

Curriculum Vitae
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Work Experience (full-time positions)

Associate Professor of Practice, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, August 2018-present.

Senior Lecturer, University of Arizona, August 2017-May 2018.

Clinical Associate Professor & Undergraduate Director of Economics, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, August 2015 – June 2017.

Clinical Assistant Professor & Undergraduate Director of Economics, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, August 2008 – August 2015.

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

Master of Arts in Economics, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

Citizenship

United States of America.

Language Proficiency

English, Malay (Bahasa Malaysia), Tamil

Research

Fields: Applied Econometrics, Public Policy, Environmental Economics, Labor Economics.

Publications

1. "[Counting Cars: An Experiential Learning Project](#)," with Tamara Sheldon, *Journal of Economics Teaching*, 2021, pages 152-168.
2. "The Battle of Dunkirk: Analyzing Economics Principles in Two Motion Picture Portrayals of an Epic Retreat", with Sankaran Ramanathan in L. Ahlstrom and F. Mixon Jr. (Eds.), [War Movies and Economics: Lessons from Hollywood's Adaptation of Military Conflicts](#), edited by L. Ahlstrom and F. Mixon Jr., Chapter 6, *Routledge Economics and Popular Culture Series*, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, 2020.
3. "[Men in Grey Suits: Shark Activity and Congestion of the Surfing Commons](#)," with Franklin G. Mixon, Jr. *Sustainability* 2019, 11(11), 3114; <https://doi.org/10.3390/su1113114>.
4. "[Early Intervention in College Classes and Improved Student Outcomes](#)," with William Hauk and John Gordanier, *Economics of Education Review*, 2019, Volume 72, October 2019, pages 23-29; <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econedurev.2019.05.003>.
5. "[Is Political Ideology Stable? Evidence from Long-Serving Members of the United States Congress](#)," with Franklin G. Mixon, Jr. and Kamal P. Upadhyaya, *Economies*, 7(2), 36; Special Issue: Public Choice, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.3390/economies7020036>.
6. "[Averting Behavior among Singaporeans during Indonesian forest fires](#)," with Tamara Sheldon, *Environmental and Resource Economics (ERE)*, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10640-018-00313-8>.
7. "[Rethinking how we evaluate teaching effectiveness: Does only the mean matter](#)" with Jamie Wagner and Elizabeth Breitbach, *Perspectives on Economic Education Research (PEER)*, 2018, 11 (1): 73-87.
8. "[The impact of Indonesian forest fires on Singaporean pollution and health](#)," with Tamara Sheldon, *American Economic Review (AER) P&P*, American Economic Association (AEA), 107(5): 526-529, May 2017.

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Publications (contd.)

9. [“The movement to online course evaluations: Do we hear from more complainers?”](#) with Elizabeth Breitbach and Jamie Wagner, *Perspectives on Economic Education Research (PEER)*, 2016, 10 (1): 41-56.
10. [“An exercise on creating a student expenditure basket”](#) with Dana Corcoran and Thomas Mulroney Jr., *Journal of Economics Teaching (JET)*, 2016, 1b (2): 90-110.
11. [“Evidence on the determinants of foreign direct investments: The case of the Dominican Republic,”](#) *IUP Journal of Applied Economics*, 2015, 14 (1): 47-68.
12. “Promotion of the Millennium Development Goals by media in ASEAN countries” with Sankaran Ramanathan, *Asian Media Information and Communication Center (AMIC) P&P*, June 2010.
13. [“An analysis of inequality measures and common datasets”](#) *Academy of Business Economics (ABE) P&P*, 2007.

Under Review

[“I’ll See You in School”: Parental Involvement in K-12 Education,”](#) with Olivia Sorrentino and Eva Hernandez.

Works in Progress

“New Orleans Schools: The Post 2005 Effect” with Whitney Buser.

“The Choice Is Yours: You can win with this, or you can win with that”

Unpublished Manuscripts

“Determinants of student performance in Principles of Economics courses: What matters?” with Abdullah Al-Bahrani and Breyon Williams.

“Malaysia’s Vision 2020: Flip or flop?” presented at the Western Economics Association International (2016), Singapore.

Contracts, Grants, Sponsored Research and Published Teaching Materials

“Getting Started Teaching Online,” Grant and 8-week course, *Center for Teaching Excellence*, University of South Carolina, funded 2016.

“Integrative Learning Grant,” *Center for Teaching Excellence*, University of South Carolina, funded 2015.

“PowerPoint Presentations Instructor Resources” for the textbook titled *Economic Growth and Sustainable Development*, Peter Hess, first and second edition, Routledge Publishing, 2016 and 2014.

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Contracts, Grants, Sponsored Research and Published Teaching Materials (contd)

“Advertising Standards and Regulatory Practice in APEC Economies” with Sankaran Ramanathan, a research report submitted to the *Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Policy Support Unit*, APEC Secretariat, 2014.

“Research Associate for the Americas,” consultant, *Mediaplus Research Consultancy*, October 2013 - March 2014.

“Macro and Micro Economics Workbook” contributed chapters to Sankaran Ramanathan, *Olympia College*, Malaysia, 2011.

“Establishment of an Economics and Business Research Station in Peru”, *Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) Global Research and Curriculum Development Grant from University of Wisconsin (Madison)*, Co-PI with Dr. Marianne Johnson, Associate Professor, UW-Oshkosh, funded November 2007.

Recent Presentations (since 2015)

2021:

“I’ll See you in School: A Multiple Proxy Analysis,” Presenter, *Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Conference, March 2021*, virtual.

2020:

“New Orleans Schools: The Post 2005 Effect” presented in the *Presidential Session at the Southern Economics Association (SEA) Conference 2020*, virtual.

2019:

Teaching Seminar, Economics Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill MA.

Excellence in Teaching Day, Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA.

American Economic Association’s (AEA) National Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE), St. Louis, Missouri (two sessions: research paper presentation and panel).

Annual Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Annual Meetings (two sessions: research paper presentation and poster presentation), Atlanta, Georgia.

2018:

Athenian Policy Forum, Piraeus, Greece; Boston College; University of Michigan.

2017:

American Economic Association’s (AEA) National Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE), (two research presentations), Denver, Colorado.

Annual Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) Annual Meetings, with Tamara Sheldon, *American Economic Association (AEA)*, Chicago, Illinois.

SC Econ Day, presenter, SC Econ and the Economics Department, University of South Carolina.

2016:

Southern Economic Association 86th Conference, Washington D.C.

Best Practices in Teaching Principles, invited presentation, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

Brownbag Research Presentation Series, Department of Economics, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina.

Oktoberfest: A Symposium on Teaching, Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE), University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina.

Economics Teaching Conference, National Economics Teaching Association and Cengage, Tampa, Florida.

American Economic Association’s (AEA) National Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE), (two research presentations), Atlanta, Georgia.

SC Econ Day, presenter to high-school seniors interested in majoring in economics from across the state of South Carolina, SC Econ and the Economics Department, University of South Carolina.

Western Economics Association International (WEAI), Singapore.

2015:

American Economic Association’s (AEA) National Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE), Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Brownbag Research Presentation Series, Economics Department, University of South Carolina.

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Recent Roles as Paper Discussant or Session Chair at Conferences (since 2015)

Educational Outcomes Session: Chair and Discussant, *Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Conference, March 2021*, virtual.

“Topics in Economic Education Research,” *Session Chair, American Economic Association’s (AEA) Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE)*, St. Louis, 2019

“Grading and Testing Policies and Practices,” *Session Chair, American Economic Association’s (AEA) Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE)*, Denver, 2017.

“The Folly of Negative Marking by Hassan Essop,” *Discussant, American Economic Association’s (AEA) Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE)*, Denver, 2017.

“Learning through Economic Experiences,” *Session Chair, American Economic Association’s (AEA) Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE)*, Atlanta, 2016.

“Children’s Health and Well-Being” *Session Chair, Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Discussant, 12th International Conference*, Singapore, 2016.

“Child Health and Health Intervention Coverage in Developing Countries: Panel Analysis on Health Inequality” by Hui Shi, Victoria University, and Ratbek Dzhumashev, *Discussant, Western Economic Association International (WEAI), 12th International Conference*, Singapore, 2016.

“Capstone Senior Research Seminar Course in Economics: Best Practices for Large Public Universities” by Ishuan Li and Robert Simonson, *Discussant, American Economic Association’s (AEA) Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE)*, Minneapolis May 2015.

Recent Service Activities

Referee Service

Energy Letters, Journal of Economic Education, Economic Modelling, Journal of Economics Teaching, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economics and Finance Education, Caravel Journal.
Reviewer: Betsey Stevenson & Justin Wolfers Principles of Macroeconomics, MacMillan Learning, 2019.

University/Departmental Service

Boston College, Chestnut Hill MA

Co-Coordinator of Principles of Economics Courses.

Undergraduate Academic Advisor.

Donald J. White Teaching Award Committee, 2021, 2022 (Chair).

Capitalism Reading Group, Interdisciplinary group with faculty from the Law School, International Affairs, Political Science and Center for Religion & American Public.

University of South Carolina, Columbia SC

Course Coordinator for Principles of Macroeconomics courses (ECON 222), Darla Moore School of Business, 2016-2017.

New Faculty Orientation, invited panelist, August 2016.

Provost’s Grant Workforce. Key member of a workforce assisting the Provost and Deputy Provost in preparing a grant proposal for *Accelerating the Adoption of Adaptive Courseware* by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, 2016.

Major Decision day, panelist, Darla Moore School of Business, 2016.

Clinical Assistant Professor Search Committee, member, 2016.

Undergraduate Program Director of Economics, 2010-2017.

Undergraduate Student Advising, 2008-2017.

Undergraduate Teaching and Curriculum Committee, member, Department of Economics, 2009-2017.

Omicron Delta Epsilon (National Economics Honor Society), Faculty Advisor, 2010-2017.

Gamecock Economics Society (GES), Founder and Faculty Advisor, 2009-2017.

USC Bhangra Dance Society, Faculty Advisor, 2009-2017. Indian Cultural Exchange, Faculty Advisor, 2015-2017.

Faculty Research Supervisor, Governor’s School of Science and Mathematics (GSSM), summer 2015, 2016.

Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Faculty Advisor, 2015-2016.

Sigma Omega Epsilon, Faculty Advisor, 2011-2013.

Service Learning Committee, Moore School of Business, 2009-2011.

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Research Activities with Students at Boston College

Senior Honors Thesis Advisor to Tamar Laurent, “The Impact of Kidnapping on Labor Markets and Growth in Haiti,” expected completion 2023.

Senior Honors Thesis Advisor to Lauren Gillet, “The Overeducation of Syrian Immigrants in Jordan,” expected completion 2023.

Senior Honors Thesis Faculty Advisor to John Dempsey, tentative thesis topic: “Pre-Medical Track Educational Disparities and Impact on Future Labor Market Outcomes,” completed May 2022.

Research Mentor to Morgan Glover, BC undergraduate, who published “[Early Childhood Education: Impact of In-home vs. Out-of-Home Care on Ability](#),” in *The Collegiate Economics Forum* (peer reviewed undergraduate journal).

Research Mentor and Co-author with Olivia Sorrentino and Eva Hernandez, BC Undergraduate Students, on “‘I’ll See You in School’: A Multiple Proxy Analysis of the Role of Parental Involvement in K-12 Education and Improved Student Outcomes,” working paper.

Undergraduate Research Fellows (URF): Michelle Flores, Morgan Glover, Arvin Mohapatra, Olivia Sorrentino, Eva Hernandez.

Press Commentaries:

Boston News 25 January 5th 2021: [The Year Ahead: Service related jobs slow to return, while flexible work policies will be the norm.](#)

Boston News 25, January 4th 2021: [The Year Ahead: Small businesses, restaurants, key to local economic recovery.](#)

Wallethub Q&A June 2020: <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-that-need-most-financial-help-due-to-covid-19/74485/#expert=chandini-sankaran>.

Other Activities

Participant in a three-day teaching retreat organized by the Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, summer 2019.

Search Committee, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 2022.

Honors and Awards

Economic Educators Best in Class Teaching Award, *National Economics Teaching Association (NETA)*.

Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

Excellence in Teaching, (Department of Economics), multiple time award winner.

Outstanding Instructor nominee, (Golden Key International Honor Society)

Presidential Teaching Award nominee, (University-wide award)

Carroll Greene Award, (best female graduate student, Department of Economics), multiple time award winner.

“All-A” Scholastic Honor Roll, Summer 1995, Spring 1994, Fall 1994, Fall 1993.

Kelce School of Business Administration Scholar, 1994, 1993.

International Student Full-Tuition Scholarship, 1993-1996.