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Current Position

Senior Lecturer of Economics and Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies, Penn State University

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Georgia State University (August 2006)

M.S., Economics with a minor in finance, University of North Texas (August 2000)

B.S., Economics (Honors) Makerere University; Kampala, Uganda (January 1998)

Higher Diploma in Marketing, National College of Business Studies; Kampala Uganda (July 1994)

Fellowship and Awards

- Graduate Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science (2005)
- The E.D (Jack) Dunn Fellowship in recognition of Academic Excellence and Potential in Public Finance, financial regulatory policy and Public management (2003)
- Teaching Economics Awards (2004, 2005, 2006)
- Service Award for outstanding service in the Andrew Young School Graduate Students Association (2003)
- The Carolyn Young Award for “Leaders of Tomorrow” (2001)

Work Experience

Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Georgia State University (2014)

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Georgia State University (2007 – 2014)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Georgia State University (August 2006 – August 2007)

Research Associate, International Studies Program, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies;
Georgia State University (August 2005-August 2006)

- Primarily worked on local government finance reform in Tanzania (based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania for six months in 2005-2006).

Banking officer, Allied Bank International, Kampala, Uganda (August 1997 – June 1998)

Scholarship and Professional Development

Refereed publications

“The Effect of Question order on Multiple Choice exams on Performance in an unconventional Introductory Economics Course (with Glenwood Ross); *Journal for Economic Educators*, 2015, 15(1)

Books:

“*Introduction to the Global Economy*” (2013); Kendall Hunt (with Glenwood Ross)

Non-Refereed:

“Gender Wage Differentials in Uganda: A Survey Data Analysis” (with Olga Pavlova);
(*Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Research Paper Series No. 07-26*); 2007

Working Papers

“The Separate Roles of Political and Economic Institutions in Economic Performance”
(with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez)

Household Financial Decision-making and Personal Savings: Evidence from Uganda (with Urmimala Sen)

“An Empirical Analysis of Constraints to Household Savings in Developing Countries: Evidence from Uganda” (with Urmimala Sen)

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

“An Empirical Analysis of Constraints to Household Savings in Developing Countries: Evidence from Uganda” (with Urmimala Sen) at the Southern Economic Association 82nd Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA; November 2012

“Institutions and Economic Growth: A Panel Data Approach” (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez) at the Southern Economic Association 80th Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia; November 2010.

“Gender Wage Differentials in Uganda: Evidence from the Uganda National Household Survey” (with Olga Pavlova); at the Southern Economic Association Conference (November 2007)

Instruction, including advising

Courses Taught:

Penn State University:

- Introductory microeconomic Analysis and Policy (Resident and online)
- Introductory Macroeconomics Analysis (Resident and online)
- Public Finance (Resident)

Georgia State University:

- Senior Capstone in Economic Policy (upper level undergraduate)
- International Trade (upper level undergraduate)
- Microeconomics for Public Policy (upper level undergraduate)
- The Global Economy (lower level undergraduate)
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Principles of Microeconomics

Supervision of Doctoral Students (Georgia State University)

2008/2009: Committee member; Yinghua Jin’s doctoral dissertation committee; dissertation title: “A Comparative Study of Fiscal Decentralization in China and India”.

Supervision of Non-doctoral graduate students (Georgia State University)

2011/2012: Aditya Hakim; “Household Food Security in Indonesia: Evidence from Susenas 2010” Masters Research paper.

2011/2012: Berry Sugarman; “Does Payout Ratio Policy Hurt SOEs More Than Private Companies? Evidence from Indonesian Enterprises”; Masters Research Paper

2012/2013: Arfan Udi Winasis; “The Fiscal Impact of Disasters”; Masters Research Paper.

2012/2013: Bondi Arifin; “The effect of Access to Credit on Child Labor in Indonesia: Evidence from the Indonesia Family Life Survey”; Masters Research Paper

2013: Lené Tiffany Michelle Hypolite; “An Analysis of Foreign Aid on Educational Attainment within Latin America and the Caribbean”

Supervision of undergraduate students (Georgia State University)

2009: Horacio Diego Rivera; “The Impact of Institutions on Poverty Levels across countries; paper completed as part of the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in the AYSPS.

2010: Isaac Boring; “The determinants of Household Savings in Uganda.” paper completed as part of the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in the AYSPS.

2011/2012: Seharish Gillani; “Demand for and Access to Credit in Developing Countries: A Case Study of Uganda” Undergraduate Honors Thesis.

2012: Maria Camila Morales; “Citizen Participation and Local Government Effectiveness: Evidence from Uganda”; paper completed as part of the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) in the AYSPS.

Continuing Education and Training Activities

Attended the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Teaching Workshop (November 2, 2011 in Washington, DC.)

Attended the “Creative Teaching Ideas for Your Basic Economics Course” workshop organized by the Gus A. Stavros Centers for Economic Education at Florida State University (2/2/2012 and 2/3/2012)

Attended the "Creative Ideas for your Basic Economics Course" workshop at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida (February 2013).

Attended the "Online Teaching 2013: Catching the Wave of Online Student Success" conference at Long Beach City College in Long Beach, CA (6/20/2013 - 6/21/2013)

2014 & 2015 Building a Safe Penn State: Reporting Child Abuse

Attended the 11th Annual economics teaching conference hosted by the National Economics Teaching Association in Dallas, Texas on November 5-6, 2015.

Service Activities

Economics Department, Penn State University:

Associate director of undergraduate studies for academic year
Working to produce the department’s annual academic assessment report
Part of a working group on academic assessment constituted by the associate dean for undergraduate studies in the college of liberal arts.

Economics Department at Georgia State University:

Member, Undergraduate Programs Committee; 2007 - 2014

Faculty Advisor, Economics Club; 2007 – 2014

Undergraduate Academic Advisor; 2010 – 2014

Search committees (Georgia State University)

- 2009: member; Search committee for Clinical Assistant/Associate professor
- 2011: member; Search committee for assistant research professor
- 2013: member; Search committee for assistant research professor

College/University (Georgia State University)

Critical Thinking Through Writing (CTW) Initiative (Economics Department Ambassador);
2009 – 2014

Undergraduate Assessment Committee (Member); 2009 - 2014

Judge; GSU undergraduate research conference (2008)

Service to Community

Pathways Community Network: I served as a member of the Working Group to organize the 2013 Tri-Jurisdictional Collaborative Homeless Count and Survey (October 2012 – January 2013)

Invited Talks:

“Globalization and Developing Countries”; at the Georgia Council on Economic Education Workshop on Globalization (February 2008)

“The Potential impact of the European economic crisis on the U.S. economy” at the Buckhead Atlanta Kiwanis Club on December 19, 2011

“The Impact of Globalization on people, economies and the Environment in Developing Countries” at Druid Hills United Methodist Church, Atlanta (April 16, 2008)

“Economic Reforms and Development in Africa” (African Heritage Foundation Lecture Series on March 29, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia)