kyle Kauffman)

Economic Development and Cultural Change, 54(2): pp 349-68 (2006).

"An Economic Model of Terrorism" (w/ Brock Blomberg & Gregory Hess)

Conflict Management and Peace Science, 21(1): pp. 17-28. (2004).

"Economic Conditions and Terrorism" (w/ Brock Blomberg & Gregory Hess)

European Journal of Political Economy, 20(2): pp. 463-478. (2004)

"The Impact of Voter Initiatives on Economic Activity" (w/ Brock Blomberg & Gregory Hess)

European Journal of Political Economy, 20(1): pp. 207-226. (2004)

"Intermediate Macroeconomics without the IS-LM Model"

Journal of Economic Education Vol. 34(3) Summer 2003.

"Relief for Poor Countries" (w/ David Lindauer)

Society Vol. 39(3), March/April 2002.

AWARDS AND HONORS

The Anna and Samuel Pinanski Teaching Prize: Wellesley College 2002

Wellesley College Faculty Research Awards

National Science Foundation Award for Integration of Research and Education

Mildred McAfee Horton Faculty Research Awards

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 '97-'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 a statewide competition in Ohio)

INVITED SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Brandeis University, University of New Hampshire, Williams College, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Haverford College, Wellesley College, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, Wesleyan University.

COLLEGE SERVICE

President, Wellesley Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Elected Committees of Academic Council

Grievance Committee, Advisory Committee to the Committee on Faculty Appointments (co-chair), Agenda Committee

Appointed Committees of Academic Council

Committee on Lectures and Cultural Events.

Ad-hoc Committees and Other Committees

*Slater Center, Fulbright Search Committee, Tsunami Relief Committee, Ruhlman Committee
Search Committees: First Year Dean, Associate Editor Wellesley Magazine*

AFFILIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, American Economic Association

Member, Board of Trustees, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.

Editorial Work:

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, W.W. Norton, Houghton-Mifflin, Addison Wesley Longman, Aplia.