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Employment

Assistant Professor (Probationary), Centre for Training and Research in Public Finance and Policy,
Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, June 2026-present.
Visiting Lecturer, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata, Spring 2025-present.
Assistant Professor, California State University, Northridge, August 2016-May 2023.

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, May 2016
M.A. in Economics, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, May 2011
M.Phil. in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2008
M.A. in Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2006
B.S. in Economics, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India, 2004

Teaching Experience

Visiting Lecturer, IIFT, Spring 2025, Spring 2026, *Advanced Topics in Macroeconomics, Issues in International Macroeconomics & Finance*, Fall 2025, *Macroeconomic Theory*, Fall 25, in the M.A. Economics program

Assistant Professor, California State University, Northridge, Department of Economics
Macroeconomic Theory, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, *Money & Banking*, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, *Principles of Macroeconomics*, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring, 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016

Adjunct Professor, Southern Methodist University, Department of Economics
Intermediate Microeconomics, Fall 2015, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Spring 2014, Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall 2013

Teaching Assistant, Southern Methodist University, Department of Economics
Principles of Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate), Microeconomics (Graduate), Fall 2009- Spring 2013

Tutor, Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center, Southern Methodist University, Summer 2011

Research Interests

Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics, Energy Economics, International Economics

Research Experience

AEA CSWEP Summer Economics Fellow, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, 2014

Intern, International Monetary Fund, Summer 2013

Research Assistant, National Institute of Public Finance & Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi, India, January 2007-January 2008

Summer Intern, Competition Commission of India, New Delhi, India, Summer 2005

Publications

Energy in a Model of Firm Entry, 2020, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, 24(2), 231-254.

Imperfect Labor Mobility, Entry Costs and Endogenous Entry, 2021, *International Journal of Applied Economics*, 18(1), 28-39.

Oil Price Shocks, Firm Entry and Exit in a Heterogeneous Firm Model, 2022, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 55(1), 349-378.

Book Chapters:

Canada: Macroeconomic Implications and Challenges of the Unconventional Energy Revolution (2015) (with Lusine Lusinyan, Dirk Muir & Julien Reynaud), International Monetary Fund

Selected Issues Paper, IMF Country Report: Canada (2014) (with Lusine Lusinyan, Dirk Muir & Julien Reynaud)

Research Papers

Oil Price Shocks and the Extensive Margin

Firm Entry and Exit Decisions with Financial Frictions (with Nathan S. Balke and Enrique Martinez –Garcia)

Oil Price Shocks and Firm Entry/ Exit: the role of sticky prices and wages (in progress)

Republicans vs. Democrats: Does it matter for entrepreneurship? (with Dennis Halcoussis) (in progress)

Other Research

Exploring Intra-Canada and Canada-U.S. Inter-Industry Linkages: An Input-Output Analysis, International Monetary Fund, Mimeo

Sustainability of the Fiscal Position: A study of 14 Indian States (with Manmohan Agarwal)

Presentations

Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, October 2025

Jadavpur University, Calcutta, December 2024

Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, March 2024

American Economic Association Meetings, January (2018, scheduled, could not attend)

American Economic Association Meetings, January 2017

Southern Economic Association, Chair, Presenter & Discussant, November 2016

Bank of Canada, February 2016 (invited, could not attend)

Christopher Newport University, February 2016

California State University, Northridge, January 2016

Southern Economic Association, Presenter & Discussant, November 2015

United States Association for Energy Economics, October 2015

Brown Bag Seminar, Southern Methodist University, October 2015

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, July 2014

Southern Methodist University, Graduate Research Day, February 2013
Southern Methodist University, May 2012

Honors /Awards/ Certifications

Successful completion of course on “Contemporary Issues In Open Economy Macroeconomics: Reserve Bank of India Endowment, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta, 2024”
Probationary Faculty Grant, CSUN, Spring 2021
Finalist, Joseph L. Fisher Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Resources for the Future, 2015- 2016
Graduate Student Development Grant, Southern Methodist University, 2015
Graduate Student Assembly Fund, Southern Methodist University, 2015
Full Tuition Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship, Department of Economics, Southern Methodist University, Fall 2009 – Spring 2012
Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE), International Honor Society in Economics, 2012
University Grants Commission Scholarship, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2007-08

Professional Membership

American Economic Association, Canadian Economic Association

University Service

College Curriculum Management and Policy (CMAP) Committee, Fall 2021
Faculty Discipline Review Groups (FDRG) Committee, Fall 2021
Impact Journal Committee, Department of Economics, CSUN, 2020-2021
University Hiring Committee, 2019
CSUN Data Champions Program 2017-2018
Student Success Faculty Learning Committee Fall 2017-Spring 2018
Academic Technology Committee Fall 2017-Spring 2019

Professional Experience

Referee for: Foreign Trade Review, Emerging Market Finance and Trade, Economics Bulletin

Skills

Proficient in MS Office, Scientific Workplace, Stata, Matlab, Dynare, Eviews

References:

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