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## ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor of Economics, Shiv Nadar University, India, 2017 – present

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Southern Methodist University, TX, United States, 2017  
*Dissertation:* “Empirical Essays on the Economics of Social Interactions”  
*Committee:* Daniel L. Millimet (chair), Timothy C. Salmon, Elira Kuka  
M.A., Economics, Southern Methodist University, TX, United States, 2014  
M.Sc., Applied Economics, Presidency College, Kolkata, India, 2011 (*First Class, First*)  
B.Sc., Economics, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India, 2009 (*First Class, Honors Distinction*)

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Labor Economics, Development Economics, Microeconometrics  
Secondary: Social Economics, Behavioral Economics

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Visible inequality, status competition and conspicuous consumption: evidence from rural India,” *Oxford Economic Papers*, 2017, 69, 36-54.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Peer Effects in Consumption”

“Partial Identification of Economic Mobility: With an Application to the United States,” with Daniel Millimet (SMU & IZA) and Hao Li (SMU)

“Relative Deprivation and Health: New Evidence from India” (Work in Progress)

“Partial Identification of the Relationship between Women’s Education and Spousal Labor Supply” (Work in Progress)

“Inequality and Trade: A Behavioral Economics and Social Psychology Perspective,” with Sugata Marjit (CSSSC)

## POLICY PAPERS AND OTHER NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“VAT and GST in India – A Note”, *Paradigm: The Research Journal of Institute of Management Technology*, 2012, 16 (1), 80-87

“VAT and GST – An Overview” CTRPFP Newsletter, 2012, 1, 2-3

“West Bengal Public Finances – An Analytical Perspective”, Working Paper Series, Centre for Training and Research in Public Finance and Public Policy, 2011

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE***Instructor, Shiv Nadar University*

Econometrics I (Masters), Development Microeconomics (Masters) - Monsoon 2017

*Instructor, Southern Methodist University*

Intermediate Macroeconomics - Summer 2015, Spring 2016

*Teaching Assistant, Southern Methodist University*

Econometrics II (Ph.D.), Econometrics III (Ph.D.), Microeconometrics (Ph.D.), Labor Economics, Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Public Economics, Law and Economics, Financial Economics and Investment Behavior, Principles of Microeconomics

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**Research Assistant to **Prof. Sugata Marjit**, 2011-2012

Centre for Training and Research in Public Finance and Policy (CTRPFP), Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC), India

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2016** Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, Washington D. C., Nov. 19-21  
North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, June 16-19  
Texas Econometrics Camp 2016, La Torretta Lake Resort and Spa, Montgomery, TX, Feb. 20-21  
Graduate Research Day, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, Feb. 10
- 2015** XXVth Annual Development Economics Conference, organized by Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India, Dec. 22-23  
Graduate Research Day, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, Feb. 25
- 2014** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Growth and Development Conference, Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, India, Dec. 18-20  
Conference on Social Identity and Economic Development, organized jointly by University of Exeter, United Kingdom and Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata, India, Dec. 15  
Stata Texas Empirical Microeconomics Conference IV – Graduate Poster Session, Dallas, TX, Nov. 7-8
- 2012** Young Economists' Conference, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, March 11-12

**SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

- 2017** Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India, March 28  
Shiv Nadar University, Uttar Pradesh, India, January 24
- 2016** Ahmedabad University, India, November 18  
Presidency University, Kolkata, India, July 26  
Brown Bag, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, March 30  
Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, India, Jan. 7
- 2014** Brown Bag, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, September 24

**HONORS & GRANTS**

- 2017** Melody Rice Memorial Award in Economics (for excellence in research), Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University
- 2016** Graduate Student Travel Grant, Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Southern Methodist University
- 2016** Graduate Student Award, Southern Economic Association
- 2016** Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Southern Methodist University
- 2016** Dean's Award, Graduate Research Day, Southern Methodist University

- 2015** Graduate Student Assembly Conference Travel Grant, Southern Methodist University
- 2014** Student Development Grant, Southern Methodist University
- 2013** Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honor Society for Economics, United States.
- 2012** Full Tuition Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship, Southern Methodist University, TX, United States
- 2012** Foreign Travel Scholarship for pursuing doctoral studies abroad, University of Calcutta, India
- 2012** Samir Kumar Ganguly Memorial Scholarship for securing the First position in M.Sc Examination  
Presidency College, Kolkata, India

#### **REFEREE SERVICE**

*Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Quantitative Economics*

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

*President*, Graduate Economics Club, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University, 2014 – 2016  
*Organizer*, Graduate Economics Club Seminar Series, Southern Methodist University, Fall 2014

#### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

Stata, Python, GIS, Eviews, SPSS, Latex, MS Office

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Economic Association, Canadian Economic Association, Econometric Society, Royal Economic Society, Southern Economic Association

#### **PERSONAL**

Citizenship: India  
Marital Status: Single  
Language Skills: English (fluent), Bengali (native), Hindi (fluent)

#### **REFERENCES**

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**Dr. Timothy C. Salmon**  
Professor of Economics  
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