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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. Economics, Columbia University, New York, 2008

Ph.D. Committee: Janet Currie (main advisor), Brendan O'Flaherty, Nachum Sicherman

M. Phil. Economics, Columbia University, New York, 2005

M.A. Economics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2002

C.P.A. Accounting, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2001

B. A. Economics & Accounting, Magna Cum Laude, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1999

Professional Employment

2015-present Associate Professor, ISET at Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia
2014-present Academic Director (Director of Graduate Studies), ISET at TSU, Tbilisi, Georgia
2015-present Adjunct Associate Professor, Columbia University, New York, NY
2009-2014 Assistant Professor, ISET at Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia
2012-2014 Associate Academic Director, ISET at Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia
2008-2014 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Columbia University, New York, NY
2008-2009 Visiting Assistant Professor, Union College, Schenectady, NY
2008-2008 Adjunct Assistant Professor, New York University, New York, NY
2001-2002 Researcher, Ministry of Labor and Welfare

Teaching and Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Econometrics, Time Series Econometrics

Research Papers

Published:

“The Effect of Immigration on Unskilled Native Workers: Evidence from a Natural Experiment,” *Southern Economic Journal*, Volume 80(2), October 2013, 345-365.

“On the Effects of Foreign Direct Investment on Local Human Capital Formation,” *Spanish Journal of Economics and Finance (Cuadernos de economía)*, Volume 34(96), December 2011, 153-161. (With Adolfo Cristobal Campoamor.)

“Jewish-Arab Wage Gap: What are the Causes?” *Defence and Peace Economics*, Volume 21, Issue 4, August 2010, pp. 367-380.

“Inter-Country Comparisons of Poverty Based on a Capability Approach: An Empirical Exercise,” in *Arguments for a Better World—Essays in Honor of Amartya Sen*, Ed. Kaushik Basu and Ravi Kanbur, Cornell University Press, 2008, Vol. 2, Chapter 1, pp. 7-30. (With Sanjay Reddy and Sujata Visaria.)

“Why Do Arabs Earn Less than Jews in Israel?” *The Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel*, Discussion Paper Series (06.03), 2006, 1-56. (Press coverage: Yedioth Ahronoth, Tuesday 28-3-2006, Mamon section , p.4. Hebrew.)

“The construction industry in Israel: Growth and evolution (1970-1997),” *The Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel*, Outstanding Student Papers, July 2000. (In Hebrew; with Ehud Bar-Selaa’; Supervisor: Joseph Zeira)

Working Papers and Work in Progress:

“The Cycle of Violence? An Empirical Analysis of Fatalities in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict.” (With Aamer Abu-Qarn and Michael Beenstock)

“Local Human Capital Formation and Optimal FDI.” (With Adolfo Cristobal Campoamor and Avner Shaked)

“The Effect of Military Service on Future Earnings.”

“The Effect of Immigrants on the Wage of Natives.”

“The Child Health/Family Income Gradient: The Case of Low Birthweight”

“A One-Step Test for the Presence of Multiple Cointegrating Vectors,” Working Paper, April 2012, Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2034253>.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Honors and Awards

IZA Research Fellow, Bonn, Germany, 2014-present.

GSAS Summer Research Award, Columbia University, 2007

Research Grant, The Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research, 2006

Wueller Award, Best Research Proposal, 2006

Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia University, 2006-07

Columbia University Faculty Fellowship, 2002-08

Excellent MA Student Grant, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2001-02

Graduate Fellowship, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1999-02

Outstanding Student Paper, Maurice Falk Institute for Economic Research, 2000

Dean’s List, Faculty of Social Sciences, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1996-1999

Invited Seminar Presentations

Monash University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Union College, Tel-Aviv University, Ben-Gurion University, The Graduate Center CUNY, Manhattan College, ISET at Tbilisi State University.

Conferences

26th EALE Conference, European Association of Labour Economists, Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 2014.

International Conference of Economics, Turkish Economic Association (ICE-TEA), Izmir, Turkey, November 2012.

Seventeenth Annual Meetings, Society of Labor Economists, Chicago, USA, May 2012.

International Conference on the Employment of Older Workers, Paris, France, October 2010.

ASSA Annual Meetings, American Economic Association, New Orleans, LA, USA, January 2008.

Referee

Southern Economic Journal; European Economic Review; Eastern Economic Journal; Defence and Peace Economics; The World Economy; Global Development Network (CERGE-EI).

Selected University Service

Director of Graduate Studies, ISET, 2014-present

Associate Academic Director, ISET, 2012-2014

Coordinator, Research Seminar, ISET, 2009-2013

Coordinator, Human Resource Economics concentration, ISET, 2013-present

Member, Financial Aid Committee, ISET, 2013-present

Member, Admission Committee, ISET, 2013-2014

Member

The American Economic Association, Society of Labor Economists, European Association of Labor Economists, Southern Economic Association.

Teaching Experience

Labor Economics ISET (Graduate), Columbia University (BA), Union College (BA)

Time Series ISET (Graduate)

Econometrics ISET (Graduate), Columbia University (PhD, MA, and BA), Union College (Undergraduate), Hebrew University of Jerusalem (BA)

Microeconomics Graduate School of Public Service, New York University (Graduate)

Math for Economists SIPA, Columbia University (Graduate)

Introductory Statistics SIPA, Columbia University (Graduate)

Stata Honors Thesis Workshop, Columbia University (Undergraduate)

Accounting-Finance Economics Department, Columbia University (Undergraduate)

Accounting Business School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Undergraduate)

Personal

Languages: English, Hebrew, Arabic, Georgian (basic).

Computer Skills: Stata, Eviews, SAS, SPSS, Matlab, Gauss, Visual Basic, LaTeX, Scientific Workplace, MS Office (Excel, Word, Access, PowerPoint, FrontPage).