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Biographical Details

Birthplace: Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Date of Birth: 29 October 1991

Citizenship: South Africa

Employment Equity Status: Coloured

Academic Qualifications

2014 – 2016: MCom Applied Economics, University of Cape Town. Coursework and dissertation with distinction in the dissertation.

Dissertation title: *Complementary and Competitive: The Impact of Chinese Trade on South African Manufacturing Exports.*

2010 – 2013: BBusSci Economics (Includes honours), University of Cape Town.

Honours paper title: *Analysing the Effects of a Diary Intervention on Problem and Pathological Gamblers.*

2005 – 2009: National Senior Certificate, Durban High School.

Areas of Interest

International Trade; Industrial and Trade Policy; Development Economics; Regional Integration

Work Experience

2019 – Research Coordinator and researcher at Policy Research in International Services and Manufacturing (PRISM) research unit.

2017 – Assistant Lecturer at the School of Economics, University of Cape Town.

2015 – 2016: Contract Lecturer at the School of Economics, University of Cape Town.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate:

First year level - Micro and macroeconomics for mainstream, non-specialist and engineering students

Second year level - Macroeconomics

Third year level - International trade and finance; quantitative methods in economics; applied international trade bargaining

Postgraduate:

Honours level - Economic challenges in Africa.

Postgraduate Supervision

Honours: Bongani Radebe; Gift Mahungela; Matthew Hamilton; Nathan Parent; Rukeya Parker; Tanner Klue – In progress

Thabisile Nondaba (2021)

Christopher Ujma (2020); Gaone Thabana (2020); Joshua Ackerman (2020); Liam Greenhalgh (2020); Nokukhanya Radebe (2020); Orianne Wallace (2020); Nobathembu Jamangile (2020)

Nolwandle Mthombeni (2019)

External Examiner

2021 – Rhodes University – 3rd year, International Trade Theory and Policy

Research Projects

2021: Junior Consultant on World Bank funded project. Project title: *Leveraging Trade for South Africa's Recovery and for Inclusive Long-Term Growth - South Africa, GVCs and COVID-19: Analysis of Customs Transaction-Level Data.*

2020 – 2021: Research Assistant on London School of Economics (LSE) International Growth Centre (IGC) funded project. Project title: *Uganda and the African Continental Free Trade Area: A framework for analysis with application to the South African Customs Union, Ghana and Nigeria.*

2019: Co-investigator on project funded by the CEPR (Centre for Economic Policy Research) and PEDL (Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries). Project title: *Market Competition and Investment Dynamics: Evidence from South Africa.*

Community and Other Engagements

2020: Member of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance webinar series organising committee on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) to support the effective implementation of the AfCFTA in partnership with the Secretary General.

2018 – 2020: Volunteer for Tzu Chi Foundation South Africa

Tzu Chi is an international humanitarian and non-governmental organisation. Volunteer work includes helping the disadvantaged through the distribution of food, medical aid, disaster relief and environmental work.

2018 – 2019: Member of the decolonisation of economics committee and curriculum reform at the University of Cape Town (CORE programme).

2018: Fully-funded engagement at New York University (NYU) Abu Dhabi Young Scholars Workshop on The Frontiers of Research in Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries.

2015 – 2016: Volunteer Tutor for SHAWCO Education, University of Cape Town

Leadership Positions

2015 – Course Convenor at the School of Economics, University of Cape Town

All Courses convened (since 2015): First year level macroeconomics; economics for non-specialists; economics for engineering students; third year level international trade and finance; third year level applied international trade bargaining.

2018 – 2019: Club captain/coach for the University of Cape Town badminton club

Duties include the management of badminton playing personnel. This includes organising and maintaining weekly coaching sessions and practices, evaluating player progress and selection of university teams to participate in the Western Province league and University Sports South Africa (USSA) championships.

Skills, Hobbies and Interests

Languages: English; Chinese Mandarin; Afrikaans.

Music: Completed UNISA (University of South Africa) and Trinity College of London piano and music theory exams at grade 8 level as well as completing grade 5 for violin.

Sport: Badminton (Western Province) and chess, competed at the provincial (KwaZulu Natal), national and international stage (South Africa).

Driving: South African code B licence.

Software: Microsoft Office Suite, Stata, Eviews, Matlab

Referees

- Professor Lawrence Edwards: PRISM & School of Economics, University of Cape Town
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- Additional referees available on request