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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 Health Economics (Econ 498) Development Economics (Econ 375) Principles of Microeconomics (Econ 103)	Chico, CA
Instructor:	Clark University Department of Economics Introduction to Statistical Analysis (Econ 160) Economics and the World Economy (Econ 010) Microeconomic Theory (Econ 205) Microeconomic Theory with Calculus (Econ 204)	Worcester, MA
	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	
Teaching Assistant:	Department of Economics Principles of Economics (Econ 011) Introduction to Statistical Analysis (Econ 160) Economics and the World Economy (Econ 010) Applied Game Theory (Econ 224)	

Lecturer: School of Engineering, University of Moratuwa
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

PUBLICATIONS

“The Impact of Sustained Attention on Labor Market Outcomes: The Case of Ghana.” (with Chih Ming Tan), *forthcoming - Review of Development Economics*

WORKING PAPERS

“Natural Disasters and Child Health” *under review*
“Natural Disaster, Economic Loss, and Mental Health” (with Prabal De) *under review*
“The Educational and Fertility Effects of Sibling Deaths” (with Marc Rockmore and Willa Friedman)
CINCH Working Paper No. 2018/01 *under review*
“Risk and Time Preferences after Natural Disasters.” (with Marc Rockmore)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“All within the Family: Intergenerational Transmissions.”
“The Spatial Distribution of Educational Resources in Sri Lanka.”

PRESENTATIONS

Southern Political Science Association Conference, Presenter, January 2019	Arlington, TX
Essen Health Conference organized by University of Duisburg, Presenter, May 2018	Essen, Germany
Population Association of America (PAA) Conference, Poster Presenter, April 2018	Denver, CO
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, Presenter, February 2015	Honolulu, HI
Eastern Economic Association (EEA) Conference organized by the Ramapo College, Presenter, March 2014	Boston, MA
New England-Saint Lawrence Valley Geographical Society (NESTVAL) Conference organized by Department of Geography, Clark University, Presenter, October 2013	Worcester, MA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant:	Clark University	Worcester, MA
	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 Federal Grant) (2015)	Worcester, MA
	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

€500	University of Duisburg-Essen Travel Grant	Essen, Germany
\$890	BSS Travel Award, 2018	Chico, CA
\$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	Graduate Student Council Travel Award, 2014	Worcester, MA
\$700	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Clark University, 2013	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)
Sinhala (Native fluency)

Computers: MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook); Statistical software (STATA 15, E Views 9); Spatial software (ArcGIS 10.3, GeoDa 1.6)