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Areas of Interest:

Research: Macroeconomic aspects of Public Finance, Social Security and Healthcare, Life-Cycle Consumption, Bounded Rationality, General Equilibrium, Dynamic Optimization, Computational Modeling

Teaching: Macroeconomics, Public Economics, Mathematical Economics, Econometrics

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** at the **School of Economic Development, Georgia Southern University**, Fall 2011
- **Visiting Faculty** at **Department of Economics, Weber State University**, Spring 2011 - Principles and Intermediate Macro, Mathematical Economics
- **MBA Instructor** at **Utah State University**, Fall 2010 - Applied Econometrics
- **Adjunct Faculty** at **Department of Economics, Weber State University**, Spring 2010 - Mathematical Economics
- **Instructor** at **Department of Economics, Utah State University**, Spring - Fall 2008

Research:

- **Publication:**
 - “Can Overconfidence Explain the Consumption Hump?: A General Equilibrium Inquiry” (2011), *Journal of Economics and Finance*, 35 (1): 41-70.
- **Under Review:**
 - “Is Smoking a Fiscal Good?” (with James Feigenbaum), Spring 2011 (Revise and re-submit at the *Review of Economic Dynamics*)
 - “Actuarial Fairness in Redistributive Pension Systems”, (with Frank N. Caliendo), Spring 2011
- **Working Papers:**
 - “Differential Increases in Longevity and Social Security Reform” (with T. Scott Findley), Spring 2012

- “Is the Social Security Crisis Really as Bad as We Think?”, Fall 2011
- “Optimal Social Security Reform under Population Aging in the U.S.”, Summer 2010
- “A General Equilibrium Analysis of Pesticide Resistance in a Two-sector Stochastic Neoclassical Growth Model” (with Kenneth S. Lyon), Spring 2009
- “The Time Frame for Free Trade: A Game-Theoretic Approach”, Fall 2007

• **Work in Progress:**

- “Should Social Security Redistribute Wealth?” (with Frank N. Caliendo), Summer 2010
- “Social Security and Saving under Endogenous Retirement: Micro and Macro Consequences”, Spring 2010

Selected Presentations:

- “Is Smoking a Fiscal Good?” (with James Feigenbaum): Western Social Sciences Associations Meetings (Spring 2011), Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings (Summer 2010), BYU-USU Macro Workshop (Fall 2010)
- “Optimal Pension Reform under Demographic Shocks and Endogenous Retirement”: Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings (Summer 2010); QSPS 2010 Summer Workshop
- “Demographic Shocks, Retirement Decisions and Optimal Social Security”: Weber State University (Fall 2009)
- “Social Security Solvency under Endogenous Retirement: A General Equilibrium Analysis” (with T. Scott Findley): QSPS 2009 Summer Workshop, Applied Economics Graduate Seminar (Fall 2008)
- “Can Overconfidence Explain the Consumption Hump?: A General Equilibrium Inquiry”: Illinois State University (Spring 2008)

Computer Skills:

- Numerical simulation: MATLAB, Microsoft Excel
- Statistics and Econometrics: MATLAB, EViews
- Symbolic math: MATLAB, Mathematica
- Document processing: L^AT_EX, OpenOffice.org

Honors and Awards:

2010	Hemingway Adjunct Faculty Vitality Award (Spring), Weber State University
2010	Economics Department Conference Travel Award, Weber State University
2010	College of Agriculture Travel Grant, Utah State University
2006-10	Graduate Assistantship, Utah State University
2006	The University Medal for the first position in M.A. (Economics), Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India
2006	Susanta K. Mitra Memorial Gold-centered Medal for highest marks in Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India
2006	The Chattagram Parishad (Jadavpur) Award for the first position in M.A. (Economics), Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India

Professional service:

- Referee: *Journal of Economics and Finance*
- Faculty Search Committee, Georgia Southern University, 2011-12
- Undergraduate Recruitment Committee, Georgia Southern University, 2011-12
- Faculty Advisor, Economics Club, 2011-12

References:

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