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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Southern Methodist University, TX, United States, Expected Completion: May, 2017
Dissertation Title: “Empirical Essays on the Economics of Social Interactions”
Advisors: Daniel L. Millimet (primary), 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: Development Economics, Labor 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.

RESEARCH PAPERS

“Peer Effects in Consumption,” *Job Market Paper*

“Relative Deprivation and Health: New Evidence from India”

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

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

“The Impact of Labor Regulations on Entrepreneurship: Causal Evidence from the United States,” with Sriparna Ghosh (WVU). Work in progress

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

Lecturer, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University
2016 (Spring)
Eco 3302: Intermediate Macroeconomics

2015 (Summer)
Eco 3302: Intermediate Macroeconomics

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University

2016 (Summer)
Eco 4351: Labor Economics
2016 (Spring)
Eco 6374: Econometrics II (Ph.D.)
2015 (Fall)
Eco 6375: Econometrics III (Ph.D.)
Eco 7377: Microeconometrics (Ph.D.)
2015 (Spring)
Eco 6371: Econometrics II (Ph.D.)
Eco 5342: Behavioral and Experimental Economics (Masters)
2014 (Fall)
Eco 6375: Econometrics III (Ph.D.)
Eco 1311: Principles of Microeconomics
Eco 5353: Law and Economics
2013 (Spring)
Eco 1311: Principles of Microeconomics
Eco 4378: Financial Economics and Investment Behavior
2012 (Fall)
Eco 4365: Public Economics
Eco 5365: Public Economics (Masters)

Tutor, August 2013 – May 2014, Altshuler Learning Enhancement Centre, Southern Methodist University

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 10th 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

2016 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, Sept. 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
Visa: F-1
Marital Status: Single
Language Skills: English (fluent), Bengali (native), Hindi (fluent)

REFERENCES

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