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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2011.
M.A. Economics, Queen's University, 2004.
B.A. Economics, Dalhousie/University of King's College, 2003.

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University), July 2021–present.
Visiting Fellow, Department of Economics, Yale University, July 2020–June 2021.
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Toronto, July 2011–June 2021.

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

Slobodan Drakulic Cross-disciplinary Teaching Award 2024
Faculty of Arts Curriculum Redevelopment Grant 2022
Center for Equitable Growth Continuing Fellowship 2010-2011
U.C. Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship 2009-2010
IBER Dissertation Award 2009
U.C. Berkeley Eliot J. Swan Prize (best grade in first year PhD Econ.) 2006
U.C. Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study 2005-2008
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship 2005-2009
J. Armand Bombardier Internationalist Fellowship 2004-2005
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Master's Fellowship 2003-2004
Dalhousie University Medal in Economics (highest graduating GPA in Econ.) 2003
University of King's College Maritime Life Award (best grade in first year) 2000
University of King's College Entrance and Continuing Fellowship 1999-2003

RESEARCH FUNDING

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Development Grant 2023 (“Evaluating policies to improve food affordability, nutrition and food security in Canada’s remote Northern communities”, Principal Investigator, \$50,012)

Nutrition North Canada Research Grant 2023 (“Learning about Indigenous concepts relevant to food security intervention in northern communities,” co-Investigator, \$250,000)

Faculty of Arts Travel Grant 2022 (“Nutrition North, Consumer Prices and Northern Retail”, \$1,500)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Explore Grant 2022 (“Nutrition North, Consumer Prices and Northern Retail”, \$7,000)

Graduate Expansion Funds Grant 2019 (“Marketization Costs and Household Specialization: Evidence from Indian Farmers”, \$4,800)

Dean’s Research Funding Allocation Grant 2018 (\$1,221)

Graduate Expansion Funds Grant 2017 (“The Impact of Emerging Market Competition on Innovation and Business Strategy” \$2,500)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Institutional Grant 2013-2015 (“Does size matter? Understanding the interactions of large and small manufacturers, retailers and cities in the North American grocery industry and how they shape price and product variety over time and across space”)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Institutional Grant 2012-2014 (“Causes and Consequences of Market Segmentation at the Canada-US Border”)

Connaught New Researcher Award 2012-2014 (“Price gap heterogeneity at the Canada-U.S. border”, \$10,000)

I. RESEARCH

PUBLISHED OR FORTHCOMING PAPERS

“Pass-through of subsidies to prices under limited competition: Evidence from Canada’s North” with Tracey Galloway.” 2023. *Journal of Public Economics*. 225.

“In-kind transfers, marketization costs and household specialization: Evidence from Indian farmers” 2023. *Journal of Development Economics*. 164.

“Gains from trade with Flexible Extensive Margin Adjustment” with Chang-Tai Hsieh, Ralph Ossa and Mu-Jeung Yang. 2023. *Journal of International Economics*. 142.

“Women’s work in India: Evidence from changes in time use between 1998 and 2019.” 2023. *World Development*. 161.

“Borders, varieties and distribution costs: Evidence from a US-Canada retail chain.” 2021. *Canadian Journal of Economics* vol. 54(3), pp.949-985.

“An Engel Curve for Variety.” 2021. *Review of Economics and Statistics* vol. 103(1), pp.72-87.

“Accounting for the New Gains from Trade Liberalization’ with Chang-Tai Hsieh, Ralph Ossa and Mu-Jeung Yang. 2020. *Journal of International Economics*. vol. 127.

“The Impact of Emerging Market Competition on Innovation and Business Strategy: Evidence from Canada” with Lorenz Kueng and Mu-Jeung Yang. 2020. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organizations* vol. 181, pp.117-134.

“Caloric intake and energy expenditures in India” with Shari Eli. 2020. *World Bank Economic Review* vol. 35(4), pp.1057-1075.

“Perverse Consequences of Well-Intentioned Regulation: Evidence from India’s Child Labor Ban” with Prashant Bharadwaj and Leah K. Lakdawala. 2019. *Journal of the European Economic Association* vol. 18(3), pp.1158-1195.

“Market Structure and Cost Pass-Through in Retail” with Gee Hee Hong. 2017. *Review of Economics and Statistics* vol. 99(1), pp.151-166.

“Sticker Shock: The Causes of the Canada-US Price Differential.” 2014. *CD Howe Institute Commentary*.

“International Prices, Costs and Markup Differences” with Gita Gopinath, Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, and Chang-Tai Hsieh. 2011. *American Economic Review* vol. 101(6), pp.2450-86.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“Measurement of Socioeconomic Status in the Canadian Census, 1871- 1901” with Shari Eli and Janki Shah. 2023. Submitted.

“What is a weekend? A view from the margins using Indian time-use data.” Submitted.

“Unintended Consequences: Food Prices Increase in an Arctic Indigenous Community Amidst Road Infrastructure Development and Loss of Federal Food Subsidy” with T. Kenny, K. Mathieu, C. Teddy, C. Wolki, J. MacLean, S. Wesche. 2024. Submitted.

“Subsidies, cost shocks and heterogeneous pass-through: Evidence from Nutrition North Canada’s product-level price data” with Tracey Galloway. 2024. Submitted.

“Give and Take? Child benefits and prices in Northern Canada” with Angela Davey and Barry Watson. 2024. Submitted.

“Traditional Indigenous foodways and retail subsidies: Evidence from the Northwest Territories Community Survey and Nutrition North Canada” with Bela Georgiev. 2024. Submitted.

INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2023-2024: Conferences: Atlantic Canada Economic Association Conference (Charlottetown), Canadian Public Economics Group Conference (Kingston), Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting (Toronto)

2022-2023: Seminars: University of Guelph. Conferences: Society for Economic Measurement Annual Conference (Calgary), The Canadian People’s Conference (Saskatoon), Atlantic Canada Economic Association Conference (Halifax), Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprises Development Workshop (Washington DC), New Approaches to Labour Studies in Africa, Asia and the Middle East workshop (Toronto).

2021-2022: Conferences: Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development (ISI Delhi), Econometric Society Winter School (Delhi School of Economics), Royal Economic Society Meeting (Ashoka U Hub Event, Delhi), Australian Trade Workshop (U Canterbury, NZ), Econometric Society Australasian meeting (Brisbane), Econometric Society Africa meeting (Adis Abbaba)

2020-2021: Seminars: Toronto Metropolitan University.

2018-2019: Seminars: Dalhousie University. Conferences: Canadian Economics Association meetings (presentation and discussion), Entrepreneurship and Private Enterprise Development in Emerging Economies Workshop.

2017-2018: Conferences: Ottawa Partners Meeting of the Productivity, Firms and Incomes Network (Bank of Canada).

2016-2017: Conferences: European Trade Study Group Conference, Northeast University Development Consortium Conference (presentation and discussion).

2015-2016: Seminars: World Bank, University of Montreal.

2014-2015: Seminars: Princeton, UCLA, University of Calgary, Association of Quebec Economists. Conferences: Stanford CID/IGC Conference on Trade, Productivity and Development (presentation), CIREQ Economic Growth and Development Conference (presentation).

2013-2014: Conferences: NBER Summer Institute Price Dynamics Meetings (presentation), Dallas Federal Reserve/Swiss National Bank conference on “The Effect of Globalization on Market Structure, Industry Evolution and Pricing (invited discussant), Swiss National Bank conference on Exchange Rates and External Adjustment (invited discussant).

2012-2013: Seminars: University of British Columbia, University of Washington. Conferences: Northeast University Development Consortium (presentation and discussion), Population Association of the Americas (presentation).

2011-2012: Seminars: World Bank. Conferences: Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance (presentation).

2010-2011: Seminars: London School of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, University of Chicago (Booth), University of New South Wales, University of Toronto, University of Sydney, Stanford University (Econ), Stanford University (GSB). Conferences: Bank of Canada and European Central Bank Workshop on Exchange Rates and Macroeconomic Adjustment (invited discussant).

2009-2010: Seminars: University of California, Berkeley.

II. TEACHING

PHD SUPERVISIONS

Ayesha Alli (2013-2016 – initial placement Lahore University of Management Sciences Economics)

Ridwan Karim (2015-2018 – initial placement Wilfrid Laurier University Economics)

Genet Zinabou (2015-2019 – initial placement International Monetary Fund Economist Program)

Catherine Michaud-Leclerc (2018-2021 – initial placement Laval University Economics)

COURSES TAUGHT

a) Toronto Metropolitan University: Economic Development (graduate, undergraduate economics and liberal studies)

b) University of Toronto: Development Economics (graduate and undergraduate), International Trade Theory (undergraduate), Economics of Poverty (undergraduate)

OTHER

Second-year PhD Paper supervisor (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)

Oral defense committee external member (2014, 2017, 2020)

III. SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**REFEREEING**

American Economic Review (5), *American Economic Journal: Applied* (3), *American Economic Journal: Macro*, *American Economic Journal: Policy* (2), *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Canadian Journal of Economics* (5), *Econometrica*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change* (3), *Economic Inquiry* (2), *Economic Journal* (2), *Economic Letters*, *Economica* (2), *Empirical Economics*, *Feminist Economics*, *Food Policy*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics* (4), *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Management and Strategy*, *Journal of Educational Development*, *Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade*, *Journal of International Economics* (9), *Journal of Monetary Economics*, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Population Economics* (2), *Journal of Public Economics* (2), *Journal of the European Economic Association*(2), *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series C*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2), *Review of Economic Studies* (2), *Review of Economics and Statistics* (9), *Review of International Economics* (2), *Scandinavian Journal of Economics* (2), *World Bank Economic Review* (2)

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Co-organizer of 2016 “Cities, Trade and Regional Development” conference at University of Toronto, Mississauga

EXTERNAL DISSERTATION EXAMINER

Marius Adom (2023, U Montreal)

IV. SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Recruiting Committee 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

MA and PhD Admissions, 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024

Social Sciences and Humanities Ranking/Adjudication Committee 2018-2019, 2021-2022

Workload Policy Committee, 2015-2016

President’s India Council 2018-2020

Organizer, Junior Applied Micro Brown Bag, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020

Organizer, Summer Workshop in Empirical Microeconomics (SWEAT) 2013, 2018, 2019

Organizer, Department Seminar 2021-2022

Faculty discussant for second year papers: 2015, 2017, 2018, 2020

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