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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor

California State University, Chico Economics Department
(2016 - present)

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Department of Economics, Clark University, 2016
M.A.	Department of Economics, Clark University, 2013
Seminar in College Teaching	Worcester Consortium, 2012
B.A.	Economics (<i>first class honors</i>), University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 2009
Student Exchange Scholarship	Saga University, Japan, 2006 - 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor:	California State University, Chico Economics Department Principles of Microeconomics (Econ 103) Development Economics (Econ 375)	Chico, CA
Instructor:	Clark University Department of Economics Introduction to Statistical Analysis (Econ 160), Spring 2016 Economics and the World Economy (Econ 010), Fall 2013 and Fall 2015 Microeconomic Theory (Econ 205), Fall 2014 Microeconomic Theory with Calculus (Econ 204), Spring 2014 Department of International Development and Social Change (IDCE) Statistics workshop for graduate students, 2013-16 College for Professional and Continuing Education (COPACE) Statistics (Math 1470), Summer 2013-15	Worcester, MA
Teaching Assistant:	Department of Economics Principles of Economics (Econ 011), Fall 2010 and Spring 2015 Introduction to Statistical Analysis (Econ 160), Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 Economics and the World Economy (Econ 010), Spring 2011, Fall 2011, and Spring 2012	

Applied Game Theory (Econ 224), Spring 2012 (grading TA)

Lecturer: School of Engineering, University of Moratuwa Moratuwa, Sri Lanka
Department of Transport and Logistics Management
Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Transport Functions, 2009 - 2010
Collaborated with a team of six in organizing the South Asia Regional Conference in
Transport & Logistics, Evening with Aviation Leaders, and Training Program on
Supply Chains
Edited academic documents and the departmental website

WORKING PAPERS

“The Impact of Sustained Attention on Labor Market Outcomes: The Case of Ghana.” (with Chih Ming Tan), *under review*
“Early Life Experiences and Adult Fertility Behavior: Evidence from Indonesia.” (with Marc Rockmore and Willa Friedman)
“Long-run Effects of the Yogyakarta Earthquake on Child Health Outcomes”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Spatial Distribution of Educational Resources in Sri Lanka.”

PRESENTATIONS

14 th Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Presenter, April 2017	Madison, WI
Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference organized by University of Oxford, Presenter, March 2017	Oxford, UK
38 th PAFTAD Young Fellows Conference, Presenter, November 2016	Canberra, Australia
UNU-WIDER Conference on Human Capital and Growth, Presenter, June 2016	Helsinki, Finland
Population Association of America (PAA) Conference, Poster Presenter, March 2016	Washington, DC
Royal Economic Society (RES) Conference, presented by co-author, March 2016	Brighton, UK
Eastern Economic Association (EEA) Conference organized by Quinnipiac University, Presenter, February 2016	Washington, DC
International Graduate Student Conference (IGSC) organized by East-West Center, Presenter, February 2016	Honolulu, HI
Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, Presenter, November 2015	Providence, RI
80 th International Atlantic Economic Society (IAES), Presenter, October 2015	Boston, MA
3 rd Asian Population Association (APA) Conference organized by, July 2015 (declined attendance)	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference organized by University of Oxford, Session Chair and Presenter, March 2015	Oxford, UK
Eastern Economic Association (EEA) Conference organized by Quinnipiac University, Session Chair and Presenter, March 2015	New York, NY

International Graduate Student Conference (IGSC) organized by East-West Center, Honolulu, HI
Presenter, February 2015
Eastern Economic Association (EEA) Conference organized by the Ramapo College, Boston, MA
Presenter, March 2014
New England-Saint Lawrence Valley Geographical Society (NESTVAL) Conference Worcester, MA
organized by Department of Geography, Clark University, Presenter, October 2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Clark University Worcester, MA
Assistant: Data analysis, literature search and writing for the Fertility Preferences project on
Indonesia, for Dr. Marc Rockmore, 2014 - 2016
Data compilation/preparation and regression analysis with STATA for Noncognitive
Abilities project on Ghana, for Dr. Chih Ming Tan, 2012- 2014
Digitizing paper maps and spatial analysis using ArcGIS on land cover change in
Puleliya, Sri Lanka, for Dr. Jude Fernando, 2012

CONSULTING

Analyst: Smart Transit (Funded by National Center for Mobility Management Worcester, MA
Federal Grant) (2015)
Prepared impact evaluation survey for the target population being served by the Smart
Transit Project, which is a software solution for providing access to healthcare for the
low income populations
Conducted focus groups and pilot survey testing
Analyzed survey data using statistical software for the donors and investors

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

\$600 BSS Travel Award, 2016 Chico, CA
\$4000 PAFTAD Fellowship, 2016 Canberra, Australia
\$400 East-West Center Travel Award, 2016 Honolulu, HI
\$300 East-West Center Travel Award, 2015 Honolulu, HI
\$500 Harry Sheftel Research Award, 2015 Worcester, MA
\$300 President's Office Travel Award, 2015 Worcester, MA
\$300 Graduate Student Council Travel Award, 2014 Worcester, MA
\$700 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Clark University, 2013 Worcester, MA
\$2000 Summer Research Assistantship, Department of Economics, Clark
University, 2012-15 Worcester, MA

VOLUNTEER AND INTERNSHIP

Ivy Child International, a children's non-profit organization, 2014 - 2015 Worcester, MA
Worked as the outreach coordinator for education network for the Yogathon, a day of yoga and art,
to teach children mindfulness in coping with stress and life

Helped conduct Yoga In the Park program, a weekly free event for the Worcester community to practice yoga
Collaborated with a team of ten volunteers in organizing Journey to Kerala, the fundraising event for Ivy Child International

Seven Hills Global, a non-profit organization, 2013 - 2014 Worcester, MA
Researched on Ebola assistance, education, health, microfinance and humanitarian assistance in developing countries

Clark University, 2013 - 2015 Worcester, MA
Collaborated with a team of six student volunteers in organizing Sustainable Consumption and Research Action Initiative (SCORAI) Conference at Clark University
Worked with convocation staff for the Clark University graduations

OTHER SKILLS

Languages: Japanese (Conversational. Studied for one year in Japan)
French (Proficient. Completed Diploma of French Language offered by Alliance Française, Paris)
Sinhalese (Native fluency)

Computers: MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook); Statistical software (STATA 14, E Views 9); Spatial software (ArcGIS 10.3, GeoDa 1.6)