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RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Research: Economic Development and Labor Economics
Teaching: Microeconomics, Economic Growth and Development

DOCTORAL STUDIES

Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
Dissertation: Peer Based Relative Consumption - Labor Supply and Happiness Trends
Committee Chairperson: Professor Kiminori Matsuyama
Date of Completion: July 2010 (expected)

PREDOCTORAL STUDIES

B.A.: Economics, Mathematics, & Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences (Honors),
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2004.
M.A.: Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2006.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Teaching Assistant Fellow, Northwestern University, 2008
Distinguished Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, 2007-2008
Distinguished Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, 2006-2007
Distinguished Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, 2005-2006
NSF Graduate Fellowship in Economics – Honorable Mention, 2004
Joint Program in Survey Methodology Junior Fellow, 2003
Award of Academic Excellence, Univ. of London & Edexcel Foundation, Bangladesh, 2000
Gold Medalist, Maple Leaf Intl. School, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
ECON 398-1,2,3: MMSS Senior Seminar Fall 2007, Winter 2008, Spring 2008
ECON 310-2: Intermediate Microeconomics, Spring 2007, Spring 2006
ECON 310-1: Intermediate Microeconomics, Winter 2007
ECON 305: Comparative Economics Systems, Winter 2006
ECON 326: Economics of Developing Countries, Fall 2005
Lecturer, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
ECON 326: Economics of Developing Countries, Summer 2009
ECON 310-1: Intermediate Microeconomics, Winter 2009
ECON 326: Economics of Developing Countries, Fall 2008
ECON 305: Comparative Economic Systems, Summer 2008
ECON 326: Economics of Developing Countries, Summer 2007

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Professor James Spillane, 2005
Research Assistant to Professor Benjamin Jones, 2005
Research Assistant, Emerging Payments Division, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 2003-2004
Research Assistant, Statistical Research Division, Census Bureau, Washington DC, 2003

JOB MARKET PAPER

“The Pursuit of Happiness: A Model of Peers, Status and Labor Supply”

Abstract - The paper presents a model of interdependent preferences in which utility depends on the individual's rank within peers, the rank of the peer-group itself, and leisure. It offers explanations to two empirical puzzles - (1) The recent increase in the number of hours worked by the more productive US workers relative to the less productive, and (2) The non-monotonic empirical relationship between happiness and absolute income. The strength of the proposed model, which also nests the classical model of absolute consumption, is its ability to explain two interesting empirical puzzles simultaneously.

OTHER PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

“To Migrate or Not – Peers, Status, and Development” [work in progress]

“Lobbying for Patent in Late Eighteenth Century Britain” [work in progress]

“Lobbying for Intellectual Property Protection in Global Economy” [work in progress]

“Women’s Work in Dhaka, Bangladesh: Attitude versus Attributes”, 2004

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REFERENCES

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