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## Areas of Interest:

**Research:** Macroeconomic aspects of Public Finance, Life-Cycle Consumption, Bounded Rationality, General Equilibrium

**Teaching:** Macroeconomics, Public Economics, Mathematical Economics

## Education:

2011 Ph.D. in Economics, Utah State University, Logan, UT  
2006 M.A. in Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India  
2004 B.A. in Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India

## Academic Positions:

- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Towson University (current)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Finance and Economics, Georgia Southern University, 2011-2014
- Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Weber State University, 2010-2011
- MBA Instructor, Utah State University, 2010

## Research:

- “Can Removing the Tax Cap Save Social Security?” (2017), *The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics*, forthcoming.
- “Is the Social Security Crisis Really as Bad as We Think?” (2016), *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, 20 (3): 737-776.
- “Labor Supply and the Optimality of Social Security” (2015), *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 58 (1): 167-185.
- “Is Smoking a Fiscal Good?” (2014) (with James Feigenbaum), *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 17 (1): 170-190.
- “Can Overconfidence Explain the Consumption Hump?: A General Equilibrium Inquiry” (2011), *Journal of Economics and Finance*, 35 (1): 41-70.
- “Differential Mortality and the Progressivity of Social Security” (awarded the Early Career Research Award by the W.E. Upjohn Institute of Employment Research)
- “Medical Expenditure Shocks and the Optimality of Social Security” (with Juergen Jung)
- “The Insurance Properties of Social Security with Respect to Aggregate Risk” (with James Feigenbaum and Nick L. Guo)

## Selected Presentations:

- “Can Removing the Tax Cap Save Social Security?”: NTA (2015), SEA (2014)

- “Labor Supply and the Optimality of Social Security”: SABE Annual Meetings, Emory University (2013)
- “Is Smoking a Fiscal Good?”: Eastern Economic Association Meetings (2012), Western Social Sciences Associations Meetings (2011), Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings (2010), BYU-USU Macro Workshop (2010)
- “Optimal Pension Reform under Demographic Shocks and Endogenous Retirement”: Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings (2010); QSPS 2010 Summer Workshop
- “Demographic Shocks, Retirement Decisions and Optimal Social Security”: Weber State University (2009)
- “Can Overconfidence Explain the Consumption Hump?: A General Equilibrium Inquiry”: Illinois State University (Spring 2008)

#### Honors and Awards:

2016	Towson Academy of Scholars Grant
2015-16	College of Business and Economics Summer Support Grant Program
2015	W.E. Upjohn Institute Early Career Research Award
2012	School of Economic Development Summer Research Award
2012	COBA Summer Research Award
2012	Georgia Southern University Faculty Development Award
2010	Hemingway Adjunct Faculty Vitality Award (Spring), Weber State University

#### Service:

- Referee: *The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics*, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, *Economic Modelling*, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, *Journal of Economics and Finance*
- CBE Council, Towson University, 2016–
- Economics PTRM Document Revision Committee, Towson University, 2016
- Guest Speaker, The Towson University Political Economy Project and the Economics Club, 2016
- Dean’s Ph.D. Restructuring Committee, Georgia Southern University, 2013
- Program Assessment Committee, Georgia Southern University, 2013
- Mentor, Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program, 2012

#### References:

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- Dr. Rand W. Ressler, Chair and Professor, Department of Finance and Economics, Georgia Southern University, P.O. Box 8152, Statesboro, GA 30460  
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