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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Merced, 2012

DISSERTATION: “*Studies on Spillovers, Financial Resources and the Economics of Innovation*”

M.A. in Economics, University of California, Riverside, 2005

B.A. in Business Economics, University of California, Riverside, 2002

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Primary fields: Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Economics of Innovation

Secondary fields: Industrial Organization, Managerial Economics, Macroeconomics, Labor Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record:

- 2014- Lecturer PSOE of Economics, *University of California Merced*: Statistical Inference, Corporate Finance, Intermediate Microeconomics, Economics of Money & Banking, Introduction to Economics, Economics of Innovation, Ideas & Growth
- 2013-2014 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, *University of the Pacific*: Principles of Macroeconomics, Economics of Money & Banking
- 2013-2014 Lecturer of Economics, *University of California Merced*: Statistical Inference
- 2013 Lecturer, *California State University East Bay*: Principles of Microeconomics, Managerial Economics & Business Strategy, Economics for Managers in a Global Economy (MBA)
- 2009 Teaching Fellow, *University of California Merced*: Economics of Money & Banking
- 2007 Adjunct Professor of Economics, *Orange Coast College*: Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics
- 2006-07 Adjunct Professor of Business, *California Baptist University*: Business Finance, Principles of Microeconomics, Business Statistics

Teaching Assistant:

- 2011-2012 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Gawn, *University of California Merced*: Intermediate Microeconomics
- 2008-2010 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Whalley, *University of California Merced*: Intermediate Macroeconomics
- 2008, 2010 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Winder, *University of California Merced*: Intermediate Microeconomics
- 2009 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Richter, *University of California Merced*: Intermediate Microeconomics
- 2009 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Neumann, *University of California Merced*: Intermediate Macroeconomic
- 2008 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Neumann, *University of California Merced*: Introductory Economics
- 2007 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Hansford, *University of California Merced*: Statistical Inference
- 2006 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Huang, *University of California Riverside*: Research Methods

SERVICE: Bylaw Unit, School, University, and Public

Bylaw Unit (Social Science and Management):

- 2017 Member, Programmatic Learning Outcome Assessment Committee under the Faculty Assessment Officer
- 2016-17 Member, SSM Search Committee for Research Faculty
- 2016- Member, SSM Unit 18/Continuing Lecturer Review Committee
- 2015 Member, SSM Continuing Lecturer Review Committee
- 2015-16 Member, SSM Search Committee for L(P)SOEs

- 2016- Member, SSM Undergraduate Outreach Committee
- 2014-16 Chair, SSM Undergraduate Outreach Committee
- 2014- Member, SSM Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

School (Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities):

- 2015 Co-Chair, Search Committee for the Student and Program Assessment Manager in the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

University (UC Merced):

- 2017- Member, *L(P)SOE Working Group*, charged by Gregg Camfield, Vice-Provost of Faculty
- 2016- Member, *General Education Sub-Committee (GESC)* of the Academic Senate's Undergraduate Council
- 2016- Faculty Advisor, *Student Working Group for Business Centered Recruitment and Events* with Brian O'Bruba, Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Life & Director of the Center for Career & Professional Placement
- 2015-16 Faculty Advisor, *UC Merced Economics Club*
- 2015- Faculty Advisor and recruiter of *Alpha Phi*, UC Merced's chapter of *Omicron Delta Epsilon*, The International Honor Society for Economists
- 2015- Chapter Faculty Advisor of *Tau Chi*, UC Merced's chapter of *Delta Sigma Pi*, a Professional Business Fraternity
- 2015- Faculty Advisor to the *UC Merced Cycling Club*
- 2015 Faculty Judge for UC Merced's Research Week Graduate Division Poster Competition
- 2014- Co-Chair, UC Merced's System Dynamics Growth Model Committee, Business and Financial Strategic Initiatives Center
- 2010-12 Graduate Student Representative, Student Advisory Board to the Vice-Chancellor of Administration at UC Merced
- 2008-09 Student Advisor to the Graduate Health Committee at UC Merced

Public:

- 2016- Continuing Education Instructional Series: *Integration of IT in the Classroom and Assessment*, Our Lady of Mercy School, Merced CA
- 2015- Member of Our Lady of Mercy School's Parent Club, Merced CA
- 2014- Appointee, Merced City's [Bicycle Advisory Commission](#)
- 2012-13 Member and Educator with the Washington Area Bicycling Association (WABA)
- 2009- Member of the [Merced Bicycle Coalition](#) and Steering Committee (Chair: 2014-16, Vice Chair 2017-)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2017 Panelist and Poster Presentation: *Climate Neutrality Curriculum Initiative Networking Event*, April 21, 2017
- 2017 Panelist: *Entrepreneurship + Startups*, hosted by the UC Merced Alumni Association as part of their Alumni Career Chat Employment Success Series ([A.C.C.E.S.S.](#)), April 6, 2017
- 2017 Guest Speaker on Career Planning and Networking: *Business Society's Semi-Monthly Meeting*, February 16, 2017
- 2016 Host of Panel Discussion: *Shaping Your Career: Internships, Fellowships, Grad-School & Beyond*, University of California Merced, February 9, 2017
- 2017 Interviewee: [The Next Silicon Valley?](#) By Brian Back, January 25, 2017
- 2016 Invited Attendee: [Meet The Experts](#), Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, October 20, 2016.
- 2016 Host of Panel Discussion: *Shaping Your Career: Internships, Fellowships, Grad-School & Beyond*, University of California Merced, October 18, 2016
- 2016 Panelist: *Civic Leadership and Public Service*, hosted by Emily Langdon
- 2016 Participant: *Climate Neutrality Curriculum Initiative Workshop*
- 2016 Participant: *UC Merced Innovative Learning Technology Initiative (ILTI) "Meet and Greet" and Small Group Discussion*, July 27, 2016
- 2014 Invited Attendee of the NBER Summer Institute on Innovation Economics
- 2013 Presenter, *The Innovation Ecosystem, Public Policy and R&D Networks*, at the Public Policy Institute of California, May 21, 2013

- 2013 Visiting Scholar at Stanford University's Department of Economics under invitation of Professor Nicholas Bloom for the development of a firm-level IP and financial data set (March 2013)
- 2012 Panelist: *"The Importance of Intellectual Property Rights to Developing Countries"* to The National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI) and The American Chamber of Commerce of Peru (AmCham Peru) at Microsoft's Washington D.C. office with Stephen Ezell
- 2012 Invited Attendee of the OECD-MIT Workshop on *"A Policy Framework for Knowledge-Based Capital,"* at the National Academies of Science, Washington D.C.
- 2012 Invited Attendee of *The Northwestern Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property Eighth Annual Symposium*, Northwestern University
- 2011 Seminar presenter, Western Economics Association Annual Conference, *Innovation, International R&D Networks and Knowledge Competition*
- 2011 Seminar presenter, Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, *Spending Wisely? How Resources Affect Knowledge Production in Universities*
- 2011 Poster Session, University of California Merced's Research Week Poster Competition, *Innovation, International R&D Networks and Knowledge Competition*
- 2009 Seminar presenter, Southern Economics Association Annual Conference, *Spending Wisely? How Resources Affect Knowledge Production in Universities*
- 2009 Poster Session, All UC Labor Conference Graduate Poster Session, *Spending Wisely? How Resources Affect Knowledge Production in Universities*

RESEARCH

Published Works:

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

"Spending Wisely? How Resources Affect Knowledge Production in Universities" with Alex Whalley, *Economic Inquiry*, March 2013.

White Papers:

"Eroding Our Foundation: Sequestration, R&D, Innovation and U.S. Economic Growth" with Dr. Robert D. Atkinson, *ITIF.org*, September 2012

Research in Progress:

"Innovation, International R&D Networks and Knowledge Competition," Working Paper *"Predicting Networks within the Innovation Ecosystem"* with Pedro Souza

RELEVANT POSITIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- 2016- CEO of Your Rain Systems Inc., Housed within the UC Merced Venture Lab, Merced, CA
- 2014- Lecturer (P)SOE, University of California Merced, Merced, CA
- 2013-14 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA
- 2013-14 Lecturer of Economics, University of California Merced, Merced, CA
- 2013-14 Adjunct Professor of Economics, California State University East Bay, Hayward, CA
- 2012-13 Senior Economic Policy Analyst, The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Washington, DC
- 2011-12 Graduate Student Researcher for the Center for Research and Teaching Excellence, under the supervision of Anne Zanzucchi Ph.D, University of California Merced, Merced, CA
- 2008-10 National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Graduate Student Researcher under the supervision of Shawn Kantor Ph.D. and Alex Whalley Ph.D., NBER Grant for the Creation of Post-Secondary Data Set, University of California Merced, Merced, CA
- 2008-11 Graduate Student Researcher with Alex Whalley Ph.D., University of California Merced, Merced, CA
- 2007-12 Teaching Fellow, University of California Merced, Merced, CA
- 2009 Graduate Student Researcher for the Center for Research and Teaching Excellence, under the supervision of Katie Winder Ph.D, University of California Merced, Merced, CA
- 2007 Adjunct Professor of Social Science, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA
- 2007 Research Consultant, Technology Education Consulting and Research (TECR), under the supervision of

- Leslie Henrickson, Ph.D.
- 2006 Graduate Student Researcher for the Center for California Native Nations, UC Riverside, under the supervision of Gary Dymski Ph.D. with contributions to “Securing Sovereignty: Building a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians: A Holistic Approach – Phase I.”
- 2005-06 Adjunct Professor of Business, California Baptist University, Riverside, CA
- 2005 Teaching Assistant, University of California Riverside, Riverside, CA
- 2003-06 Leads and Contracts, Portfolio Sales West, Marriott Vacation Club International, Santa Ana, CA
- 2003 Registered Brokerage Assistant, A.G. Edwards and Sons, Redlands, CA
- 2002 Registered Securities Dealer, Ameriprise Financial Services, Riverside, CA
- 2001-02 Sales Associate and Bicycle Mechanic, CycleTek, Loma Linda, CA
- 2000 Database Maintenance, Bike-alog, Goleta, CA
- 1999-00 Plant Installation & Maintenance, Rainforest Plant Co., Oak View, CA
- 1998-99 AP/AR & Payroll, Inland Home Healthcare Services, Loma Linda, CA
- 1998 Sales Associate, Mikasa, Pismo Beach, CA

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS:

- 2016- Member of Delta Sigma Pi
- 2009- Member of the Southern Economic Association
- 2010- Member of the Western Economic Association
- 2011- Member of the Canadian Economic Association
- 2011- Member of the American Economic Association
- 2012- Member of Omicron Delta Epsilon
- 2012-13 Member of the National Association of Business Economists
- 2012-2013 Member of the National Economists Club

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2011 Winner of the UC Merced Research Week Poster Competition. *Innovation, International R&D Networks and Knowledge Competition*
- 2010 Social and Cognitive Sciences Graduate Bobcat Award for Academic and Research Excellence
- 2010 AGEPS Scholars Program, Scholarship for the Attendance to The Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, Tampa Bay, FL
- 2008 Winner of the Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award for instruction in: Statistical Inference and Intermediate Macroeconomics, University of California - Merced
- 2008 Recipient of the Center for Research and Teaching Excellence (CRTE) Collaborative Mini-Grant

ADDITIONAL INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- 2002-03 Registered with the National Association of Securities Dealers with completion of: Series 7, Series 66, Life and Health, and LTC certification in the state of California. Broker for Ameriprise Financial Services and A.G. Edwards and Sons.
- Software: High level of proficiency in the use of STATA with additional experience in: SQL, Eviews, Gauss, SPSS, SASS, LaTeX, Excel, Access, MatLab, SolidWorks, Adobe Master Collection, Quickbooks Pro, Weebly