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**Wilfrid Laurier University
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EDUCATION: **Ph.D. (Economics), University of British Columbia, 2010**
Dissertation: Culture and Government: An Analysis of the Interaction
Between Formal and Informal Institutions
Supervisor: Patrick Francois
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B.Sc. (Physical Geography), University of British Columbia
Minor in Arts (Economics). Awarded 1998.

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sep 2010 - Present **Wilfrid Laurier University, School of Business and Economics,
Department of Economics**
Assistant Professor (Tenure-track)

July 2008 - Aug 2010 **Wilfrid Laurier University, School of Business and Economics,
Department of Economics**
Lecturer (Tenure-track)

Jan 2007–Apr 2007 **UBC Economics Department**
Sessional Lecturer

Sep 2003-Dec 2006 **UBC Economics Department**
Teaching Assistant - 9 courses

May 2004-Aug 2007 **UBC Economics Department**
Research Assistant – Dr. Nathan Nunn
 Dr. Mauricio Drelichman
 Dr. Patrick Francois
 Dr. Jean-Etienne Bettignies

AWARDS:

2006/07 Bank of Montreal Graduate Fellowship
2005/06, 2007/08 University of BC Graduate Fellowship
2003 Graduate Entrance Scholarship

WORKING PAPERS:

- 2010 Adaptive Institutions: Contract Enforceability and the Evolution of Social Capital, May 2010, revise and resubmit
- Public Goods, Diversity and Distribution, November 2010, submitted
- Trust and Vulnerability: The Role of Social Policy in the Promotion of Trade, November 2010
- Public Goods and Ethnic Diversity - A Question of Scale?, July 2010

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- 2010 Diversity, Public Goods and Decentralization
- In Support of Weak Ties (formerly "Does Institutional Development Exacerbate Ethnic Conflict")
- Diversity, Decentralization and Development in Guatemala (with Nicole McCallum)
- Ethnic Diversity and Governance in Ghana

INVITED SEMINARS:

- 2009 University of Guelph, December
Adaptive Institutions: Contract Enforceability and the Evolution of Social Capital
- 2008 University of Waterloo, January (Hiring Seminar)
Why Does Ethnic Diversity Affect Public Good Provision? - An Empirical Analysis of Water Provision in Africa
- Wilfrid Laurier University, January (Hiring Seminar)
Why Does Ethnic Diversity Affect Public Good Provision? - An Empirical Analysis of Water Provision in Africa

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- 2010 Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Universite de Laval, June.
Trust and Vulnerability: The Role of Social Policy in the Promotion of Trade
- Conference for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University, March.
Why Does Diversity Matter? An Empirical Analysis of Water Provision in Africa
- 2009 Northeastern Universities Development Consortium Conference, Tufts University, November
Contracting Institutions: Globalization and the Evolution of Social Capital
- 2008 Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, UBC, June
Does Institutional Development Exacerbate Ethnic Conflict?
- Small Open Economies in a Globalized World, Wilfrid Laurier University, June
Adaptive Institutions: Globalization and the Evolution of Social Capital
- Northeastern Universities Development Consortium Conference, Boston University, November
Adaptive Institutions: Globalization and the Evolution of Social Capital
- 2007 Northeastern Universities Development Consortium Conference, Harvard University, October
Why Does Ethnic Diversity Affect Public Good Provision? - An Empirical Analysis of Water Provision in Africa
- 2006 Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Concordia University, June
The Evolution of Social Capital
- TARGET Summer Workshop, UBC
Is Ethnic Heterogeneity a Barrier to Coordination - A Cross-Country Analysis of Ethnic Fractionalization in Africa

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- 2010 Economica (1), American Journal of Political Science (1)
- 2008 Referee - New Zealand Economics Papers (1)

COURSES TAUGHT:

- 2009-2010 EC307, Economics of Growth (WLU)
EC470, Advanced Microeconomic Theory
IP631, Economic Policy and Human Security (WLU)
IP634, Interdisciplinary Seminar in Human Security (WLU)
- 2007 Economics 221, Introduction to Strategic Thinking (UBC)

ACADEMIC SERVICE AT WLU:

- 2010/2011 Coordinator, External Seminar Series, WLU Economics
Member, LCERPA Scientific Committee
Alternate, SBE Petitions Committee
- 2009/2010 SBE Awards Committee
Alternate, SBE Petitions Committee
MIPP Admissions Committee
- 2008/2009 Coordinator, Internal Seminar Series, WLU Economics

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- Executive Committee Member, Canadian Development Economics Study Group
- Member, Canadian Economic Association