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### Current Position

Assistant Professor, School of Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology, August 2007 – Present

### Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Southern California (USC), 2007

Dissertation Title: “Armed Conflict, Education and the Marriage Market”

Advisors: John Strauss (Chair), Lynne Casper, Richard A. Easterlin, Jeffrey B. Nugent

M.A. Economics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 2000

M.A. Economics, Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP), Almaty, Kazakhstan, 1998

Diploma (B.A. equivalent), Accounting, Kazakh State Academy of Management, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 1995

### Research Interests

Development Economics, Education, Health, Migration, Labor Economics, Economic Demography, Armed Conflict

### Publications

“Child Health and Conflict in Cote d’Ivoire”, with Camelia Minoiu, forthcoming in *American Economic Review Papers & Proceedings* May 2012.

“The Effect of Armed Conflict on Accumulation of Education: Results from Tajikistan”, *the Journal of Development Economics*, 2011, 95(2), pp.186-200.

“Labor Market, Education and Armed Conflict in Tajikistan”, *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper #5738* (peer reviewed, online research paper series), 2011.

### Research Papers

#### Submitted Papers

“Labor Market, Education and Armed Conflict in Tajikistan”

“The Effect of Armed Conflict on the Marriage Market for Women: Results from Tajikistan”

“Migration, Remittances and Labor Supply in Tajikistan”, with Patricia Justino

“Subjective Well-Being and Armed Conflict: Evidence from Bosnia-Herzegovina”, with Anke C. Plagnol

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#### Working Papers

“Armed Conflict, Household Victimization and Child Health in Côte d’Ivoire”, with Camelia Minoiu

“Private and Public Transfers as a Coping Strategy under Armed Conflict: the Case of Tajikistan”, with Patricia Justino

“Financing Constraints as Barriers to Firm Survival and Growth in India”, with Usha Nair-Reichert

#### Work in Progress

“Migrant Networks and Migrant Outcomes in Tajikistan”

#### Professional Reports

“Education and Violent Conflict in South Asia: Challenges and Solutions”, with Christine Valente, Prepared for the World Bank, October 2011.

### Selected Employment Experience

Consultant, World Bank, *Education and Conflict in South Asia*, May 2011-present

Consultant, World Bank, *Gender and Conflict*, March 2010-December 2010

Research Assistant for Professor Richard A. Easterlin, USC, 2005-2006

Head Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, USC, 2003-2004

Research Assistant for Professor Jeffrey B. Nugent, USC, Summers 2003, 2004

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Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, USC, 2002-2003  
Lecturer, Department of Economics, KIMEP, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 2000- 2002  
Consultant, Independent System Operator of New England (ISO-NE), Jan-Nov 2001  
Economist-Intern, ISO-NE, Summer 2000  
Research Assistant, Political Economy Research Institute, Amherst, MA, Jan-May 2000  
Intern, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY, Summer 1999

### **Courses Taught**

#### ***Georgia Institute of Technology***

Economic Development (ECON 4411): Spring 2012  
Development Economics (ECON 6360): Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Fall 2011  
Security and Conflict in Developing Countries (ECON 4813-A): Fall 2010, Fall 2011  
Senior Seminar in Political Economy (INTA/ECON 4740/4741): 2008-2009, 2009-2010  
Economics of Conflict (ECON 4713-A): Spring 2008  
Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 2106): Fall 2007; Spring 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012  
Economics and Policy (ECON 2100): Spring 2011

#### ***University of Southern California***

Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 203): Fall 2002, 2003, 2004; Spring 2004

### **Service**

MS Recruitment Committee, 2010-2011, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2010-2011  
Legacy Awards Committee, IAC, GaTech, Spring 2010  
Charitable Contributions Coordinator, School of Economics, GaTech, 2009-2010  
Coordinator of the Seminar Series, School of Economics, GaTech, Fall 2008-Spring 2009  
Member of Hiring Committee, School of Economics, GaTech, 2007-2008, 2011

### **Invited Conference and Workshop Presentations**

#### **Forthcoming:**

2012: Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, CSWEP session; Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Economics

#### **Past:**

2011:

Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC; 7<sup>th</sup> Households in Conflict Workshop: Civil Wars and Political Violence, Barcelona, Spain; 3<sup>rd</sup> International Society of Child Indicators Conference, York, U.K.; International Economic Development Conference, Madison, WI; Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Studies, Denver, CO.

2010: Gender and Conflict Research Workshop, PRIO/World Bank, Oslo, Norway; Fourth Southeastern International Development Conference; Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA; Gender and Conflict Research Workshop, World Bank, Washington, D.C.; The Behavioral and Cultural Foundations and Consequences of Violence, Workshop organized by HiCN and the Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, USC, CA; Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Atlanta, GA; Annual Meeting of the Middle East Economic Association, Atlanta, GA

2009: Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Detroit, MI

2008: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual HiCN Workshop, Yale University; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, UCSD

2007: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual HiCN Workshop, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, U.K.; 4<sup>th</sup> Minnesota International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis, MN; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, UC Davis; Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New York, NY; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual HiCN Workshop, University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium

2006: "Poverty Reduction in Conflict and Fragile States: Perspectives from the Household Level", DIW Berlin, HiCN and USAID, Washington, D.C.; Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, Ithaca, NY; Population Association of America, Los Angeles, CA; 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Households in Conflict Network Workshop, DIW, Berlin, Germany

#### **Invited Seminars**

2011: Dalhousie University; 2010: Vanderbilt University; 2007: Florida State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Mount Holyoke College, Stockholm Institute for Transition Economies (SITE) at the Stockholm

School of Economics, Towson University

### **Selected Grants, Fellowships and Awards**

#### *Research Grants*

ISERF grant, Ivan Allen College, Georgia Institute of Technology, Summer 2010 (\$2,500)

Title VIII Research Grant, (\$9,980), Institute for Social Research (ISR), William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan, 2006

Urban and Global Interdisciplinary Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,000), USC Urban Initiative, USC, 2006-2007

#### *Academic Fellowships*

Final Year Dissertation Fellowship, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC, 2006-2007 (Full Tuition Scholarship and \$16,000/academic year stipend)

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Economics, USC, 2002-2006

Best Third Year Empirical Paper Award, Department of Economics, USC, 2005

Edmund E. Muskie Graduate Fellowship, United States Information Agency, 1998-2000 (Full tuition scholarship for the academic years 1998-2000 plus a monthly stipend of \$1,100)

#### *Teaching Awards*

“Thank-a-Teacher” Certificate, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, GeorgiaTech, 2007, 2010, 2011

Fellow of Class of 1969 Teaching Fellows Program, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, GeorgiaTech, Aug. 2007 – May 2008 (\$1,000 grant)

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, USC, 2004 (\$100 award)

Teaching Fellowship, Civic Education Project/Support for Community Outreach and Teaching Program (CEP/SCOUT), Kazakhstan, 2001-2002 (\$3,000 stipend plus \$500 award for teaching supplies)

### **Invited Participant at Workshops and Summer Schools**

CeMENT: Mentoring for Junior Faculty Workshop, CSWEP, January 2012 at the AEA Meetings in Chicago  
Summer School in Development Economics, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), Banff, Canada, 2005

1<sup>st</sup> PhD Summer Workshop on Economics of Information Technology, New York University/Center for Digital Economy Research, New York, NY, 2005

Rethinking Development Economics, Summer School, Trinity College, Cambridge, U.K., 2002

Politics of Finance in Emerging Economies, Central European Summer University, Budapest, Hungary, 2001

### **Other Training**

Applied Microeconometrics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, August 2008

### **Professional Affiliations**

*Member:* American Economic Association; Association for Comparative Economic Studies; Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies; Southern Economic Association; International Society of Child Indicators

*Senior Affiliate:* Households in Conflict Network (HiCN)

### **Referee**

Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, International Migration, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Journal of Feminist Economics, World Politics

### **Languages**

Russian (native), English (fluent)