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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

International Economics, Monetary Economics, Macroeconomics and Economics Education

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Georgia State University, 2012

M.S. Economics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2006

B.S. Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2005

B.A. Economics, Emory University, 2003

EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Associate Professor of Economics, Pitzer College, July 2019 to Present

Assistant Professor of Economics, Pitzer College, July 2014-June 2019

Assistant Professor of Economics, College of St. Benedict | Saint Jon's University, August 2012-May 2014

ADMINISTRTIVE EXPERIENCE

Convener (Chair), Department of Economics, Pitzer College, August 2021- Present

Curriculum Liaison, Department of Economics, Pitzer College, August 2019 – August 2021

Convener (Chair), Department of Economics, Pitzer College, July 2019 – August 2021

Personnel Liaison, Department of Economics, Pitzer College, July 2019 - August 2020

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Fellow, Women in Education Leadership, Graduate School of Education Harvard University, April 2021

Fellow, Claremont Faculty Leadership Program, Claremont Colleges, 2020-2021

Fellow, Women in Education Leadership, Graduate School of Education Harvard University, April 2021

Participant, "Accountability and Incentives for Advancing Racial Equity", Liberal Arts Colleges Racial Equity Leadership Alliance, University of Southern California, April 2021

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Published Refereed Scholarly Articles

"Are We Floating Yet? Duration of Fixed Exchange Rate Regimes," Eastern Economic Journal, *doi: 10.1057/s41302-021-00206-7*.

"Assessing the Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Emerging Market Economies," (with Menelik Geremew). Eastern Economic Journal, 2021,1-27.

"Beyond borders: The Euro Crisis and Public Support for Monetary Integration in East Africa," (with Seven Buigut and Neven Valev), South African Journal of Economics, 2020, 88(4), 518-535. Article

"Gaining Global Clout through Monetary Union: Evidence from East Africa," (with Steven Buigut and Neven Valev), Journal of Economic Integration, 2018, 33(2), 1363-1387.

"The Devil You Know: Pegs vs. Floats with Uncertain Outcomes," (with Neven Valev) Review of International Economics, 2014, 22(4), 686-699.

"Safety in Numbers: Bailouts and the Decision to Join the EMU," (with Neven Valev) Comparative Economic Studies, 2014, 56(3), 452-68.

Papers Under Review and In Progress

"Matching Matters: Women and the Choice to major in Economics," (with Alexandre Baude, Antara Anand, and Morgan Stockham) under review.

"Foreign-Domestic Gap: Economics Major Choice among Undergraduate Students," (with Alexandre Baude).

Publish Non-Refereed Articles

"Should Fannie, Freddie Do Principle Reduction?" hsn.com, 2015

HONORS, AWARDS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

Seminar Presenter, International Trade and Finance Association, *Virtual*, 2021

Scholar in Residence Fellowship, Pitzer College, 2018

Keynote Address at the Andrew Young School of Policy Graduation Ceremony, December 2015, Atlanta, GA

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

RESEARCH GRANTS

Doman Faculty Fellowship, 2020 ($700)

Consortium for Higher Achievement and Success (CHAS), "Demystifying Economics Major Shortage of Women in Minority Groups," 2015 ($6,450)

Pitzer Faculty Research Award, 2014-2015($2,500), 2015-2016 ($2,500), 2016-2017($3,000), 2017-2018($3,000), 2019-2020 ($3,000), 2020-2021 ($5,500)

African Development Bank (AfDB) 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)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Western Economic Association International, June 2021, (*Virtual*)

Eastern Economic Association Conference, February 2021, (*Virtual*)

Southern Economic Association Conference, November 2020, New Orleans, LA (*Virtual*)

Southern Economic Association Conference, November 2018, Washington, DC

Pitzer College Marquis Faculty Salon Seminar Series, April 2018, Claremont, CA

Midwestern Economic Association Conference, March 2018, Evanston, IL

Western Economic Association International, International Conference, January 2018, Newcastle, Australia

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2017, Chicago, IL

Midwestern Economic Association Conference, March 2017, Cincinnati, WI

Eastern Economic Association Conference, February 2017, New York, NY

Western Economic Association International, International Conference, January 2017, Santiago, Chile

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2016, Chicago, IL

Eastern Economic Association Conference, February 2016, Washington, D.C.

Western Economic Association International Conference, June 2015, Honolulu, HI

Eastern Economic Association Conference, February 2015, New York, NY

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

Midwest Political Science 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

Midwest 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

Midwest Political Association Conference, March 2010, Chicago, IL

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee: Journal of Economics Education, Eastern Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Integration, Journal of International Money and Finance, Cambridge Review of International Relations, International Journal of Economics and Business Research, Applied Economics Letters (incorporating Applied Financial Economics Letters), Atlantic Economic Journal, International Journal of Gender Studies in Developing Societies, Studies in Higher Education, International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education, National Council on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)

Member: American Economic Association (AEA), Eastern Economic Association (EEA), Southern Economic Association (SEA), Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Midwestern Economic Association (MEA), Committee on the Status of Women in the Economic Profession (CSWEP), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Ethiopian Economic Association (EthEA), Macroeconomists at Liberal Colleges, International Trade and Finance Association (IT &FA), European Union Center of California

Professional Association Conference Participation

Session Chair, Midwest Economic Association Conference, 2018

Discussant, Western Economic Association International, 2018, 2017 & 2015

Session Organizer & chair, Eastern Economic Association Conference, 2017

Session Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2016

Session Organizer & chair, Eastern Economic Association Conference, 2016

Discussant, Southern Economic Association Conference, 2010 & 2012 & 2018 & 2020

Discussant, Midwestern Economic Association, 2017 & 2018

Discussant, Eastern Economic Association Conference, 2017 & 2015 & 2021

Discussant, Claremont-UC Undergraduate Conference on the European, 2015

Panel Moderator, Minnesota Economic Association Conference, 2013

Board Member of the Minnesota Economic Association, 2012-2013 & 2013-2014

Session Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2013

Session Chair, Southern Economic Association Conference, 2010 & 2012

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2017, 2015, 2013, 2011 & 2010

Workshop participation

European Union (EU) Center of California's Research Conference, "Claremont Integration Workshop" 2016

NBER Universities' Research Conference "Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy", 2013

CSWEP "CeMENT", 2013

SERVICE

Pitzer College and the Claremont Colleges

Faculty representative, Assistant Vice President/ Dean of Students Search Committee, Pitzer College, October 2021-present

Chair, Faculty Complaint Task Force, Pitzer College, October 2021-present

Committee Vice chair, Faculty Executive Committee (FEC), Pitzer College, July 2021-present

Committee chair, Academic Standard Committee (ASC), Pitzer College, 2019-2021

Financial Literacy Workshops (w/ Georgia Hartman), FA2018

Committee co-chair, TLC, Pitzer College, SP2018

Faculty Panel presenter, Best Practices for Managing Summer Research Students, the Claremont Colleges, 2018

Committee member, Study Abroad and International Programs (SAIP), Pitzer College, SP2018

Faculty Advisor for Claremont Crypto Society, Claremont Colleges, 2017-2020

Faculty Advisor for Habesha Student Association, Claremont Colleges, 2017-2020

Committee member, Ad Hoc Committee on Benefits, 2017-2018

Committee member, IRB, Pitzer College, 2016-2017

Faculty Advisor for DECA, Pitzer College, 2016–2020

Committee member, TLC, Pitzer College, 2015-2016,

Panel Discussant, Faculty Forum at CRC Norco, 2015

College of St. Benedict | St. John's University
Faculty Advisor for CSB|SJU Economics Club, 2013–2014

Faculty Member, CSB|SJU Economics Department Scholarship Committee, 2012-2014

Georgia State University
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

COURSES TAUGHT:
PITZER COLLEGE

Senior Seminar (Capstone), FA2018, FA2019, FA2020 & FA2021
Senior Thesis (Honors), SP2020
Time Series Analysis, FA2021
International Finance, SP2020
Principles of Macroeconomics, 2014-2015, 2016-2017, 2018, & 2020-2021
International Trade Theory and Policy, FA2014, FA2015, FA2016, SP2018 & SP2021
Macroeconomic Theory, SP2017, SP2020, SU2021
What is German For Uncertainty? The Restless European Union (FYS), FA2015

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

International Finance Theory and Policy, SP2014
International Trade Theory and Policy, SP2013
Introduction to Economics, 2012-2013, 2013-2014
International Economics, FA2012& FA2013
Developed a Global Economy website (w/ Neven Valev) to be used as a supplemental teaching instrument

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY:

The Global Economy (undergraduate), SP2010
Principles of Macroeconomics (undergraduate), FA2010

Teaching Assistant:

Principles of Microeconomics SUM2010 & SUM2011 (w/ Shiferaw Gurmu)
The Global Economy SUM2009 (w/ Paul Kagundu)
Econometrics SP2009 & SP2010 (w/ Shiferaw Gurmu)
Applied Statistics and Econometrics II FA2010 & SP2011 (w/ Shiferaw Gurmu)
Applied Statistics and Econometrics II (graduate) SP2011 (w/ Shiferaw Gurmu)

EMORY UNIVERSITY:
Teaching Assistant:

Regression Analysis SP2002 (w/ Professor Elena Pesavento)

STUDENT ADVISING:

PITZER COLLEGE:

Honors Thesis:

Economics Major (Micah Elan), 1st reader, SP2020

Economics Major (Zachary Veitch), 1st reader, SP2020

Economics Major (Ezra Womark) 2nd reader, SP2020

Economics & Environmental Analysis Major (Samantha Sherman) 1st reader, FA2019

Economics Major (James Richards), 1st reader, SP2018

Economics Major (Alexandre Baude), 2nd reader, SP2018

International Relations Major (Gailyn Marie Portelance), 2nd reader, FA2014

Economics (Lenore Byers), 2nd reader, SP2016

Independent Research:

Natasha Wong & Gurumkh Singh), *Imagine the Future: The Impact of Availability Heuristic on Women's Major Choice,* FA2019 – FA2021

Antara Anand, Alexandre Baude & Morgan Stockham, *Matching Matters: Women and the Decision to Major in Economics*, SU2017 – SP2018

Alexandre Baude, *Foreign-Domestic Gap: Economics Major Choice among Undergraduate Students*, SU2016 –SP2018

Thomas Karnwinkle, *Analysis of the Los Angeles Market for Olympic Bid*, FA2017

Michael Caldwell, *Using Excel to Provide Tend Analysis in the Tech Lending Market*, SP2017

Norris Kayitare, *WeWork: Analyzing A Business Framework*, FA2016

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

Research and Academic Advising:

Undergraduate Research, SUM2013 (accepted for NCUR 2014 Conference)

Economics Majors (15), SP2013 – SP2014

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Graduate Research Assistant, 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

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

SOFTWARE KNOWLEDGE: STATA, R, Gretl, SAS, E-views, Matlab, Latex, Works Minitab, Access, Arena, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word, Zoom, Microsoft Meet, Google Suite

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