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POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Univ. of Utah 2022- present
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Reed College 2018- 2022
Visiting Scholar, Bank of Finland July 2019, August 2022

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics - University of Oregon 2018
 Committee: Shankha Chakraborty (Chair), David Evans, Mike Kuhn
M.A., Economics - Boston College 2013
B.A., Economics and Mathematics - Xavier University 2011
 Magna Cum Laude graduate of University Scholars Program

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Macroeconomics, Behavioral Economics, Economics of Inequality, Human Capital

WORKING PAPERS

“Behavioral Biases in General Equilibrium”
 -Received Kleinsorge Research Fellowship
“Human Capital Formation and Quasi-Hyperbolic Discounting”
 -Received PhD Research Paper Award
“Belief Heterogeneity and the Income-Wealth Relationship” (with Nigel McClung)
“Mixed Signals: Signaling and Human Capital Effects of Pre-Employment Training on Offenders’ Employment Outcomes” (with Ariel Roddy)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“College Investment and Heterogeneous Patience: Do Good Things Come to Those Who Wait?”
“Present Bias, Preference Heterogeneity, and Post-Retirement Inequality”
“Regional Heterogeneity and the Macroeconomy” (with Nigel McClung)
“Gender Representation in Intermediate Macroeconomics” (with Erin Cottle-Hunt and Emma Thoron, ’23)
“A Marvelous Investment Strategy: Investment Grade Comics and the MCU” (with Alex Eiermann and Aditya Gadkari, ’22)

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Cost Creep Due to Age Creep’ Phenomenon: Pattern Analyses of In-Patient Hospitalization Costs for Various Age Brackets in the United States” with R. Chinta, D.L. Burns, and C. Manolis. *Hospital Topics 2013* (4). p. 69-80.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor at Reed College

ECON 201: Introduction to Economics (Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022)

ECON 304: Intermediate Macroeconomics (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021)

ECON 343: Behavioral Finance (Spring 2020)

ECON 369: Growth and Inequality (Spring 2019, Spring 2022)

Independent Instructor at University of Oregon

EC 313: Intermediate Macroeconomics (Winter 2016, 2017 and Spring 2016, 2017)

-Received Economics Department GTF Teaching Award

EC 320: Introduction to Econometrics (Summer 2017)

EC 380: International Trade and Finance (Summer 2015, Fall 2017)

GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS

PhD Research Paper Award, 2017, University of Oregon

Department of Economics GTF Teaching Award, 2016, University of Oregon

Kleinsorge Research Fellowship, 2016, University of Oregon

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, 2014-2017, University of Oregon

Downing Research Scholarship, 2010-2011, Xavier University

-Resulted in a 2013 publication with Dr. Ravi Chinta (see above).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Referee

Macroeconomic Dynamics

Service

Reed College Junior Qualifying Exam Chair (2021-2022)

External Reviewer for the Criminal Justice Commission Pre-Trial Release Cost Benefit Analysis (2020-2021)

Advisor to Reed Investment Club (2019-2022)

Advisor to Reed CFA Challenge Team (2018-2022)

Reed College Junior Qualifying Exams Committee (2018-2022)

Reed College General Education Committee (2018-2022)

Reed College Undergraduate Research Committee (2018-2022)

Founded Oregon Macroeconomic Reading Group (Winter and Spring 2015)

Presentations

Liberal Arts Macroeconomic Conference

-August 2021, “Behavioral Biases in General Equilibrium”

-August 2021, “The Current State of Gender Representation in Intermediate Macroeconomics”

Xavier University

-April 2021, “Behavioral Biases in General Equilibrium”

Lewis and Clark College

-October 2019, “Finite Horizon Learning with Asymmetric Beliefs”

University of San Diego

-January 2018, “Present Bias and Wealth Inequality over the Life-cycle”

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

-January 2018, “Present Bias and Wealth Inequality over the Life-cycle”

University of Oregon Macro Group

-April 2017, “Sources of Lifetime Inequality”

University of Oregon Undergraduate Economics Club- Invited Speaker

-March 2017, “Measuring and Modeling Wealth Inequality”

SOFTWARE & PROGRAMMING

Julia, L^AT_EX, Matlab, Stata