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WORK EXPERIENCE

Economist, *World Bank, Development Prospects Group*, June 2022 – present

EDUCATION

University of Houston, *Ph.D., Economics*, 2016 – 2022
Dissertation Advisors: *Kei-Mu Yi (Chair), Bent Sørensen, David Papell*
University of Calgary, *Ph.D., Economics (1st Year)*, 2013–2014
Dalhousie University, *M.A., Economics*, 2011–2013
McGill University, *B.Com., Economics*, 2007–2011

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Macro and International Economics, Energy and Environment Economics, Applied Econometrics

WORKING PAPERS

“Global Footprints of U.S. Energy Innovations: Shale Revolution versus Energy Efficiency”
“Commodity Price Cycles: Commonalities, Heterogeneities, and Drivers”, with Alain Kabundi
“Financial Cycles, U.S. Monetary Policy, and Media Tone”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Identification of Green Technology Shocks with External Instrument SVAR”
“Narrative Sign Restrictions for Dynamic Factor Models”
“Extreme Weather Events and Mortgage Default Risk: A Machine Learning Approach”, with Eris Azizaj
“Combining Dimension Reduction with Shrinkage Methods: An Application to Oil Price Forecasting”, with Reza Parsi

TEACHING/ RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Consultant, The World Bank, *Development Prospects Group*
(Summer 2019 and 2020)

Research Assistant, University of Houston

Research Assistant for *Professor David Papell* (Summer 2021)
Research Assistant for *Professor Kei-Mu Yi* (Summer 2017 and 2018)
Research Assistant for *Professor Dietrich Völlrath* (Spring 2019)

Instructor, University of Houston

ECON 2305: *Principles of Macroeconomic* (Fall 2018 and Spring 2020)
PhD Math Camp: *Linear Algebra* (Summer 2017, 2018, 2020, and 2021)

Teaching Assistant

University of Houston

Fall 2020, Spring 2021: Time Series Econometrics
Fall 2019: Introduction to Economic Data Analysis
Spring 2019: Economic Growth
Spring 2018: Macroeconomics I (*PhD Teaching Fellow*)
Fall 2017: Macroeconomics II (*PhD Teaching Fellow*)
Spring 2017: Labor Economics
Fall 2016: Urban Economics

University of Calgary and Dalhousie University

Winter 2014: Macroeconomics I
Fall 2013: Macroeconomics II
Fall 2012: International Trade
Fall 2011: History of Economic Thought

FELLOWSHIPS
AND AWARDS

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Houston, 2021.
(*First student from the Economics department to receive the award in the past 10 years*)
Best 4th year Presentation Prize, University of Houston, 2020
Graduate Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston, 2016–2021
Graduate Teaching and Research Assistantship, University of Houston, 2016–2021
Macroeconomics Prize, University of Calgary, 2014
Departmental Scholarship, University of Calgary, 2013

PRESENTATIONS

California State University LA, Economics Department, February 2022
Lahore University of Management Sciences, February 2022
Bank of England, Monetary Analysis Directorate, January 2022
UT Austin, Texas Macro Job Candidate Conference, October 2021
Southern Economic Association Meeting, November 2020
Missouri Valley Economic Association, October 2020
The World Bank, Development Prospects Group, August 2020

REFEREEING
EXPERIENCE

Economic Inquiry, *South African Journal of Economics*

COMPUTER
SKILLS

R, Matlab, Python, Stata, EViews
SQL, Scraping - RSelenium & rvest, L^AT_EX

REFERENCES

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