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Academic Position:

July 2006 – present Associate Professor Dept. of Economics, Queen's University

July 2000 – June 2006 Assistant Professor Dept. of Economics, Queen's University

2011 – present Research Associate CAGE, University of Warwick

Education:

Ph.D. in Economics Boston University January 2001

Master of Statistics Indian Statistical Institute May 1994

Bachelor of Statistics Indian Statistical Institute May 1992

Awards:

SSHRC Research Grant (2004-07; \$60,382.00; sole applicant).

SSHRC Research Grant (2009-14; \$65,000.00; sole applicant).

SSHRC Insight Development Grant (2017-19; \$30,730.00; sole applicant).

HRSDC-IC-HRSDC Skills Research Initiative on "Adjustment in Markets for Skilled Workers in Canada" (2005; \$16,419.15; joint with Katsumi Shimotsu).

Rosenstein-Rodan Memorial Essay Prize in Economic Development, Institute for Economic Development, Boston University (1998).

Presidential University Graduate Fellowship, Boston University (1994-1995).

Graduate Fellowship, Boston University (1995-2000).

Research:

Published Work:

"Policy Gambles", with Sharun Mukand. *American Economic Review*, 94 (4), pp. 1207-1222, September 2004.

"The Pricing of Job Characteristics when Markets Do Not Clear: Theory and Policy Implications", with Kevin Lang. *NBER Working Paper No. 9911*, August 2003; *International Economic Review*, 45 (3), pp. 1111 – 1128, November 2004.

"Politics, Information and the Urban Bias", with Anandi Mani and Sharun Mukand. *Journal of Development Economics*, 75 (1), pp. 137-165, October 2004.

"Market Conditions and Worker Training: How Does It Affect and Whom?" *Labour Economics* 14, December 2006.

"On Building Institutions," with Sharun Mukand. In *Essays in Comparative Development* (edited by *Bhaskar Dutta*). Oxford University Press, 2009.

Chapter on "Strategic Behavior." International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, William A. Darity, Jr. (editor). Vol. 8. 2nd ed. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2007.

Book Review of "Economic Gangsters" by Ray Fisman and Edward Miguel, *New Zealand Economic Papers* 43(1), April 2009.

"Walk the Line: Conflict, State Capacity and the Political Dynamics of Reform", with Sanjay Jain and Sharun Mukand. *Journal of Development Economics*, 111 (1), pp. 150 - 166, November 2014.

"Institution Building and Political Accountability", with Sharun Mukand. *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 17(4), pp. 504 – 527, 2015.

"Economic Policy Reform and Compensatory Redistribution under Political Constraints," with Sanjay Jain. *International Review of Economics and Finance*, 42, pp. 462 - 473, 2016.

<u>Unpublished Work and Research in progress:</u>

"The Leader as Catalyst: On Leadership and the Mechanics of Institutional Change", with Sharun Mukand. Revised and resubmitted.

"Workers Without Borders? Culture, Migration and the Political Limits to Globalization," with Sanjay Jain and Sharun Mukand. *QED Working Paper no. 1196*. Submitted.

"Incentives for Political Opposition: A Model of Policy Choice." In progress.

"Insiders versus Outsiders in Politics." In progress.

"Negative versus Positive Politics: A Model of Political Culture." In progress.

"How to take an exam if you must: Decision under Deadline", with Hsueh Ling Huynh. *QED Working Paper No. 1119*.

"Enrollment Responses to Labour Market Outcomes: A Study of the Canadian Market for Scientists", with Katsumi Shimotsu. *QED Working Paper no. 1105*.

Teaching Experience:

Masters level:

Econ 810: Microeconomic Theory; Queen's Univ.; Fall 2002, '03, '04, '05, '06, '08, '09, '10, '11, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18.

Econ 835: Development Economics; Queen's Univ.; Winter '09, Fall '13, '14, '17, '18.

PhD level:

Econ 811: Advanced Microeconomic Theory I; Queen's Univ.; Fall 2004.

Econ 813: Advanced Microeconomic Theory II; Queen's Univ.; Winter 2001, '02.

Econ 910: Advanced Topics in Applied Microeconomics I; Queen's Univ.; Fall '01, '02, '03, Winter 2012.

Econ 911: Advanced Topics in Applied Microeconomics II; Queen's Univ.; Winter 2003, Fall 2012, Fall 2016.

Econ 999: Ph.D. Thesis seminar; Queen's Univ.; Fall 2002, Fall and Winter '03, '04, '08. Graduate Methods Review Course: Queen's Univ.; Fall 2002, '05, '08.

Undergraduate level:

Econ 310: Microeconomic Theory II; Queen's Univ.; Fall 2000, '01,'03, '09; Winter '04, '05, '06, '09, '10, '11, '13, '15, '16, '17, '18.

Econ 435: Development Economics; Queen's Univ.; Winter '09, Fall '13, '14,'17, '18.

EC 303S: Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis; Boston Univ.; Summer 1996, '97, '98.

EC 102S: Introductory Macroeconomics; Boston Univ.; Summer 1995.

Student supervision etc.:

Nishant Upadhyay (B.A. (Hons) Queen's University), 2007; Supervisor.

Katherine Chasmar (B.A. (Hons) Queen's University), 2009; Supervisor.

Salmeh Banisadr (M.A. Queen's University), 2009; Supervisor.

Joel Enns (M.A. Queen's University), 2009; Supervisor.

Daniel Kou (M.A. Queen's University), 2009; Supervisor.

Darcey McVanel (M.A. Queen's University), 2002; Supervisor.

Jesse A Matheson (M.A. Queen's University), 2003; Supervisor.

Joseph Krupski (M.A. Queen's University), 2004; Supervisor.

Nathan Rokosh (M.A. Queen's University), 2004; Supervisor.

Valerie Belanger (M.A. Queen's University), 2012; Supervisor.

Oliver Murray (M.A. Queen's University), 2013; Supervisor.

Georges Charles-Beano (M.A. Queen's University), 2015; Supervisor.

Elaine Wong (M.A. Queen's University), 2015; Supervisor.

Dylland Moeller (M.A. Queen's University), 2015; Supervisor.

Jessica Gallant (M.A. Queen's University), 2016; Supervisor.

Kristofer Mohr (M.A. Queen's University), 2017; Supervisor.

Paul Jacob (M.A. candidate, Queen's University), expected 2019; Supervisor.

Caroline Godin (M.A. candidate, Queen's University), expected 2019; Supervisor.

Scott Sampson (M.A. candidate, Queen's University), expected 2019; Supervisor.

Geoffrey Dunbar (Ph.D., Queen's University), 2006; Joint supervisor.

Eric Stephens (Ph.D., Queen's University), 2009; Joint supervisor.

Jean-Denis Garon (Ph.D., Queen's University), 2012; Joint supervisor.

Jean-Francois Houde (Ph.D., Queen's University), 2006; Committee Member.

Xiaoting Wang (Ph.D., Queen's University), 2006; Committee Member.

Stefan Dodds (Ph.D., Queen's University), 2005; Committee Member.

Nicolas Martineau (Ph.D., Queen's University), 2011; Committee Member.

Juan Tu (Ph.D. candidate, Queen's University); Committee Member.

Tao Wang (Ph.D., Queen's University), 2012; Committee Member.

Louis Perrault (Ph.D. candidate, Queen's University), 2016; Committee Member.

Wenbo Zhu (Ph.D. candidate, Queen's University), 2017; Supervisor.

Blair Long (Ph.D. candidate, Queen's University), expected 2019; Committee Member.

Examinations:

Ph.D. Comprehensive exam in Microeconomics: 2000, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '07, '08 (Member), '01, '02, '04, '10 (Chair), '11 (Chair), '17 (Chair), '18 (Chair).

Ph.D. Thesis Examiner: Gregory Gordon Caldwell, Stefan Dodds, Geoff Dunbar, Joseph Kam Wah Fong, Jean Francois Houde, Horn-Chern Lin, Iulia Oana Secrieru, Tommy Wu, Xin-Yu Ge, Steve Kivinen (Economics, Queen's Univ.), Richard Ishac (Economics, Queen's Univ.), Dan Liang (Business, Queen's Univ.), Lucy Liu.

M.A. Essay Examiner: Michael Barber, Christine Binne, Sylvia Blom, David Bryne, Tim Cleland, Miguel Colebrook, Alin Comanescu, Ying Feng, Matthew Kellison, Jonathan Lee, Josip Lesica, James Lin, Tristan Musgrave, David Rapson, Jeremy Smith, Alexander Koustas, Karen Chu Sam, Katrina Weyrauch.

B.A. Thesis Reader: James Fenske, Robert Morin.

Departmental Administrative Duties:

Graduate Coordinator: Dept. of Economics, Queen's Univ. 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Member: Appointments Committee, Dept. of Economics, Queen's Univ. 2000-01, '01-02, '06-07, '10-11, '11-12, '12-13, '18-19.

Member: Promotion, Renewal, Tenure and Continuing Committee, Dept. of Economics, Queen's Univ. 2004-05, 2008-09.

Member: Undergraduate Studies Committee, Dept. of Economics, Queen's Univ. 2010-11.

Co-organizer: Microeconomics Workshop, Dept. of Economics, Queen's Univ. 2001-02, '02-03, '04-05.

Library Representative: Dept. of Economics, Queen's Univ. 2005-06, '06-07.

Chair, Selection Committee for the C.A. Curtis Prize in Economics, Dept. of Economics, Queen's Univ. 2004, '05, '06, '17, '18.

Member, Selection Committee for the Douglas D. Purvis Prize in Economics, Dept. of Economics, Queen's Univ. 2001, '02, '17, '18.

Member, Selection Committee for the Scarthingmoor Prize for the best MA essay, Dept. of Economics, Queen's Univ. 2009, '17, '18.

Faculty of Arts and Science Administrative Duties:

Member: W.C. Good Memorial Fellowship Selection Committee, Queen's Univ. 2005. Chair, Examining Committee: Ilan Danjoux (M.A. in Political Studies, Queen's), Martin French (PhD in Sociology, Queen's), Amy Christie (PhD in Management, Queen's), Garth E. Harris (PhD in Management, Queen's), Özgün Erdener Topak (PhD in

Philosophy, Queen's), David Barr (PhD in Management, Queen's), Matthew Kevin Boland (PhD in Management, Queen's), Jue Wang (PhD in Management, Queen's).

University Administrative Duties:

Member: Division V Fellowship Committee, Queen's Univ. 2005.

Reader: Selection of recipients for the Bank of Montreal/Dr. Irish May Memorial awards, 2006, '09.

Member: Selection Committee for Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision, Queen's Univ. 2015.

Member: Arts Graduate Council, Queen's Univ. 2012 – present.

Related Professional Experience:

Member, Editorial Board of the New Zealand Economic Papers 2008 – present.

Editorial Advisor, Canadian Journal of Economics 2010 – 2014.

Member, Ontario Graduate Scholarship Selection Panel 2011 - present.

Member, Albert Berry Prize Committee of the Canadian Development Economics Study Group 2009, 2010.

Co-organizer of "Public Economics: Conference in Honour of Robin Boadway" at Queen's University, May 2009.

Presentations:

Toronto University; Carleton University, Ohio State University, Syracuse University, SUNY Stony Brook, Pennsylvania State University, HEC Montreal, Brock University,: University of Sydney, University of Queensland, University of Melbourne, University of Adelaide, University of Auckland, University of Otago, University of Canterbury, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (China), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Tsinghua University (China), University of Quebec at Montreal, University of Ottawa, University of Guelph.

Canadian Economic Association, Annual Meetings; Montreal 2013, Quebec City 2010, Vancouver 2008, Hamilton 2005, Toronto 2004, Ottawa 2003, Calgary, 2002, Montreal 2001.

American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2009; San Diego, 2013.

36th Australian Conference of Economists, Hobart, Australia, 2008.

European Meetings of the Econometric Society: Oslo, Norway 2011; Glasgow, U.K., 2010; Milan, Italy, 2008; Vienna, Austria, 2006; Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 1999.

Development Economics and Policy conference, Zurich, Switzerland, 2018.

Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Economic Theory, Istanbul, Turkey, 2010; Lisbon, Portugal, 2013.

International Atlantic Economic Conference: March 2011, Athens (Greece), October 2016, Washington DC.

Annual Meeting of the Canadian Public Economics Group, 2010, 2017.

South and South-East Asian Econometric Society meetings, Chennai (India); 2006.

Workshop on Adjustments in Markets for Skilled Workers, HRSDC, Ottawa; 2006.

Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, Institutions, Organizations and Growth Program Meeting, Montreal, 2004.

2nd Annual CIRPEE Mini-Conference on Development Economics, Montreal, 2004.

3rd Annual One-day Public Economics Workshop, Dept. of Economics, Queen's University, 2004.

4th International Conference on Public Economic Theory, Duke University, 2003.

Society of Labor Economists Meeting; Cambridge, Massachusetts; 1999.

Referee for:

American Economic Review, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, European Economic Review, Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Public Economics, Economic Journal, Labour Economics, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Review of Development Economics, China Economic Review, Economic Modeling, Research Enhancement Competitive Grants Program of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Grants Program, HongKong Research Grants Council, The Manchester School.