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EMPLOYMENT	<i>Occidental College</i> , Los Angeles, CA Associate Professor of Economics, 2023 – Present Assistant Professor of Economics, 2015 – 2023 <i>Occidental College</i> , Los Angeles, CA Director, Center for Teaching Excellence – 2025 – Present	
EDUCATION	<i>University of California, Santa Cruz</i> Ph.D. in Economics, June 2015 M.A. in Economics, June 2012 <i>Johns Hopkins University – SAIS</i> M.A. in International Economics and International Relations, May 2007 <i>Claremont McKenna College</i> B.A. in Economics and International Relations, May 2002	
FIELDS	International Trade, Economic Development, and Applied Microeconomics	
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Geographic Indications, Export Market Integration, and Producer Welfare: Firm-Level Evidence from Mexican Mezcal.”	
WORKING PAPERS	“Dynamic Trade Relationships, Tariff Costs, and GVCs: Examining the (de)coupling among the US, China, and Mexico” with Johanna Attot (Walla Walla University). “Trade Costs and Export Growth: How the Lowest Income Countries Differ.” with Michael Olabisi (Michigan State University). “Growing Exporters and Optimal Tariffs: The Case of the China Shock,” with Alan Spearot	
PUBLICATIONS	“The Impact of COVID-19 on Chinese trade and production: An empirical analysis of processing trade with Japan and the US” with Mary Everett Hancock, <i>Journal of Asian Economics</i> , June 2023. “Economic Development and Export Diversification: The Role of Trade Costs” with Michael Olabisi, <i>International Economics</i> , May 2023. “Export Failure and Its Consequences: Evidence from Colombian Firms,” <i>Review of World Economics</i> , 19 September 2022.	

“Export Growth Drivers and Economic Development,” with Michael Olabisi, *Empirical Economics*, 29 January 2022.

“Economic Development and the Margins of Trade: Are the Least Developed Countries Different?,” with Michael Olabisi, *Economic Inquiry*, Volume 59, Issue 2, April 2021.

“Synergies and Competition: Export survival in Africa and Latin America” with Luisa Blanco, Michael Olabisi, and James Prieger, *Southern Economic Journal*, Volume 87, Issue 1, July 2020.

“Firms in International Trade,” with Federico Diez and Alan Spearot, in Wesley Wilson and Bruce Blonigen (ed.) “Handbook of International Trade and Transportation,” *Edward Elgar Publishing Limited*, 2018.

“Trade Dynamics in the East Asian Miracle: A Time Series Analysis of US-East Asia Commodity Trade, 1962–1992,” with Terrie Carolan and Nirvikar Singh, *Millennial Asia*, 4(1), April 2013.

“Trade Productivity Upgrading, Trade Fragmentation, and FDI in Manufacturing: The Asian Development Experience,” with Nirvikar Singh, *Indian Growth and Development Review*, 6, 2013.

“Global Perspectives in the Decline of Trade Finance,” with William Powers, in Jean-Pierre Chauffour, and Mariem Malouche (ed.) “Trade Finance during the Great Trade Collapse,” *World Bank Publication*, June 24, 2011.

“Did Trade Credit Problems Deepen The Great Trade Collapse?” with William Powers, in Richard Baldwin (ed.) “The Great Trade Collapse: Causes, Consequences and Prospects,” *VoxEU.org Publication*, The Graduate Institute, December 2009.

“Decomposing China-Japan-U.S. Trade: Vertical Specialization, Ownership, and Organizational Form,” with Judith Dean and Mary Lovely, *Journal of Asian Economics*, 20 (6), November 2009.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

“A Time Series Database for Global Trade, Production, and Consumption Linkages,” with Zhi Wang, Marinos Tsigas, Xin Li, and Daniel Xu, prepared for the *GTAP Conference on Global Economic Analysis*, Penang, Malaysia, June 2010.

“Effects of Foreign Import Tariffs and TRQs on US Food and Agricultural Exports,” with Marinos Tsigas, prepared for a symposium organized by the *International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium*, Seattle, June 2009.

“The CoRe NTMs Database: A Compilation of Reported Non-Tariff Measures,” with Andrew Martinez and Jose Signoret, *USITC Working Paper*, No. 2009 – 12A, December 2009.

“The Bahamas: Trade Sector Policy Note,” with Christopher Vignoles and Matthew Shearer, *Inter-American Development Bank Policy Note*, 2008.

“Belize: Exporting For Growth–Trade Sector Policy Note,” with Samantha Chaitram, Cristina Dengel, Timothy Mills, Matthew Shearer, and Kati Suominen, *Inter-American Development Bank Policy Note*, 2008.

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Nirvikar Singh, *University of California, Santa Cruz* (Summer 2011)

Economist, *U.S. International Trade Commission*, Washington, DC (2008 – 10)

Research Fellow, *Inter-American Development Bank*, Washington, DC (2007 – 08)

Intern, *U.S. International Trade Commission*, Washington, DC (Spring 2007)

Intern, *Trade Links, LLC*, Washington, DC (Summer 2006)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor, *Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA* (Fall 2015 – Present)

- International Economics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, and Firm-Level International Trade and Investment

Instructor, *University of California, Santa Cruz* (Summer 2014)

- Intermediate Macroeconomics

Teaching Assistant, *University of California, Santa Cruz* (2011 – 14)

- Introductory Microeconomics, Introductory Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Introduction to Econometrics, Economies of East and Southeast Asia, Securities Markets and Financial Institutions, and Why Economies Succeed or Fail.

Teaching Assistant, *Johns Hopkins University–SAIS*, Washington, DC (2006 – 07)

- Trade Policy in Transition and Development.

Education Volunteer, *U.S. Peace Corps*, Chibuto, Mozambique (2002 – 2004)

- Taught English to 400 students and prepared them for the national English exam.

AWARDS, HONORS,
AND GRANTS

Harmonies Collaboration Incubator Grant (2024 – 2025)

MacArthur Grant Award (2023 – 2024)

Young Research Grant in Economics (2022 – 2023)

Young Research Grant in Economics (2020 – 2021)

Diversity Initiative For Tenure in Economics (DITE) Fellow (2016 – 2017)

Faculty Enrichment Grant, Course Development, *Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA*

Eileen Brooks Award, Best 5th Year Paper, *University of California, Santa Cruz* (2014)

TA Sabbatical Fellowship, Campus-Wide Award, *University of California, Santa Cruz* (2014)

Outstanding TA, Campus-Wide Award, *University of California, Santa Cruz* (2013 – 14)

Merit-Based Tuition Fellowship, *University of California, Santa Cruz* (2010 – 14)

Development Project Award, *Inter-American Development Bank* (2008)

Sasine and Sorensen Family Fellowship, *Johns Hopkins University–SAIS* (2006 – 07)

Summer Research Opportunity Program, *University of Utah* (Summer 2000)

REVIEWER	<i>Economic Inquiry, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, Applied Economics Letters, Journal of Asian Economics</i>
SEMINARS/ CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	IT&FA Annual Conference, <i>Fairfield, CT</i> (2025) IT&FA Annual Conference, <i>Rabat, Morocco</i> (2024) XVI Seminario de Investigacion AEI, UAM Azcapotzalco, <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> (2023) Central Bank of Mexico, <i>Mexico City, Mexico</i> (2023) WEAI Annual Conference, <i>Portland, Oregon</i> (2022) IT&FA Annual Conference, <i>Online</i> (2022) LAC-Dev Annual Conference, <i>Oberlin, Ohio</i>, (2021) IT&FA Annual Conference, <i>Livorno, Italy</i> (2019) WEAI Annual Conference, <i>San Francisco, CA</i> (2019) US International Trade Commission, <i>Washington, DC</i> (2019) IT&FA Annual Conference, <i>Beijing, China</i> (2018) WEAI Annual Conference, <i>San Diego, CA</i> (2017) Occidental College, Colgate University, Bates College, and Georgia Tech (2015) Midwest International Trade Conference, <i>University of Kansas</i> (2014) WEAI Annual Conference, <i>Denver, Colorado</i> (2014) Guest Speaker Seminar Series, <i>University of San Francisco</i> (2014) Department Seminar, <i>University of California, Santa Cruz</i> (2014) Microeconomics Workshop, <i>University of California, Santa Cruz</i> (2013, 2014)
COMPUTER SKILLS	DataWeb, L ^A T _E X, Matlab, R, STATA, WITS
LANGUAGES	English (native), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (proficient)
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	International Trade and Finance Association American Society of Hispanic Economists American Economic Association Western Economic Association International