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Current Position

Assistant Professor of Economics, Bucknell University, 2024 - Present

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, SUNY Binghamton, 2024
M.A. in Economics, SUNY Binghamton, 2021
M.Sc. (Distinction) in Economics, University of the West Indies, 2016
B.A. (Honors) in Economics and Production & Operations Management, University of Technology, 2014

Research Fields

Education Economics, Policy Economics, Health Economics, Labor Economics, Development Economics

Teaching Interests

Economics of Education, Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Development Economics, Statistics

Publications

- COVID-19 Vaccine and Risk-Taking, *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty* (2024), 1-25, with Solomon Polachek.

Working Papers

- "Phasing Out Shift Schools: More Instructional Hours Linked to Better High-Stakes Test Scores"
- "Does Extended School Day Lead to Better High School Placement?"
- "Have Compulsory Schooling Laws Increased Educational Attainment in the US?"

Works-in-Progress

- "Name Change Signals in a High-Stakes Public School Setting: The Impact of Stigma on Academic Ambition and Achievement"

- “The Impact of School Closure due to a Landfill Fire on Student Performance,” with Marlon Tracey and Chanita Holmes

Teaching Experience

- **Instructor**

At Bucknell University:

- Economics of Education (Undergraduate), Spr2025

At University of the West Indies:

- Economic Development (Graduate), Fall2019
- Introductory Statistics (Undergraduate), Sum2016, Fall2016, Sum2017, Sum2018
- Finance and Development (Undergraduate), Spr2017, Sum2018, Spr2019

At Binghamton University:

- Economics of Poverty and Discrimination (Undergraduate), Sum2023 (Online)

At University of the West Indies:

- Economic Development (Graduate), Fall2019
- Introductory Statistics (Undergraduate), Sum2016, Fall2016, Sum2017, Sum2018
- Finance and Development (Undergraduate), Spr2017, Sum2018, Spr2019

- **Teaching Assistant**

At Binghamton University:

- Labor Economics (Undergraduate), Fall2019, Spr2020, Fall2020, Fall2021, Spr2022
- Economics of Education (Undergraduate), Spr2023
- Gender and Economic Development (Undergraduate), Fall2022, Spr2023, Fall2023
- Monetary Economics (Undergraduate), Spr2021
- Principles of Economics (Undergraduate), Spr2024

Conference and Workshops

American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Conference, 2025

FLX Economics of Education Workshop, 2024

Chinese Economists Society (CES) North America Conference, 2024

West Indies Economic Conference (WECON), 2023

Women in Economics Mentoring Workshop at Boston University, 2021

Research Employment

Lead Research Officer for Economics, Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CAPRI), 2016-2018

Research Intern with Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance (CARTAC), 2015

Technical Reports & News Article

- “Improving Tax Compliance in Jamaica: A More Appropriate Tax Structure,” published by the

Caribbean Policy Research Institute, 2018

- "The Economic Value of the Jamaican Diaspora," published by the Caribbean Policy Research Institute, 2017
- "The Economic Value of CARICOM," published by the Caribbean Policy Research Institute, 2017
- "Risk Based Supervision of Insurance: A review of small states experience against the Solvency II directive," prepared for the IMF Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre (CARTAC)
- "Gaining Momentum, the Jamaican Economy," published by the Jamaican Gleaner
- "Before 2016: A Stagnating Economy - CAPRI's Review of Jamaica's Economy and Projections," published by the Jamaican Gleaner, 2016. Can be accessed at: <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20161127/2016-stagnating-economy-capris-review-jamaicas-economy-and-projections>
- "Understanding the Border Wall Funding Act," published by the Jamaican Gleaner. Can be accessed at: <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20170522/understanding-border-wall-funding-act>

Service

Senator of the Economics Graduate Student Organization (GSO), Binghamton University, 2020-2021

Mentor for the UWI League of Future Economics mentorship program, 2018

Awards and Scholarships

Deans Fellowship at Bucknell University, 2024

Provost Doctoral Summer Fellowship at Binghamton University, 2019-2024

Graduate Student Assistantship, Binghamton Department of Economics, 2019-2024

Best Econometrics Student in the M.S. in Economics, University of the West Indies, 2016

Tuition Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship, University of the West Indies, 2014-2016.

Recipient of the Gem Award, University of Technology, 2014