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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION & PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH AREAS

Development Economics, Econometrics, Governance, Macroeconomics, Sub-Saharan Africa and Caribbean Studies.

EDUCATION

- 2008 Ph.D. Clark University (Economics)
Recipient: Graduate Student Scholarship.
Dissertation: 'Corruption: Its Persistence, Causes and Consequences'.
- 2005 M.A. Clark University (Economics).
Fields of study: Development Economics, Econometrics, International Trade and Open Economy Macroeconomics.
- 2001 M.Sc. The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine (Economics).
Thesis: Understanding Wage Differentials in Trinidad and Tobago.
Field of study: Labor Economics.
- 1999 B.Sc. The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine (Economics - *specialization*).
Recipient: Bank of Nova Scotia Scholarship.

CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, Economics, Kent State University, Ashtabula/Trumbull
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CURRENT RESEARCH: Forthcoming

Can Advanced Countries Stimulate Growth by Following Emerging and Developing Economies?

[Have Growth Patterns Reversed in Favor of Emerging and Developing Countries as a Result of the Subprime Crash?](#)

Breaking the Vow of Silence Against the Crime Implosion in Trinidad and Tobago, Nicole Bissessar.

Debt Relief in Latin America after the Santiago Consensus and Recent Subprime Crash,
Nicole Bissessar.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2009 – Present Assistant Professor, Economics
Kent State University at Ashtabula and Trumbull Campuses, Ohio.
- 2008 – 2009 Visiting Assistant Professor, Economics
The College of Wooster, Ohio.
- 2005 – 2008 Adjunct Professor, Economics/Business and Mathematics
–Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts.
–Worcester State College, Worcester, Massachusetts.
–Clark University, The College of Professional and Continuing
Education, Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 2004 – 2006 Summer Instructor, The University of the West Indies St. Augustine
Trinidad and Tobago.

RESEARCH:

ADMINISTRATION

- 2010 – Present Microeconomics Online Examination Committee Board
Excelsior College. Albany, New York.
- 2010 – Present Member, Board of Editors, Centre for Promoting Ideas.
International Journal of Business and Science. Dhaka, Bangladesh.
<http://www.ijbssnet.com/editorial-board.html>

PUBLISHED PAPERS, ARTICLES AND REPORTS

- 2011 “Caribbean Macroeconomic Performance: Can the Practice Fit the Theory?”,
Nicole Bissessar and Lester Henry (*forthcoming*).
- 2010 “Trouble in Paradise: The Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on the
Caribbean”, Nicole Bissessar and Lester Henry in *Global Development
Studies* 6(1-2).
- 2010 “[The Global Diffusion of Markets and Democracy](#)”. (Book Review).
Eastern Economic Journal 36(3): 413-415.
- 2009 “[Does Corruption Persist In Sub-Saharan Africa?](#)”, Nicole Bissessar in
International Advances in Economic Research, 15(3): 336-350.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Eastern Economic Association. Annual Conference, “Have Growth Patterns Reversed in Favor of Emerging and Developing Countries as a Result of the Subprime Crash?”, in New York, USA, February 25th to 27th 2011.

International Atlantic Economic Society. 71st Annual Conference, paper presented, “Can Advanced Countries Stimulate Growth by Following Emerging and Developing Economies”, in Athens, Greece, March 16th to 19th 2011.

Caribbean Studies Association. 35th Annual Conference, paper presented, “Breaking the Vow of Silence Against Crime Implosion in Trinidad and Tobago”, in Almond Beach Hotel, St. Peter, Barbados, May 24th to 28th, 2010.

International Atlantic Economic Society. 69th Annual Conference, paper presented, “Eight Centuries of Financial Folly: The Future of Debt in Africa”, in Prague, Czech Republic, March 24th to 27th 2010.

International Atlantic Economic Society. 66th Annual Conference, paper presented with Attiat F. Ott, “An Economic Union for Africa: Effectiveness of Regional Membership”, in Montreal, Canada, October 9th to 12th 2008.

The Institute for Economic Policy Studies. 2nd Annual African Outreach Program, paper presented, “The Persistence of Corruption in Sub-Saharan Africa”, and paper presented with Attiat F. Ott, “Measuring Trade Creation in Sub-Saharan Africa”, in Gaborone, Botswana, Session 4: *Selected Issues in Economic Development and Case Studies*, August 19th to 21st 2008.

Clark University. 6th Annual Graduate Student Multidisciplinary Conference, “An Overview of the Issues in Corruption”, in Worcester, USA, April 2nd 2008.

Boston University – African Studies Center. 16th Graduate Students Conference, “Corruption in Sub-Saharan Africa”, in Boston, USA, March 14th to 15th 2008.

Eastern Economic Association. 34th Annual Conference, “An Empirical Study of Corruption”, in Boston, USA, March 7th to 9th 2008.

Worcester State College. Mathematics Club Meeting, “Corruption and Economic Development”, in Worcester, USA, November 8th, 2007.

Caribbean Studies Association. 26th Annual Conference, working paper presented with Lester Henry, “Challenges facing the Financial Sector in the 21st Century: A Caribbean Study”, in Maho, St. Maarten, May 29th to June 03, 2001.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

International Atlantic Economic Society. 69th Annual Conference, Session O50-2 “Growth, Development and Economic Performance”, in Prague, Czech Republic, March 24th to 27th 2010.

Eastern Economic Association. 34th Annual Conference, Session 10 “Political Change and the Economy” and Session 189 “Institutions and Growth Inequality”, in Boston, USA, March 7th to 9th 2008.

The Institute for Economic Policy Studies (IEPS) at Clark University, 1st Annual Conference African Outreach Program, “Democracy, Liberty and Development”, in Worcester, USA, July 20th to August 4th, 2006.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2007–2008 *Researcher*, The Institute for Economic Policy Studies.
Project: Second Conference, August 19th to 21st 2008. “Developing a Continent: Who Is In Charge?” in Gaborone, Botswana in corporation with the University of Botswana.
For details, see <http://www.iespolicy.org/index.html>.
- 2001–2002 *Graduate Researcher*, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.
Sustainable Economic Development Unit, Trinidad and Tobago.
Projects: Greening within the Hotelling Industry of Trinidad and Tobago,
Pollution of the Oil Sector in Trinidad and Tobago.

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2004 – 2006 Advisor, Academic Advising and Career Counselor, Career Services
Clark University, Worcester, MA.
- 2001 – 2003 Statistician I, National Income Division, Central Statistical Office
Ministry of Planning and Development, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.
Portfolio: Estimate GDP at current and constant prices of ISIC 16.00
“Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Professional Services”
- 1996 – 1999 Summer Inter, Bank of Nova Scotia, Managing Directors Office
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.
Portfolio: Auto Loans, Credit Card, Marketing and Risk Management.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Statistical Programs: Eviews, Matlab, Minitab, Mathematica, SAS, SPSS, Stata and Winrats.
GIS/Spatial Programs: Geoda and ArcMap.
Web Development: Microsoft FrontPage, Microsoft Expression Web and Dreamweaver.

MEMBERSHIP

- Academic American Economic Association,
Membership: Eastern Economic Association,
International Atlantic Economic Society.
- Mentoring: Leaders of Tomorrow, Cleveland State University, Ohio,
Alumni and Parent Association, Clark University, Massachusetts.