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Personal

Citizenship St Vincent & the Grenadines, United Kingdom
 United States Permanent Resident

Education

2010 (Expected) **Ph.D. Economics**
[University of North Carolina](#), Chapel Hill, United States

Thesis Topic: An Examination of Exchange Rate Policy in Emerging Market Economies

Thesis Committee: Prof. Stanley Black
 Prof. Patrick Conway
 Prof. Anusha Chari
 Prof. Neville Francis
 Prof. Richard Froyen

1997 - 1998 **M.A. Economics**
[University of Toronto](#), Toronto, Canada

1993 - 1996 **B.Sc.(Hon) Economics**
[University of the West Indies](#), Kingston, Jamaica

Awards and Honors

2006 Best Teaching Assistant Award, American Economic Summer Program
 Foundations Class

2003 - Present University of North Carolina Assistantship - Ph.D. Economics

2003 - 2004 University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Scholars for Tomorrow Fellowship

1997 - 1998 Canadian Commonwealth Scholar - M.A. Economics

1996 University of the West Indies Certificate of Achievement
 West Indies Group of University Teachers (WIGUT) Bursary

Research and Teaching Interests

- International Economics
- Macroeconomics
- Monetary Economics

Teaching Experience

- 2005 - Present **Instructor**, Department of Economics, University of North Carolina
Courses: Introductory Economics (Summer, 2005; Fall, 2005; Spring, 2006), Intermediate Macroeconomics (Spring, 2007; Summer, 2007; Summer 2009), International Economics-Non Majors (Fall, 2007; Fall, 2008), International Economics-Majors (Summer, 2008), and Survey of International and Development Economics (Spring, 2008; Spring 2009)
• course design, writing assignments and exams, delivery of lectures, office hours, and course evaluation to measure learning objectives.
- 2003 - 2005 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Economics, University of North Carolina
Courses: Introductory Economics
• Prepared and conducted weekly tutorials and office hours for classes of 50+ students as well as grading exams.
- 2004 & 2006 **Teaching Assistant**, American Economic Association Summer Program, Department of Economics, Duke University
Courses: Foundations Mathematics, Research Seminar Class.
• Prepared and conducted tutorials, held office hours, graded homework and exams. Advised students on their research projects.
- 1996 - 1997 **High School Teacher**, Emmanuel High School Kingstown, St Vincent & the Grenadines
Courses: Cambridge General Certificate of Education (GCE) Ordinary level(O' Level) Economics and Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Principles of Business.
• Taught and prepared high school students for CXC examinations as well as Cambridge GCE O'level exams.

Policy Experience and Employment

- 2000 - 2003 **Project Officer/Economist**, Economic Intelligence and Policy Unit, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat (CCS), Georgetown, Guyana
- Conducted research in areas of fiscal policy and macroeconomic policy coordination in the Caribbean Community Single Market and Economy. Lead responsibility for research in tax and fiscal policy. Tasks also included policy development and project design for Single Market implementation.
- 1998-2000 **Research Officer/Economist**, Monetary Policy Unit, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), St Kitts & Nevis
- Conducted research on financial regulation, monetary economics, and empirical work on economic growth. Assisted with the production of the Issues in External Relations Newsletter and chaired the ECCB Seminar Series. Main duties involved working with the Financial Enterprise and Development Unit on the Multilateral Investment Fund project to establish the Eastern Caribbean Securities Market comprised of an Exchange, a Depository, and a Registry.
- 1997 - 1997 **Research Officer/Economist**, Research Department, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, St Kitts & Nevis
- Provided financial analysis for credit unions in the Eastern Caribbean, and assisted in the collection, compilation and computation of national accounts in particular Montserrat national income accounts. Duties also included writing briefs, seminar participation, and conducting research on public expenditure growth.

Professional Development

- 2005 - 2006 **Teaching Training Program**
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- Course Description:** This course was aimed at introducing students to effective strategies for teaching in higher education. It achieved this by providing an opportunity for the practice of the teaching methods and strategies discussed, while encouraging students to develop their own teaching philosophy and style.
- 1999 **Macroeconomic Management: Current Policy Issues and Quantitative Methods**
- Course Description:** This course was sponsored by the World Bank, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, and University of the West Indies.

Peer Reviewed Publications

“Election Induced Fiscal and Monetary Cycles: Evidence from the Caribbeans”, *Journal of Developing Areas*, 44 (1),2010. (Forthcoming)

“VAT: Is it Suitable for the Caribbean Community?”, *Social and Economic Studies*, 55(3), 2006. (Co-authored with Marlon A. Bristol)

“An Application of Wagner’s ‘law’ of Expanding State Activity to Totally Diverse Countries”, *Transition*, 31, 2002.

“Exploring Caribbean Tax Structure and Harmonization Strategies”, *Bulletin for International Fiscal Documentation*, 56(5), 2002.

“The Determinants of Growth in the English Speaking Caribbean”, *Savings and Development*, 3, 2001.

“Deposit Insurance: Is it a Plausible Option for the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union?”, *Journal of Financial Regulation and Compliance*, 8(2), 2000.(Co-authored with Tracy Polius)

Working Papers

“Exchange Rate Targeting in an Estimated Small Open Economy”, Mimeo, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2008 (Job Market Paper)

“Exchange Rate Propagation in Emerging Market Economies: A SVAR Approach”, Mimeo, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2008

“Do Archipelagic Countries have Bigger Governments?”, 2009 (Preliminary)

“FDI, Institutions, and Growth: Evidence from the Caribbean Basin”, Mimeo, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2006

“The Impact of Tariff Reduction on the Tax Base in CARICOM”, Paper presented at the Fifth Meeting of the Council for Finance and Planning (September, 2001)

“Tourism Shocks and Adjustment in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union”, Mimeo, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, 1999

Articles

“The Monetary Union Trilemma”, *CARICOM View*, July-September Issue, 2002

“Strategies to Promote Small and Medium Enterprises in the New International Environment”, Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, 2000

“Dollarization”, *Issues in External Relations Newsletter*, 3(2), Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, 1999

Presentations

Presenter, “The Fiscal Effects of Tariff Reduction in the Caribbean Community”, **Inter-American Development Bank**, Washington D. C, United States (September 2002)

Presenter, “VAT: Is it Suitable for the Caribbean Community?”, **Caribbean Organization of Tax Administrators**, Kingston, Jamaica

Presenter, “Exploring Caribbean Tax Structure and Harmonization Strategies”, **Caribbean Organization of Tax Administrators**, Port of Spain, Trinidad

Presenter, “Election Induced Fiscal and Monetary Cycles: Evidence from the Caribbean”, **Caribbean Center for Monetary Studies Conference**, Belize City, Belize (November 2001)

Presenter, “The Impact of Tariff Reduction on the Tax Base in CARICOM”, **Council for Finance and Planning Officials and Ministerial Meetings**, Grand Anse, Grenada (September, 2001)

Presenter, “Tourism Shocks and Adjustment in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union”, **Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Seminar**, Bird Rock, St Kitts & Nevis (1999)

Presenter, “Seasonality in Reserves”, **Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Seminar**, Bird Rock, St Kitts & Nevis (1999)

Presenter, “An application of Wagner’s ‘law’ of Expanding State Activity to Totally Diverse Countries”, **Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Seminar**, Bird Rock, St Kitts & Nevis (1997)

References

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