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Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics and Econometrics, Health Economics, Development and Transition Economics, Poverty and Inequality Analysis, Economics of Education

Education

Ph.D., Economics, Princeton University, 1996
 B.S. *Magna Cum Laude*, Economics and German (double major), University of Minnesota, 1986

Professional Experience

The World Bank, Washington, DC, 2009 - present
Senior Economist, Economic Policy and Poverty Team, South Asia Region.

Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC, 2000 - 2009
Economist, Food Assistance Branch of the Food Economics Division.

School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins Univ., Washington, DC, 2005 - 2009
Adjunct Professor, Applied Econometrics (Masters level).

Georgetown Public Policy Institute (GPPI), Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 2003
Adjunct Professor, Quantitative Methods III (Masters level).

Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education (CERGE), Charles University, and Economics Institute (EI) of the Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic, 1998 - 2000
Assistant Professor and *Senior Researcher*

Taught Econometrics (Ph.D. level) and Public Economics (Ph.D. level). University service: advised six Ph.D. students, served on Graduate Studies Committee and Student Selection Committee.

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, DC, 1996 - 1998
Post-doctoral Fellow

Research topics focused on safety nets and targeted interventions to reduce and prevent poverty. Co-managed the nationally representative, integrated household survey (EIHS-97) used for Egypt poverty report. Co-authored report on poverty in Mozambique for the Government of Mozambique.

The World Bank, Policy Research Division, Washington, DC, 1993-1996, 1992, 1989-1990
Consultant

Developed methods to improve LSMS data dissemination. Designed, with the Government of El Salvador, a test to measure the sensitivity of estimated consumption to questionnaire design. Field tested baseline for the Baluchistan Primary Education Project in Pakistan.

The Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 1991-1992
Lecturer of Public and International Affairs, Applied Microeconomics, Statistics, IO (Masters level)

Princeton University, Department of Economics, Princeton, NJ, 1988-1991
Teaching Assistant, Introductory Microeconomics, Introductory Macroeconomics (Undergraduate level)

Publications

“The Challenge of Program Evaluation: When Increasing Program Participation Decreases the Relative Well-Being of Participants.” *Food Policy*, 2009, 34(4): 367-376 (with Craig Gundersen and Laura Tiehen).

“Censored Quantile Regression and Purchases of Ice Cream.” *Food Economics*, 2008, 5(3): 152-163 (with Geir Gustavsen and Kyrre Rickertsen).

“Socioeconomic, Behavioural and Environmental Factors Predicted Body Weights and Household Food Insecurity Scores in the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Kindergarten.” *British Journal of Nutrition*, August 2008, 100(2): 438-444 (with Alok Bhargava and Larry Howard).

“Earnings, Schooling and Economic Reform: Econometric Evidence from Hungary (1986-2004).” *World Bank Economic Review*, 2007, 21(3): 509-526 (with Nauro Campos).

“Poverty, Prices and Place: How Sensitive is the Spatial Distribution of Poverty to Cost of Living Adjustments?” *Economic Inquiry*, April 2006, 44(2): 296-310.

“A Comparison of Parametric and Semi-parametric Estimates of Farm Profit--Accounting for Sample Design in Household Surveys.” *Quarterly Journal of International Agriculture*, 2006, 45(2): 107-125.

“The Demand for Food away from Home: Do other Preferences Compete with our Desire to be Healthy?” *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 2005, 30(3): 520-536 (with Hayden Stewart, Noel Blisard and Sanjib Bhuyan).

“Does Market Liberalization Reduce Gender Discrimination? Econometric Evidence from Hungary, 1986 to 1998.” *Labour Economics*, 2005, 12(1): 1-22 (with Nauro Campos). [Lead article]

“Food Stamp Benefits and Child Poverty.” *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, August 2005, 87(3): 569-581 (with Craig Gundersen, Laura Tiehen, and Joshua Winicki).

“Poverty in Egypt: Modeling and Policy Simulations.” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, January 2005, 53(2): 327-346 (with Gaurav Datt).

“Robust Poverty and Inequality Measurement in Egypt: Correcting for Spatial-price Variation and Sample Design Effects.” *Review of Development Economics*, 2004, 8(4): 557-572 (with Gaurav Datt and Manohar Sharma).

“Continuous and Robust Measures of the Overweight Epidemic: 1971-2000.” *Demography*, May 2004, 41(2): 303-314.

“The Impact of Education in Rural Ghana: Examining Household Labor Allocation and Returns On and Off the Farm.” *Journal of Development Economics*, 2004, 73(1): 287-314.

“The Extent of Overweight Among US Children and Adolescents from 1971-2000.” *International Journal of Obesity*, January 2004, 28(1): 4-9. [Featured article]

“After, Before and During: Returns to Education in Hungary (1986-1998).” *Economic Systems*, December 2003, 27(4): 377-390 (with Nauro Campos).

“Do Income Constraints Inhibit Expenditures on Fruits and Vegetables among Low-Income Households?” *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, December 2003, 28(3): 465-480 (with Hayden Stewart and Noel Blisard).

“On the Relative Wellbeing of the Nonmetropolitan Poor: An Examination of Alternate Definitions of Poverty During the 1990s.” *Southern Economic Journal*, October 2003, 70(2): 295-311.

“Estimating Sampling Variance from the Current Population Survey: A Synthetic Design Approach to Correcting Standard Errors.” *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, 2002/2003, 28(4): 239-261.

“The Gender Wage Gap in Bulgaria: A Semiparametric Estimation of Discrimination.” *Journal of Comparative Economics*, June 2002, 30(2): 276-295.

“Whose Schooling Matters in the Determination of Household Income: Evidence from a Developing Country.” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, January 2002, 50(2): 287-312.

“A Profile of Poverty in Egypt.” *African Development Review*, December 2001, 13(2): 202-237 (with Gaurav Datt and Manohar Sharma).

“Measuring Absolute and Relative Poverty: The Sensitivity of Estimated Household Consumption to Survey Design.” *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, 2001, 27(1/2): 1-23.

“Cognitive Skills, Schooling, and Income: Evidence from Ghana.” *World Bank Economic Review*, January 1998, 12(1): 81-104.

Books, Chapters, Reviews and Bulletins:

Income Volatility and Food Assistance in the United States, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute (edited volume with Ziliak, J.). October 2008.

Review of “Land and Schooling: Transferring Wealth across Generations,” by Quisumbing, A., Estudillo, J. and Otsuka, K., *Agricultural Economics*, 2005, 32(3): 331-332.

“Censored Least Absolute Deviations Estimator: CLAD.” *Stata Technical Bulletin*, November 2000, STB-58: 13-16 (with Bohdan Krushelnytsky and Anastassia Semykina).

“The Impact of Cognitive Skills on Income from Farming.” in *The Economics of School Quality Investments in Developing Countries: An Empirical Study of Ghana*, Glewwe, P. (ed.), UK: Macmillan Press, 1999.

“Robust Standard Errors for the Foster-Greer-Thorbecke Class of Poverty Indices: SEPOV.” *Stata Technical Bulletin*, September 1999, STB-51: 34-36 (with Anastassia Semykina).

“Bootstrap Standard Errors for Indices of Inequality: INEQERR.” *Stata Technical Bulletin*, September 1999, STB-51: 28-32 (with Bohdan Krushelnytsky).

“Huber-correction for Two-stage Least Squares Estimates.” *Stata Technical Bulletin*, January 1996, STB-29: 24-25 (with Mead Over and Andrew Foster).

Manuscripts and Papers, in Progress and under Review:

“Overweight and Poor? The Relationship between Income and the Body Mass Index in the U.S.” National Poverty Center Working Paper no. 07-27, University of Michigan, 2007.

“Gender Discrimination during Transition: The Case of Bulgaria from 1995 to 2001.” manuscript, 2006.

Selected Project Reports, Monographs, Agency Publications:

“Income Volatility and Food Assistance Programs.” National Poverty Center Policy Brief no. 11. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan. October 2008 (with J. Ziliak).

“Adjusting for Living Costs Can Change Who is Considered Poor.” *Amber Waves*, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2006, 4(5):10-15. [Agency Award Winning article]

“Nonmetro Poverty: Assessing the Effects of the 1990s.” *Amber Waves*, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2003, 1(4): 30-37.

“Poverty Measurement: Concepts, Data and Methodology.” *Understanding Poverty and Well-Being in Mozambique: The First National Assessment (1996-97)*. International Food Policy Research Institute monograph, Washington DC, 1998 (with G. Datt, K. Simler, G. Dava, J. Low, C. Matusse, and E. Tostão).

“Poverty Estimates and Profile.” *Understanding Poverty and Well-Being in Mozambique: The First National Assessment (1996-97)*. IFPRI monograph, Washington, DC, 1998 (with K. Simler, G. Datt, S. Handa, G. Dava, J. Low, G. Mlay, C. Matusse, E. Tostão, J. Mutondo, F. Omar, and S. Mukherjee).

Courses Taught

Applied Econometrics (Adjunct Prof, SAIS, Johns Hopkins U, MA course, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)
Quantitative Methods III (Adjunct Professor, GPPI, Georgetown University, MA course, 2003)
Econometrics II (Assistant Professor, CERGE, Charles University, Ph.D. course, 1999-2000)
Public Economics (Assistant Professor, CERGE, Charles University, Ph.D. course, 1998-99, 1999-2000)
Quantitative Analysis (Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, MA course, 1991-92)
Applied Microeconomics (Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, MA course, 1991-92)
Industrial Organization (Lecturer, Woodrow Wilson School, MA course, 1991-92)
Introductory Microeconomics (Teaching Assistant, Princeton University, Undergraduate course, 1990-91)
Introductory Macroeconomics (Teaching Assistant, Princeton University, Undergraduate course, 1988-89)

Fellowships, Awards and other Professional Activities

Research Affiliate with the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan, 2004 - present
Research Fellow with the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan, 1998 - present
Special Appointment, Graduate Faculty of Purdue University, Dept. of Ag. Economics, 2007 - 2012
Research Fellow with the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), 2005 - 2012
Visiting Scholar, National Poverty Center, University of Michigan, September 2007
World Bank Faculty Research Fellowship, 1999 - 2000
Princeton University Fellowship, 1986 - 1990
Reader's Digest Teaching Award for Introductory Macroeconomics, 1989
Sloan Foundation Summer Fellowship, 1989

Journal Referee

American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Economics, Demography, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Transition, Empirical Economics, International Regional Science Review, Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Population Economics, Obesity, Pediatrics, Public Health Nutrition, Regional Studies, Review of Agricultural Economics, Review of Development Economics, Review of Regional Studies, World Bank Economic Review, World Development

Reviewer

Department for International Development (DFID) & Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), 2007
National Science Foundation, 2007
Routledge Press, UK, 2005
USDA Food Assistance and Nutrition Program (FANRP) Competitive Grants, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005
Global Development Network Research Competition, Eastern & Central Europe, 2002-2005, 2007, 2008
Health and Health Services Research Fund, Government of Hong Kong, 2004

Memberships

American Economic Association, Population Association of America, Association for Comparative Economic Studies, Society of Government Economists, Western Economic Association International

Conference Presentations (since 2002)

Population Association of America, Atlanta, 2002; New York, 2007; New Orleans, 2008
International Association of Agricultural Economists, Gold Coast, Australia, 2006
Minnesota International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis, 2004, 2006
Western Economic Association International, Vancouver, 2004; San Francisco, 2005; San Diego, 2006
Cambridge - MIT Institute Conference on Poverty and Place in the US-UK, Cambridge, U.K. 2005
Southern Rural Development Center Conference, Memphis, 2004
Allied Social Sciences Association Conference, San Diego, 2004
Northeast University Development Consortium Conference, New Haven, 2003
American Agricultural Economics Association, Long Beach, 2002; Montreal, Canada, 2003
World Bank Inequality and Pro-Poor Growth Conference, Washington, DC, U.S., 2003
Conference on Income Volatility and Food Assistance Programs, Washington, DC, 2003, 2007
Southern Regional Science Association, Washington, DC, 2002, 2008