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CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPOINTMENTS

Aug. 2014 – Present Assistant Professor of Economics, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN.
Aug. 2013 – Aug. 2014 Assistant Professor of Economics, Berea College, Berea, KY.
Aug. 2008 – Aug. 2013 Graduate Instructor, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.
Aug. 2006 – Aug. 2008 Market Analyst, RoomsNet International Pvt Ltd, UK (*SL Branch*).

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Texas Tech University, August 2013.
M.A. in Economics, Texas Tech University, December 2010.
BSc. in Statistics (*First Class Honors*), University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, August 2006.
Finalist in Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA), London, UK, August 2006.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Monetary-Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, Forecasting, Applied Time Series Econometrics, Financial Crisis, Central Banking and Financial Economics.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Economic and Business Forecasting, Monetary Economics, Business Statistics, Money and Banking, Time Series, Econometrics, and Development Economics.

PUBLICATIONS

Manamperi, N. (2016) “Does Military Expenditure Hinder Economic Growth? Evidence from Greece and Turkey” – Journal of Policy Modeling, *Forthcoming*.

Manamperi, N. (2016) “The Dynamics between Government Debt and Economic Growth in South Asia : A Time Series Approach” - The Empirical Economic Letters, *Forthcoming*.

Manamperi, N. (2015) “A Comparative Analysis on the US Financial Stress Indexes” – International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues, 5:2, 613-623

Manamperi, N. (2014) “The Short and Long Run Dynamics between Inflation and Economic Growth in BRICS” – Applied Economic Letters, 21:2, 140-145.

WORKING PAPERS

“Do BRIC Countries respond to Financial Stress in their Monetary Policy Settings – A Time Varying Policy Analysis”

“On the Nature of the Macroeconomic Activities on the Consumer Financial Stress in the US - A Structural VAR Approach”

PAPER / POSTER PRESENTATIONS

“The BRC Country Monetary Policy Respond to Financial Crisis”.

- 84th Annual Meeting of Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 2014.

“The Dynamics Between Government Debt and Economic Growth in South Asia ”.

- 2014 Kentucky Economic Association Annual Conference, Frankfort, KY, Oct. 2014.

“The Short and Long Run Dynamics between Inflation and Economic Growth in BRICS”.

- 50th Annual Meeting of Missouri Valley Economic Association, Kansas City, MO, Oct. 2013.
- 2013 Kentucky Economic Association Annual Conference, Frankfort, KY, Oct. 2013.

“Do BRIC Countries respond to Global Financial Stress in their Monetary Policy Settings – A Time Varying Approach”

- 12th Annual Graduate Student Research Poster Competition, Lubbock, TX, Feb. 2013.
- Annual Meeting of American Association for the Advancement Sciences, Boston, MA, Feb. 2013
- 82nd Annual Meeting of Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 2012.
- 49th Annual Meeting of Missouri Valley Economic Association, Memphis, TN, Oct. 2012.

“A Fine Look at the Newspaper Industry in Sri Lanka- A Statistical Approach”.

- The Annual Stat Day Conference, University Of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Sep. 2005.

CONFERENCES

Economics and Statistics

The 5th Annual Midwest Applied Time Series Econometrics Group Meetings, Minneapolis, Aug.2016.

The Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis, MN, May 2016.

The 52nd Annual Meeting of Missouri Valley Economic Association, Kansas City, Oct. 2015.

The Minnesota Economics Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN, Oct 2015.

The 84th Annual Meeting of Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 2014.

The 51st Annual Meeting of Missouri Valley Economic Association, St. Louis, MO, Oct. 2014.

The 2014 Kentucky Economic Association Annual Conference, Frankfort, KY, Oct. 2014.

The 50th Annual Meeting of Missouri Valley Economic Association, Kansas City, MO, Oct. 2013.

The Kentucky Economic Association Annual Conference, Frankfort, KY, Oct. 2013.

The Annual Meeting of American Association for the Advancement of Science, Boston, MA, Feb 2013.

The Annual Meetings of the American Economic Association, San Diego, CA, Jan. 2013.

The 82nd Annual Meeting of Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 2012.

The 49th Annual Meeting of Missouri Valley Economic Association, Memphis, TN, Oct. 2012.

The 2nd Annual Arts and Humanities Graduate Research Conference, Lubbock, TX, Oct. 2012.

The “Stat Day” Conference, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Sep. 2005/2006.

Teaching, Policy and Ethics

Minnesota e-learning Summit, Minneapolis, July 2016.
 The 2016 STAR Symposium in college teaching and learning, MNSCU, Feb. 2016.
 Workshop on Time Series Forecasting, Timberlake Consultants, New York, Dec. 2015
 Workshop on Online Course Design by QualityMatters, June 2015.
 The High Impact Educational Practice of Academic Service-Learning, SCSU, St. Cloud, MN, Feb. 2015.
 The Course Redesigning Academy for Digital Age Workshop, SCSU, St. Cloud, MN, Feb. 2015.
 The 34th Annual Lilly International Conference on College Teaching, Oxford, OH, Nov. 2014.
 The 2014 Minnesota Annual Policy Conference, Minneapolis - St. Paul, MN, Oct. 2014.
 The 2014 ADP/TDC Annual Civic Summit, St. Cloud, MN, Sep. 2014.
 The 19th Annual UK Economics Teaching Conference, Lexington, KY, Mar. 2014.
 The 33rd Annual Lilly International Conference on College Teaching, Oxford, OH, Nov. 2013.
 The Fall Faculty Conference, Berea College, KY, Aug. 2013.
 The 3rd Annual Responsible Conduct of Research Conference, Lubbock, TX, Apr. 2013.
 The 11th Annual John M. Burns Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, Oct. 2012.
 The West Texas Assessment Conference at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, Oct 2012.
 The 2nd Annual Responsible Conduct of Research Conference, Lubbock, TX, Apr. 2012.
 Judge for the Undergraduate Research Conference at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, Apr. 2012.

AWARDS

St. Cloud State University New Researcher Grant (\$4000)	2015
St. Cloud State University Saigo Endowment Fund (\$126.44)	2015
St. Cloud State University Short Term Faculty Improvement Grant (\$2357)	2014
3 rd Place Winner at the 12 th Annual Graduate Student Research Poster Competition, Texas Tech University (\$100)	2013
Texas Tech University Graduate School PhD. Dissertation Scholarship (\$3000)	2012
Department of Economics Travel Grant, Texas Tech University	2012
Texas Tech University Graduate School Travel Grant	2012
Texas Tech University Graduate School Junction Summer Scholarship (\$500)	2009
Bank of Ceylon Scholarship for the Best Results in G.C.E. (O/L) Exam in Kegalle District	1999

TEACHING**Courses Taught**

Graduate and Undergraduate level Business and Economic Forecasting, Money and Banking, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Development Economics – Theory and Applications, Research Methods in Economics I, Financial Crisis and Global Economics.

Research Advising

Graduate Research Adviser for Mr. Donald Hafing at St. Cloud State University - “The Impact of US Direct Investment on the Economic Growth in African Countries” (August 2016).
 Graduate Research Committee Member for Andrea Patricia Sánchez Domínguez St. Cloud State University - “Business Continuity Management: A Holistic Framework for Implementation” (May 2016)

Undergraduate Research Adviser for Mr. Rashid Khan at Berea College - “The Central Bank Independence on Inflation Dynamics” (May 2014).

Teaching / Graduate Assistant Advising

Mr. Zachery Carter, Mr. Shehram Khan - St. Cloud State University, 2014 - 2016.

Mr. Jakub Lonsky, Mr. Hsin-Ta Tsai, Mr. Ability Kakama at Berea College, 2013 - 2014.

Mr. Rui Hui, Mr. Abraham Alnasar, Miss. Yanze Li, Mr. Ahmed Hashmiwu, Mr. Henri Duru – Texas Tech University, Fall 2009 – Fall 2013 (Guidance Only)

REFEREE SERVICES

Journal of Applied Economics and Policy, Applied Economics, Journal of Economics (MVEA), World Economy, Japan and the World Economy.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member of the Board of directors for Minnesota Economic Association (MEA) for 2016 - 2017.

Member of the Board of Directors for Kentucky Economic Association (KEA) for 2013 – 2014.

Member of Center for Technology & Pedagogical Resources Committee, SCSU, 2015 - 2016.

Chair and discussant service for Annual Meeting of Missouri Valley Economic Association, 2012 - 2015.

Chair and discussant service for the 84th Southern Economic Association Annual Conference, 2014.

Chair and discussant service for the Kentucky Economic Association Annual Conference, 2013 - 2014.

Labor program supervising for assigned teaching assistants, Berea College, 2013.

Presenter and discussion participant at the new faculty seminar at Berea College, KY, Fall 2013.

Treasurer of the Sri Lankan Students Association, Texas Tech University, Lubbock , 2009.

Team lead of the global destination expansion group, RoomsNet International (Pvt) Ltd., 2008.

Chief market analyst for Barcelona and Madrid in Spain, RoomsNet International (Pvt) Ltd, 2006 – 2008.

Editor of Stat Circle, Department of Statistics, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2006.

Member of Stat Day organizing committee, Department of Statistics, University of Colombo, 2006.

Organizer of the Inter university statistics quiz competition, University of Colombo, 2006.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association

Kentucky Economic Association

Southern Economic Association

Midwest Economic Association

Minnesota Economic Association

American Association of State Colleges and Universities

Inter Faculty Organization of Minnesota State Universities

Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society in Economics

Stat Circle - University of Colombo

REFERENCES

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