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Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor of Economics

Seattle Pacific University
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Education

University of Hawaii, Ph.D., Economics, August 2010
University of Hawaii, M.A., Economics, December 2006
Whitworth University, B.A., *magna cum laude* Economics, May 2002
Spokane Falls Community College, A.A.S., Business, December 2001

Dissertation Title

ESSAYS ON MICROFINANCE: GROUP LENDING AND ONLINE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

Research and Teaching Fields

Development Economics, Human Resource Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Macroeconomics

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor of Economics <i>(Community) Economic Development</i> <i>Intermediate Macroeconomics</i> <i>Principles of Macroeconomics</i> <i>Principles of Microeconomics</i> <i>Managerial Economics</i> Seattle Pacific University, School of Business and Economics	Winter 2012, 2013 Spring 2011, 2013 Quarterly Spring annually Fall 2010
Adjunct Professor of Economics, <i>Contemporary Economics</i> <i>Health Economics</i> University of Puget Sound, Department of Economics	Fall 2008/Spring 2009 Spring Semester 2009
Research Assistant, <i>Publication Editor</i> Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii	Fall Semester 2008
Research Assistant, <i>Integrated Water Management with Multiple Aquifers</i> (Funding Agency: USGS/UHWRRC) University of Hawaii, Department of Economics	January 2006-May 2007
Instructor, <i>Intermediate Microeconomics</i> University of Hawaii, Department of Economics	Summer 2006

Awards and Funding

2012-2014 Calvin Seminar: Economics of Global Poverty
2011 Blended Learning Exploratory Grant (collaborative project with Instructional Technology at SPU)
2009 Dolores Anne Sanchez Memorial Fund in Economics
2008 Athgo Global Forum on Globalization and Innovation Attendance Recipient
2007 University of Hawaii Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant
2007 EAFI Conference Travel Grant
2005 University of Hawaii Seiji Naya Outstanding First Year Student Award
2001-2002 Whitworth Academic Excellence Scholarship
2001-2002 Grinault Scholarship
1999-2000 Phi Theta Kappa Academic Excellence Scholarship

Publications

Individual Preferences over Development Projects: Evidence from Microlending on Kiva. With Pierre Ly, *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 23 (4) (2012): 1036-1055.

Competition Between Microfinance NGOs: Evidence from Kiva. With Pierre Ly, *World Development*, 40 (3) (2012): 643–655.

Review of Nurul Islam's *Reducing Poverty in Rural Asia: Challenges and Opportunities for Microenterprises and Public Employment Schemes*. New York: Haworth Press, 2006. With Jim Roumasset, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 57(2): 418-426. 2009.

Conference Presentations and Lectures

Microfinance in Rural Chinese Financial Markets: Challenges and Innovations. 2012 International Conference on Trends and Cycles in Global Dynamics and Perspectives of World Development . Chengdu, Sichuan (China). October 14, 2012.

Financial Deepening and the Wenzhou Credit Crisis: How Deep Is Too Deep? 2012 International Conference on Trends and Cycles in Global Dynamics and Perspectives of World Development . Chengdu, Sichuan (China). July 2012 and October 13, 2012.

Flood Challenge and Response: The Local and International Cooperation in the Flood Relief of 1931. With Zhiguo Ye. Asian Studies on the Pacific Coast (ASPAC) Conference. Spokane, WA. June 2012.

Camtasia Studio by TechSmith: Screen Capture Technology as a Supplement to the Blended Classroom (Invited Presentation). With Baine Craft and David Wicks. EDUCAUSE 2012 West/Southwest Regional Conference Portland, OR. February 23, 2012.

BL2: A Blended Learning Learning Community for Curriculum and Faculty Development. With David Wicks, Kevin Bolding, Erla Champ-Gibson, Baine Craft, and Kristine Gritter. 9th Annual Sloan Consortium Blended Learning Conference and Workshop. Milwaukee, WI. April 2012.

Comparing Traditional and Blended Learning: Evidence from the classroom. With Baine Craft. 9th Annual Sloan Consortium Blended Learning Conference and Workshop. Milwaukee, WI. April 2012.

The Budget Puzzle: Engaging Students in Macroeconomics. Teaching Economics: Instruction and Classroom Based Research, 23rd Annual Conference (Robert Morris University) F. Moon Township, PA. February 2012.

Sustainability, Experimentation, and Microfinance in China, 8th International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability in Vancouver, B.C. January 11, 2012.

Microfinance in China: Challenges and Innovations. Seattle Pacific U. October 12, 2010 and February 23, 2011.

Microfinance in China: Innovation for Facilitation of Rural Credit Markets. U of Puget Sound. April 23, 2009.

Poverty, Human Capital, and the Microfinance Solution in China. Wokai Launch Event, January 17, 2009.

Raising Cane: The Brazilian Sugar Bio-Fuel Market. Athgo Global Forum, Washington, D.C. July 9-11, 2008.

Redesigning Microfinance: A Pilot Project in Hunan Province. Chinese Economist Society Annual Conference in Changsha, Hunan (PRC) July 27-30, 2007.

Growth vs. Development: Contract Farming in Cambodia. Graduate Student Economic Development Conference at University of Hawaii, December 1, 2006.

Group Lending in Less Developed Countries: A Framework and Analysis. U of Hawaii, December 8, 2006.

Working Papers

Center-Local Politics and Microfinance NGOs in China
Group-Lending in a Monopolized Market: Can Efficiency be Improved?
Redesigning Micro Finance: Institutions and Specialization for Facilitation in Rural Chinese Credit Markets
The Importance of Distance in Rural Credit Markets: Theory and Analysis
Non-Governmental Organizations as Microcredit Providers in Rural China: Challenges and Innovations
Group Lending in Rural Credit Markets: a model of heterogeneous cooperation levels

Service

Faculty Development Committee Seattle Pacific University	September 2012-current
Blended Learning Learning Community Seattle Pacific University	August 2011-Current
Undergraduate Committee Seattle Pacific University	September 2010-Current
Kiros Seattle Leadership Team Seattle Pacific University	September 2011-September 2012
Intern, Strategic Planning and New Product Development Development Team for www.worldvisionmicro.org Donor Engagement, World Vision US	May 2009-September 2009
Microfinance Entrepreneur Profile Editor World Vision US	September 2009-December 2010
Microfinance Research Analyst Fundraising and Event Speaker Wokai	September 2008-August 2010 September 2008-Current
Grant Writer/Researcher Education Advancement Fund International	Summer 2007

Skills

Computer languages: Stata, Mathematica
Languages: Italian—conversational
Mandarin—conversational