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Current Positions

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Wesleyan University, since July 2021

Special Sworn Status Researcher, U.S. Census Bureau, since March 2023

Previous Positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Wesleyan University, July 2014 – June 2021

Consultant, IMF, April – August 2019

Visiting Scholar, IMF, October 2017 – March 2018

Visiting Scholar, IMF, October 2016

Visiting Scholar, WTO, January 2015

Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Washington, June 2014

Dissertation Title: *Essays on Institutional and Macroeconomic Aspects of International Trade*

Dissertation Committee: Theo S. Eicher (chair), Yu-chin Chen, Kar-yiu Wong, Saadia M. Pekkanen

MA, Economics, University of Washington, 2011

Diplom-Volkswirt, International Economics, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, 2009

Research Interests

Primary Fields: International Trade, Economic Growth

Secondary Field: Macroeconomics

Publications

[“Geographical Protections and Trade: Product-level Evidence from EU Agreements,”](#) forthcoming, *Canadian Journal of Economics*. [\[WP Version\]](#)

[“Non-tariff Measures vs. Tariffs: A Fresh Look at the Evidence,”](#) 2024, *Economics Letters*, 237 (April), 111669. [\[WP Version\]](#)

[“Non-tariff Measures: What’s Tariffs Got to Do with It?”](#) 2023, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 56(1), 133-163. [\[WP Version\]](#)

[“Preferential Trade Agreements and MFN Tariffs: Global Evidence”](#) (with Rishi R. Sharma), 2021, *European Economic Review*, 138 (September), 103850. [\[WP Version\]](#)

[“WTO Tariff Commitments and Temporary Protection: Complements or Substitutes?”](#), 2020, *European Economic Review*, 121 (January), 103344. [\[WP Version\]](#)

[“Do Trade Flows Respond to Nudges? Evidence from the WTO’s Trade Policy Review Mechanism,”](#) 2019, *Review of International Economics*, 27(3), 735-764. [\[WP Version\]](#)

[“Forecasts in Times of Crises”](#) (with Theo S. Eicher, Chris Papageorgiou, and Charis Christofides), 2019, *International Journal of Forecasting*, 35(3), 1143-1159. [\[IMF WP Version\]](#)

[“European Influence and Economic Development”](#) (with Theo S. Eicher), 2019, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 52(2), 667-734. [\[WP Version\]](#)

[“Constitutional Rules as Determinants of Social Infrastructure”](#) (with Theo S. Eicher and Cecilia García-Peñalosa), 2018, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 57 (September), 182-209. [\[WP Version\]](#)

[“WTO Dispute Determinants,”](#) 2017, *European Economic Review*, 91 (January), 157-179. [\[WP Version\]](#)

[“The Elusive Effects of Trade on Growth: Export Diversity and Economic Take-Off”](#) (with Theo S. Eicher), 2016, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 49(1), 264-295. [\[WP Version\]](#)

Working Papers

[“Preferential Trade Agreements and Non-tariff Measures,”](#) (with Rishi R. Sharma), 2025. *Revision requested by European Economic Review.*

Works in Progress

“The Trade Effects of Temporary Trade Barriers Over Their Life Cycle.”

Policy Papers and Other Publications

[“Sustaining Long-Run Growth and Macroeconomic Stability in Low-Income Countries – The Role of Structural Transformation and Diversification”](#) (with T.S. Choi, N.D. Duma, T. Eicher, C. Henn, N. Gigneshvili, G. Ho, C. Papageorgiou, A. Pitt, S. Rosa, K. Wang), *IMF Policy Paper*, March 2014.

Conferences and Seminars

2026: AEA Meeting

2025: Midwest International Trade Conference Spring 2025, Center for Economic Studies (US Census Bureau), Smith College, SEA Meeting

2022: Midwest International Trade Conference Fall 2022, SEA Meeting

2021: ASSA – International Economics and Finance Society, European Trade Study Group

2020: Syracuse University

2019: AEA Meeting, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

2018: USITC, IMF Research, Midwest International Trade Conference Spring 2018, 5th InstED Workshop

2017: IMF Workshop on Forecasting Issues in Developing Economies, Midwest International Trade Conference Spring 2017, EEA Congress, Colgate University, SEA Meeting

2016: CEA Meetings, IMF ICD

2015: Clark University, Canadian International Trade Study Group, European Trade Study Group, University of Massachusetts Lowell

2014: University of Washington, University of Georgia, Bowdoin College, Wesleyan University, Midwest International Trade Conference Spring 2014, Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges, DEGIT XIX, Midwest International Trade Conference Fall 2014, Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Awards

Carol A. Baker '81 Memorial Prize, Academic Year 2018-19

GISOS Project Grant, Wesleyan University, Academic Years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2023-24, 2024-25

Grover and Creta Ensley Fellowship in Economic Policy, Academic Year 2013-14

Travel Award, Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation, University of Washington

Teaching Experience

Wesleyan University: Economic Growth, Intermediate Macroeconomics, International Economics, International Trade, Introduction to Economic Theory

University of Washington: Introduction to Microeconomics, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Econometric Theory and Practice

Referee Service

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Applied Economics Letters, Asian Development Review, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Canadian Journal of Economics, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Inquiry, Economics Letters, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, International Interactions, International Journal of Forecasting, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Asian Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Education, Journal of Forecasting, Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade, Journal of International Economics, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, National Science Foundation, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Review of Development Economics, Review of International Economics

Personal Information

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (beginner)

Citizenship: USA, Germany

References

Available upon request

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