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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor

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

EDUCATION

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| 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

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| Assistant Professor: | California State University, Chico Economics Department Health Economics (Econ 452) 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

Tan, C.M. and Thamarapani, D., 2019. The impact of sustained attention on labor market outcomes: The case of Ghana. *Review of Development Economics*, 23(1), pp.155-171.

WORKING PAPERS

“Natural Disasters and Child Health” *revise and resubmit*
[Link](#) to blogpost written based on the findings of this paper on Global South Research Network published March 08, 2019.
“Natural Disaster, Economic Loss, and Mental Health - Evidence from the 2006 Yogyakarta Earthquake.” (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
“The Stability and Evolution of Risk Attitudes and Time Preferences After a Natural Disaster.” (with Marc Rockmore)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“All within the Family: Intergenerational Transmissions.”
“Price Shocks and Child Health” (with Andinet Woldemichael)
“Long-term Effects of Famine Exposure” (with Chih Ming Tan and Marc Rockmore)
“The Spatial Distribution of Educational Resources in Sri Lanka.”
“Cash Transfers and Women’s Empowerment” (with Gitanjali Sen)

PRESENTATIONS

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| Sustainability and Development Conference, Presenter, October 2019 | Ann Arbor, MI |
| Singapore Economic Review Conference, Presenter, August 2019 | Singapore |
| Pacific Development Conference, Presenter, March 2019 | Los Angeles, CA |
| 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 |

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| 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 |

CONSULTING

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| 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

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| \$500 | Artinian Travel Award | Austin, TX |
| €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: Statistical software (STATA, E Views); Spatial software (ArcGIS, GeoDa); MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook)