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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

International Economics, Monetary Economics, Macroeconomics, and Public Economics

POSITION:

Assistant Professor of Economics, Pitzer College
Assistant Professor of Economics, CSB | SJU

August 2014 to Present
August 2012 - May 2014

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Economics, Georgia State University, 2012
Dissertation: The Difficult Decision to Devalue a Currency
Main Advisor: Neven Valev
Other Advisors: Shiferaw Gurmu, Felix Rioja, Mahmut Yasar
M.S. Economics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2006
B.S. Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2005
B.A. Economics, Emory University, 2003

PUBLISHED REFEREED ARTICLES:

“The Devil You Know: Pegs vs. Floats with Uncertain Outcomes” with N. Valev. Georgia State University, ([Review of International Economics](#), 2014, <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/roie.12120/abstract>)

“Safety in Numbers: Bailouts and the Decision to Join the EMU” with N. Valev. CSB|SJU, ([Comparative Economic Studies](#), 2014, <http://www.palgravejournals.com/ces/journal/v56/n3/full/ces20141a.html>)

WORKING PAPERS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

Are We Floating Yet? Duration of Fixed Exchange Rate Regimes, CSB|SJU, working paper. Latest revision: August 2013

The Road to Growth: The Impact of Highway improvements on Firm Productivity, in progress (with N. Monkam)

Public Attitude towards the East African Monetary Union, in progress (with S. Buigut and N. Valev)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

PITZER COLLEGE

Instructor, Principles of Macroeconomics, FA2014 & SP2015

Instructor, International Trade Theory and Policy, FA2014

COLLEGE OF ST. BENEDICT | ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY:

Instructor, International Finance Theory and Policy, SP2014

Instructor, International Trade Theory and Policy, SP2013

Instructor, Introduction to Economics, FA2012 & SP2013 & FA2013 & SP2014

Instructor, International Economics, FA2012 & FA2013

Academic Advisor, Undergraduate Research, SUM2013 (accepted for NCUR 2014 Conference)

Academic Advisor, Economics Majors (15), SP2013 - SP2014

Developed a Global Economy website (w/ Neven Valev) to be used as a supplemental teaching instrument.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY:

Instructor, The Global Economy (undergrad), SP2010

Instructor, Principles of Macroeconomics (undergrad), FA2010

Teaching Assistant: Principles of Microeconomics SUM2010 & SUM2011 w/ Gurmu; The Global Economy (undergrad) SUM2009 w/ Kagundu; Econometrics (undergrad) SP2009 & SP2010 w/ Gurmu; Applied Statistics and Econometrics II FA2010 & SP2011 w/ Gurmu; Applied Statistics and Econometrics II (graduate) SP2011 w/ Gurmu

EMORY UNIVERSITY:

Teaching Assistant: Regression Analysis SP2002 w/Pesavento

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Graduate Research Assistant for Shiferaw Gurmu, Georgia State University, 2007-2011, Atlanta, Georgia

Economist, MATHER ECONOMICS, February 2007- May 2007, Roswell, Georgia

Consultant, MOTEL 6, January 2005-May 2005, Atlanta, Georgia

Consultant, OLIN, May 2004-July 2004, Atlanta, Georgia

Economic Analyst: Intern, May 2002-July 2002, AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire

PRESENTATIONS:

12th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy and the 19th Annual Conference of African Econometrics Society, July 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Committee on the Status of Women in Economics Profession (CSWEP) national mentoring (CeMENT) workshop, November 2013, Tampa, FL

Lawrence University Economics Colloquium Seminar Series, November 2013, Appleton, WI

Macroeconomic Research Workshop at Liberal Arts Colleges, August 2013, Claremont, CA
Midwestern Political Association Conference, March 2013, Chicago, IL
Tilburg University (CentER) Seminar Series, December 2012, Tilburg, Netherlands
Southern Economic Association Conference, November 2012, New Orleans, LA
EUSA-Economics Interest Section Workshop, June 2012, Arlington, VA
Tax Policy, Fiscal Analysis & Revenue Forecasting Course (International Studies Training Program), Georgia State University, August 2011, Atlanta, GA
Midwestern Political Association Conference, March 2011, Chicago, IL
Georgia State University Dissertation Workshop Seminar Series, March 2011, Atlanta, GA
Southern Economic Association Conference, November 2010, Atlanta, GA
Georgia State Dissertation Workshop Seminar Series, October 2010, Atlanta, GA
Midwestern Political Association Conference, March 2010, Chicago, IL

RESEARCH GRANTS:

African Development Bank Research Grant, “Public Attitude towards the East African Monetary Union,” 2013 (\$18,000)
College of St. Benedict | St. John’s University Faculty Development and Research Grant, “Public Attitude towards the East African Monetary Union,” 2013 (\$5,000)

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Theodore C. Boyden Excellence in Teaching Economics Award, Georgia State University, 2011
Service Award, Georgia State University, 2010
George Malanos Scholarship, 2008
Omicron Delta Epsilon, 2005

SERVICE:

Discussant, Eastern Economic Association Conference, 2015
Panel Discussant, Faculty Forum at CRC Norco, 2015
Panel Moderator, Minnesota Economic Association Conference, 2013
Board Member of the Minnesota Economic Association, 2012-2013 & 2013-2014
Faculty Advisor for CSB|SJU Economics Club, 2013–2014
Faculty Member, CSB|SJU Economics Department Scholarship Committee, 2012-2014
Session Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2013
Session Chair, Southern Economic Association Conference, 2010 & 2012
Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2013, 2011 & 2010
Discussant, Southern Economic Association Conference, 2010 & 2012

President of the Economics Graduate Student Association, Georgia State University, 2009-2010

Member of the Dean Search Committee, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, 2010

Treasurer and Co-founder of Society of Pre-Engineers, Emory, 2001-2003

Vice President of the African Student Association, Emory, 2002-2000

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Reviewer: *Atlantic Economic Journal*

Member: American Economic Association (AEA), Eastern Economic Association (EEA), Southern Economic Association (SEA), Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Committee on the Status of Women in the Economic Profession (CSWEP), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Ethiopian Economic Association (EthEA)

Workshop participation: NBER Universities' Research Conference "Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy" 2013, CSWEP "CeMENT" 2013

LANGUAGES:

English (native), French (fluent), Amharic (native), Spanish (limited)

SOFTWARE KNOWLEDGE:

STATA, R, SAS, E-views, Matlab, Latex, Works Minitab, Access, Arena, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word

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