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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri May 2005
A.M., Economics, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri 2001
B.A., Foreign Languages, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois 1996

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor of Economics and International Affairs
The George Washington University August 2005 – Present

DISSERTATION

Essays on Macroeconomics and the Labor Market

Committee: James Morley (chair), Gaetano Antinolfi, Steven Fazzari,
Edward Geenberg, Siddhartha Chib, and Angela Davis

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primary: Macroeconomics, Time Series Econometrics

Secondary: International Economics, Labor Economics

PUBLICATIONS

“The Relationships between Permanent and Transitory Movements in U.S. Output and the Unemployment Rate,” *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking* (forthcoming).

“Directional Forecasts of GDP and Inflation: A Joint Evaluation with an Application to Federal Reserve Predictions” with H.O. Stekler and Lindsay Kitzinger. *Applied Economics* (forthcoming).

“Searching for Better Prospects: Endogenizing Falling Job Tenure and Pension Coverage,” with Leora Friedberg (University of Virginia) and Michael Owyang (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis). *Topics in Economic Analysis & Policy*: Vol. 6: No. 1, Article 14 (2006).

“The Differential Approach to Superlative Index Number Theory,” with William A. Barnett (University of Kansas) and Ki-Hong Choi (National Pension Research Center in Seoul, Korea), *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, 2003 Supplement (December, 2002).

WORKING PAPERS

“Asymmetry in the Business Cycle: Friedman’s Plucking Model with Correlated Innovations.”

“Output Fluctuations in the G-7: An Unobserved Components Approach,” with Sinchan Mitra.

“Multivariate Forecast Errors and the Taylor Rule” with Edward N. Gamber, H.O. Stekler and Elizabeth Reid.

"Are 'unbiased' forecasts really unbiased? Another look at the Fed forecasts," with Fred Joutz and H.O. Stekler

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WORK IN PROGRESS

“Macroeconomic Fluctuations in Emerging Economies: An Unobserved Components Approach,” with Sinchan Mitra.

“Parametric and Nonparametric Tests of Stationarity within the Unobserved Components Framework: An Analysis of Size and Power with an Application to U.S. Real GDP and the Unemployment Rate” with James Morley.

“Testing Cointegration in an Unobserved Components Framework: A Comparison of Analytic and Bootstrap Procedures with an Application to G3 Output,” with James Morley.

“Sequential Detection of US Business Cycle Turning Points: Comparing the Performance of Shiriyayev-Roberts, CUSUM and EWMA Procedures” with Bakhodir Ergashev.

“Investigating Core Inflation with an Unobserved Components Model” with Michael Bradley and Dennis Jansen.

“Monetary Policy Shocks and the Taylor Rule,” with Ed Gamber.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, The George Washington University	2005 – present
Introduction to Econometrics	Fall 2006, 2007
Intermediate Macroeconomics	Fall 2005, 2007; Spring 2006, 2007, 2008
Instructor, Dept. of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis	2002 – 2004
Introductory Macroeconomics	Summer 2002, Summer 2003, Spring 2004
Economics of the European Union	Fall 2003
Instructor, Dept. of Economics, University of Missouri, St. Louis	2002 – 2004
Introductory Macroeconomics	Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Spring 2004
Quantitative Methods and Modeling	Spring 2003, Spring 2004

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LMI Government Consulting, Independent Contractor	April 2008 – Present
Gerson Lehrman Group Council Member	April 2007 – Present
Visiting Economist, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank, St. Louis, Missouri	May 2004
Visiting Scholar, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank, St. Louis, Missouri	Fall 2002
Real Estate Appraisal Analyst, Prime Appraisal, LLC, Chicago, Illinois	1996 – 2000

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CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

West Virginia University, Department of Economics Seminar	August 2008
Centre for International Macroeconomics and Finance, Cambridge, UK, UC Workshop	July 2008
Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich Seminar	June 2008
Universidad Complutense de Madrid Seminar	June 2008
Federal Forecasters Conference	April 2008
Lafayette College New Economic Research Development Series Seminar	April 2008
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Seminar	March 2008
Federal Reserve Board, International Finance Division Seminar	March 2008
Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam Econometrics Seminar	March 2008
Trade and Development Workshop, GW Department of Economics	November, 2007
Brownbag Seminar Series on Forecasting, Washington, DC	October, 2007; January, 2007
Midwest Econometrics Group	October 2007, October 2004
University of Vermont Economics Dept. Seminar	October, 2007
University at Albany (SUNY), Dept. of Economics Seminar	September, 2007
College of Charleston (SC), Dept. of Economics and Finance Seminar	September, 2007
Macro-International Seminar, GW Department of Economics	September 2007, October 2005
Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance	June 2008, June 2007, June 2005
International Symposium on Forecasting	June 2007
SHERPPA Seminar at the University of Ghent, Belgium	March 2007
Society for Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics Symposium	March 2006, March 2007
Eastern Economics Association Annual Conference	February 2007
Federal Reserve Board Seminar	April 2006
Econometrics Seminar, University of Houston	March 2006
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting	November 2005
Missouri Economics Conference	April 2003, April 2005
Western Economic Association International Conference	July 2003, July 2004
Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting	March 2003, March 2004
Econometric Society Summer Meetings	June 2003
Missouri Valley Economics Association Meeting	March 2003

AWARDS AND GRANTS

CIBER research grant	2008 – 2009
CCAS/UFF research grant	Summer, 2008
GWIPP Policy Research Scholar	2008-2009
Weidenbaum Center Competitive Research Grants	Summer 2005 and 2005 – 2006
Biography published in the ninth edition of <i>Who's Who Among America's Teachers</i>	September 2005
Association of Women Faculty Graduate Student Award	2005
Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence	2004 – 2005
Biography published in <i>The Chancellor's List</i>	2004 – 2005, 2005 – 2006
Dissertation Fellowship	2004 – 2005
Senior Teaching Fellow, Washington University	Fall 2003
Competitive Summer Research Grants, Washington University	2002, 2003, 2004
Competitive International Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Washington University	2002
University Fellowship, Washington University	2000 – 2001

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SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Co-Director of the GWU Research Program on Forecasting	2008 – present
Member, Federal Forecasters Conference Board	2008 – present
Organizer, SIG on Time Series Analysis, Society for Computational Economics	2007 – present
Member, Organizing Committee, 2008 CEF Conference	2007 – 2008
Affiliated Faculty, Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, ESIA	2007 – present
Affiliated Faculty, Institute for International Economic Policy, ESIA	2007 – present
Contributor to the Philadelphia Fed's Survey of Professional Forecasters	2006 – present
Member of the GWU Research Program on Forecasting	2006 – present
GWU Department of Economics PhD Committee Member	2006 – present
GWU Department of Economics Library Representative	2006 – 2008
GWU Dept. of Economics Macro-International Seminar Contributing Organizer	2005 – present
Referee: <i>Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, International Journal of Forecasting, Applied Economics, Journal of Population Economics</i>	
Textbook Proposal Evaluator, Blackwell Publishing, Economics	
Member: Econometric Society, American Economic Association, AEA Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP), Society for Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics, Society for Computational Economics, Euro Area Business Cycle Network.	

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Fluent in French, awarded the Diplôme Approfondi de la Langue Française	1995
Proficient in German	