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CONCENTRATION International Health Economics, Applied Microeconometrics

EDUCATION **University of North Carolina**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
PhD., Economics (Expected May 2010)

Capital University, Columbus, Ohio

- B.A., Economics, Summa Cum Laude
- Minors in Mathematics, Spanish, and History

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE **University of North Carolina**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Research Assistant - MEASURE Evaluation, Carolina Population Center *Spring 2008 - Spring 2009,*
Fall 2009 - Present

- Dr. Peter Lance and Dr. Gustavo Angeles

Instructor

Summer 2009,

- Taught independent courses in Intermediate Microeconomic Theory and Financial Markets for the department of economics.

Fall 2007

Research Assistant

Summer 2009,

- Dr. John Akin, Dr. Helen Tauchen, and Dr. Alfred Field

Fall 2005 - Spring 2006

Teaching Assistant - Introductory Economics

Fall 2006 - Spring 2007

- Dr. Michael Salemi and Dr. Rita Balaban
- Taught three recitation sections each semester.

Capital University, Columbus, Ohio

Research Assistant

Fall 2002 - Spring 2005

- Dr. Robert Lawson

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

“Reinterpreting the Relationship Between Social Cohesion, Institutions, and Economic Growth”. *Journal of Private Enterprise*. Forthcoming.

Also appearing in *Economic Freedom: Causes and Consequences*, Joshua Hall and Robert Lawson (eds.). New York: Nova Science, forthcoming 2010.

“Do Gas Stations Raise the Price of Gasoline on the Weekend or Holidays?” with Robert Lawson and Joshua Hall. *Atlantic Economic Journal* (Anthology Section): 35(1), March 2007.

“Testing the Alchian-Allen Theorem: A Study of Consumer Behavior in the Gasoline Market,” with Robert Lawson. *Economics Bulletin*: 35(4), 2006.

Published Reports

Contributing staff, *2006 Bangladesh Urban Health Survey*. National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT), MEASURE Evaluation, International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B), and Associates for Community and Population Research (ACPR). Dhaka, Bangladesh and Chapel Hill, NC, USA: 2008.

WORKING PAPERS “The Relationship between Location and Preventive Care Choice among Urban Residents of Bangladesh”. This dissertation proposal was successfully defended in February of 2009.

“A Dynamic Model of the Relationship between Fertility, Preventive Care, and Endogenous Child Mortality”. In progress – a preliminary draft is available upon request.

“Insurance Coverage and the Determinants of Child Immunization in China”. In progress – a preliminary draft is available upon request.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies *2007 - 2010*

- Internationally competitive academic scholarship awarded annually to advanced undergraduate and graduate students in the social sciences and humanities.

Predoctoral Traineeship, Carolina Population Center *2008 - 2009*

- Nationally recruited award for graduate study at UNC Chapel Hill granted to students with research interests in population issues.

Future Faculty Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill *Summer 2007*

- University-wide fellowship and instructional seminar awarded to graduate students with a demonstrated teaching ability and a strong commitment to faculty careers in higher education.

Collegiate Fellowship, Capital University *2001 - 2005*

- Capital University’s most prestigious academic scholarship honor – only ten fellowships are awarded annually.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Reinterpreting the Relationship between Social Cohesion, Institutions, and Economic Growth”. Presented at the 2009 Annual Meetings of the Midwest Economics Association.

Discussant, Midwest Economics Association, Cleveland, Ohio, March, 2009.

“Slum Selection and Preventive Care Choice in Bangladesh”. UNC University Research Day, March, 2009.

Discussant, Biennial Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHE), Durham, North Carolina, July, 2008.

“Social Cohesion, Institutions, and Economic Growth”. Presented at the 2008 Annual Conference of the Association for Private Enterprise Education.

“The Impact of the TRIPS Agreement on the Research and Development Practices of Pharmaceutical Firms in India”. Presented at the 2007 Annual Appalachian Spring Conference in World History and Economics.

“Noncooperative Game Theory in Computational Economics: Cournot and Stackelberg Games”. Presented at the 75th Annual Meetings of the Southern Economics Association.

“It’s All Relative: The Demand for Higher Octane Gasoline”. Presented with Robert Lawson at the 2005 Annual Conference of the Association for Private Enterprise Education.

“Trade and Growth in Lesser-Developed Countries”. Presented at the 2003 Meetings of the Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists.

**UNIVERSITY
SERVICE**

Research advisor, University of North Carolina Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience (SPGRE) Program, Summer 2008.

Lecturer, quantitative methods. GRE preparatory class for undergraduate interns at the Carolina Population Center, 2008 – 2009.

**RELEVANT
QUALIFICATIONS
AND SKILLS**

Proficiency in STATA, LaTeX, Fortran, and all Microsoft Office products. Experience with EViews, Maple, Mathematica, Matlab, and other programs.

Successful defense of the dissertation proposal and admission to candidacy, February 2009.

**PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

American Economic Association

Southern Economic Association

American Society of Health Economists

Midwest Economics Association

Association of Private Enterprise Education

Population Association of America

REFERENCES

Dr. John Akin (Advisor)
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