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Education

Ph.D. Student in Economics
The University of Cambridge, Cambridge, U.K.
Fall 2009 – Present

M.A. in Economics
The University of California, San Diego, CA, U.S.A.
Spring, 2009

M.Sc. in Statistics, with Distinction
The University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Scotland
Fall, 2007

B.A. in Economics and Mathematics,
Summa Cum Laude with Highest Honors in Economics
The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, U.S.A.
Spring, 2006

Research Experience

Environmental Defense Fund, New York, N.Y.

- Freelance Economic Editor: Summer, 2009
Revised technical reports on economic growth and the environment for style and content with EDF Senior Research Fellow Alexander Golub.

Mathematical Institute, The University of St Andrews

- M.Sc. Dissertation: Summer, 2007
“Models of Random Wildlife Movement with an Application to Distance Sampling” (Distinction), supervised by Len Thomas.

Manufacturer’s Alliance/MAPI, Arlington, VA, USA

- Economic Research Intern: Summer, 2006
Developed time series models for the prediction of total U.S. exports and capital goods exports with MAPI Economist Cliff Waldman.

Department of Economics, The College of William and Mary

- Honors Thesis: Summer 2005–Spring 2006
“Experimental Public Goods in Prague and Williamsburg: an International Comparison” (Highest Honors), advised by Lisa Anderson, Jeffrey Gerlach, and Michael Trosset.

- Research Assistant: Spring 2004 – Spring 2005
Empirical investigation of the January Effect in experimental auction markets with Lisa Anderson and Jeffrey Gerlach.
- Research Assistant: Summer, 2003
Investigation of the role of financial market contagion in the Brazilian stock market crash of the late 1990s with Jeffrey Gerlach.

Teaching Experience

University of California, San Diego

- Teaching Assistant: Microeconomics (Intro. and Intermediate), Macroeconomics (Intro. and Intermediate), Econometrics (Advanced), Fall 2007 – Spring 2009.

University of St Andrews

- Tutorial Instructor, Statistics in Practice, Spring 2006.

College of William and Mary

- Teaching Assistant, Econometrics, Spring 2005–Spring 2006.
- Teaching Assistant, Principles of Microeconomics, Spring 2003–Fall 2004.

Publications

“Yes, Wall Street, There is a January Effect: Evidence from Laboratory Auctions,” (with Lisa Anderson and Jeffrey Gerlach), *Journal of Behavioral Finance*, 2007, 8 (1), pp. 1–8.

Working Papers

“Weathering the Financial Crisis with Extreme Value Theory,” (with Jeff Gerlach).

“Gender, Nationality and the Provision of Public Goods,” (with Lisa Anderson and Jeffrey Gerlach), under review.

“Models of Random Wildlife Movement with an Application to Distance Sampling,” (with Len Thomas and Hirofumi Hirakawa).

Professional Activities

Contributing Editor, *The Modest Proposal: A Journal of Books, Opinion, and Comment*, 2006 – Present

Presentations and Seminars

“Weathering the Financial Crisis with Extreme Value Theory,” Humane Studies Research Colloquium; Arlington, VA; September 25-27, 2009.

Invited seminar participant: “Scholarship and a Free Society,” Institute for Humane Studies, Bryn Mawr College; July 24-30, 2009.

“Experimental Public Goods in Prague and Williamsburg: A Statistical Comparison,” Undergraduate Science Research Symposium, The College of William and Mary; February 24, 2006.

“Individualism and Collectivism in Public Goods Provisioning: An International Comparison,” Concentration Honors Colloquium, The College of William and Mary; February 20, 2006.

Academic Honors and Awards

Cambridge International Scholarship, 2009–2012

- Full tuition and stipend for the duration of the Ph.D. course, awarded “on a competitive basis to those applicants considered by their departments to be the most outstanding.”

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2009–2010

Economics Department Fellowship, UCSD, 2007

PSI Prize (Best Performance in Statistics MSc), University of St Andrews, 2007

Junior Fellow, American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2007

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, University of St Andrews, 2006–2007

Lord Botetourt Medal, The College of William and Mary, Spring 2006

- The College’s highest academic honor, presented annually to the graduating senior “who has most distinguished him or herself in scholarship.”

Cissy Patterson Prize in Mathematics, The College of William and Mary, Spring 2006

Finalist, Marshall Scholarship (D.C. Region), Fall 2005

Phi Beta Kappa, Fall 2005

Class of 1940 Scholarship, The College of William and Mary, Spring 2004

Siemens Scholarship for study abroad in Germany, Spring 2004

Hogan Prize in Classical Studies, The College of William and Mary, Spring 2003

Miscellaneous Awards

Honorary Lifetime Membership, St Andrews Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Spring 2007

Music Centre Scholarship, University of St Andrews, 2006–2007

Finalist, John Blair Shield Debating Competition, St Andrews Union Debating Society, February 2007

Winner, Maiden Speakers Competition, St Andrews Union Debating Society, October 2006

Winner, William and Mary Symphony Orchestra Concerto Competition, Spring 2005

Skills

Computer Skills: R, Matlab, EViews, Stata, C, \LaTeX , HTML, CSS,

Languages: Latin, German

Music: Classical Piano (20 years), Voice