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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Pittsburgh, PA, 2011

B.A. Mathematics (Honors) and Economics (Honors, Cum Laude), Simpson College, IA, 2006

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Development, Conflict and Peace Studies, Political Economy, and Law and Economics

EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure), Washington and Lee University, July 2019-

Assistant Professor of Economics, Washington and Lee University, June 2012-June 2019

Core Faculty, Middle East/South Asia ("MESA") Studies, Washington and Lee University, 2017-

Affiliated Faculty, Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability, Washington and Lee University, 2015-

Visiting Scholar, The International Legal Foundation (ILF), USA/Nepal, July 2016-2017.

Visiting Researcher, Institute For Economics and Peace, Sydney, Australia, July-December 2015.

Economist/Quantitative Research Associate, One Earth Future Foundation, June 2011-May 2012.

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, University of Pittsburgh, PA, Introduction to Microeconomics, Summer 2010

Teaching Assistant, University of Pittsburgh, PA, 2007-2011

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Research Assistant to Professor Shanti Gamper-Rabindran, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2010

Mickey Leland Summer Intern, Compliance Support Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Austin, Texas, May-August 2005

School Teacher, Arniko Boarding School, Kathmandu, Nepal, June 2001-July 2002

PUBLICATIONS

Book

The Economics of Conflict and Peace: An Overview of History and Applications, Past, Present, and Future (with Charles H. Anderton, Jurgen Brauer, Chris Coyne, and J. Paul Dunne) under contract with Cambridge University Press.

Journal Articles

"Multi-Court Judging and Judicial Productivity in a Career Judiciary: Evidence from Nepal" with Peter Grajzl *International Review of Law and Economics*, forthcoming.

Book Review of Principles of Conflict Economics: Economics of War, Terrorism, Genocide and Peace, 2nd Edition Cambridge University Press: *Public Choice*, forthcoming.

"The functioning of courts in a developing economy: evidence from Nepal" with Peter Grajzl *The European Journal of Law and Economics*, 2017.

"On Peace and Development Economics," *The Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, 2017, 12(2), 5-9.

"Myopic Government and Strategic Rebels: Towards a Theory of Escalation of Violence," *The Civil Wars*, 2017, 19(2), 146-175.

"Resilience Amidst Conflict?: Impact of Exposure to Violence on Secondary Education," *The International Journal of Conflict and Development*, 2016, 6(2), 97-120.

"A Spatial-Temporal Analysis of Civil War: The Case of Nepal," *The Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, 2013, 8(2), 20-25.

Book Chapters

Looting and Destruction of Cultural Heritage Objects Through An Economic Lens (*under contract from the Oxford University Press*)

Other Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Youth Development Report (2015)," Contributor in the report prepared by the Institute for Economics and Peace for the Commonwealth Secretariat.

"The Economic Cost of Somali Piracy, 2011," *One Earth Future Working Paper Series*, with Anna Bowden, 2012.

"The Human Cost of Somali Piracy, 2011," *One Earth Future Working Paper Series* (team member of the study), 2012.

"Monopolist Strategies in a Durable Goods Market," *Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Undergraduate Math Journal*, 2007, 8(1) (undergraduate honors thesis in Mathematics).

Non Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Transcendent Resilience, " in *The Roanoke Times*, July 20, 2018.

"Life of a Priest," in *My Republica* (a widely circulated Newspaper in Nepal), April 15, 2016.

"Post Conflict Risks," (with Deepak Adhikari) in the *The Kathmandu Post* (daily Newspaper circulated in Nepal, comparable to the New York Times in the U.S), August 24, 2009.

COMPLETED PAPERS

"The Private Shipping Industry Response Piracy: Theory and Evidence from the Somali Region" with McDermott, G.V., B.P. Horn, and A.K. Bohara (*under Review*)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"Incorporating Interdisciplinary Field-Based Learning in Teaching Development Economics," with Alice Kilduff (student) and Tim Lubin

"Everyday Violence" and Schooling in One of the Most Dangerous Places in the World, with Dan R. Segura (former student)

"Remittance, Government Subsidy, and Political Participation: The Case of India"

BOOK REVIEW

Principles of Conflict Economics: Economics of War, Terrorism, Genocide and Peace, 2nd Edition Cambridge University Press: reviewed draft manuscript for Cambridge University Press.

SEMINAR, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, and INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Panelist on New Faculty Cohort on Scholarship, Winter Academy, Washington and Lee University, December, 2019.

The 23rd Annual International Conference on Economics and Security, June 26-28, 2019, Madrid, Spain.

6th International Workshop on Economic Analysis of Litigation, June 24-25, 2019, Granada, Spain.

American Economic Association Annual Meeting, January 4-6, 2019, Atlanta, GA.

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 18-20, 2018 Washington, DC.

14th Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network (HiCN), "The Economics of Peace Building," October 29-30, 2018 Medellin, Colombia.

"Remittance and Clientelism in Developing Countries," Western Economic Association International 93rd Annual Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, June 26-30, 2018 (*presented at a special panel on International Migration organized by the Committee on the Status of Women in Economics Profession (CSWEP)*).

"Incorporating Travel, Site-Based, and Interdisciplinary Learning in a Development Economics Course," The Eighth Annual AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education. San Antonio, TX, May 30-June 1, 2018.

Ethics of Looting and Destruction of Cultural Heritage Object, Washington and Lee University, March 2-3, 2017

Roundtable Panel Discussion, "Peace Economics: From Theory to Practice," American Economic Association meeting, January, 2017

12th Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network, "Violent Conflict, Resilience and Agriculture: From Emergency to Development," Rome, Italy, October 24-25, 2016

International Studies Association-Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies (ISA-CISS), "Boundaries and Borders in an Evolving World Order: Challenges and Prospects," Thessaloniki, Greece, June 13-15, 2016

Associated Colleges of the South Summer Teaching Workshop, Furman University , May 30-June 4, 2016

Virginia Association of Economists, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA, March 31, 2016

Guest Speaker, Economics Department, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, December 14-15, 2015
(*invited*)

Mentee, The Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) mentoring workshop, New Orleans, November 19-20, 2015

Participant, From Theory to Practice: Inaugural Positive Peace Conference, Stanford University, CA, October 5, 2015

Guest Lecturer, Econ 280: Contemplative Development Economics (Prof. Jim Casey's class), Washington and Lee University, September 29 and October 1, 2015

Presenter, Institute of Economics and Peace, Sydney, Australia, July 15, 2015

Session Chair (Poverty Session), 9th Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference, October 16, 2014, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

McDermott, G.V., B.P. Horn, S. Silwal, and A.K. Bohara "The Private Shipping Industry Response Piracy: Theory and Evidence from the Somali Region," School of Economic Sciences Decennium Colloquium, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, October 2014 (Presented by Brady Horn)

McDermott, G.V., B.P. Horn, S. Silwal, and A.K. Bohara "The Private Shipping Industry Response Piracy: Theory and Evidence from the Somali Region," Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Denver, CO, June 2014 (Presented by Brady Horn)

Presenter, Presidential Panel: "Costly Space: The Influences of Spatial Variation in War Costs on Politics," 55th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March, 2014
(*invited presentation*)

Guest Lecture, BBA Orientation Program at the Kathmandu University School of Management, 2013

European Society of Population Economics Annual Conference, Aarhus, Denmark, 2013

Virginia Association of Economists, Federal Reserve Board of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, 2013

Seventh Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2012

Fifth Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 2010

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Fellowship and Grants

The Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Grant for Global Fellows Seminar, 2016

NASDAQ/SunTrust Faculty Development Grant, 2013, 2015 (with Peter Grajzl)

Mellon Foundation Grant for developing Spring Term Course in Nepal, 2014 and 2016 (with Tim Lubin)

Lenfest Grant, 2013-2019

Honors

Nepal Vidya Bhushan (Education Medal), Ministry of Education, Nepal, 2013

Arts and Science Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2006-2011

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2007, 2008

Heckert Award for Outstanding Senior in Economics, Simpson College, 2006

Outstanding Senior in Mathematics, Simpson College, 2006

MEDIA COVERAGE

[Interview](#) by Sujhaab Chautari, an online forum that, among many things, profiles successful Nepali professional to give educational and professional advice to Nepali youth.

Interview by Radio Nepal (Nepal's National Radio): featured on the program *Aaja kaa Naari (Women Today)*. One of the most popular programs of Radio Nepal that features successful Nepali women as an inspiration to other women throughout the country. The interview was broadcasted at 8:30 am on August 30, 2017.

Study of Economic Cost of Somali Piracy, 2011 covered in NY Times, WSJ, Newsweek, Financial Times, Reuters, Bloomberg, Chicago Tribune, and Voice of America.

COURSES

Regular Courses

Introduction to Economics

Principles of Macroeconomics

Principles of Microeconomics

Interdepartmental Applied Statistics

Electives and Seminars

Caste at the Intersection of Economy, Religion, and Law
(jointly with Professor Tim Lubin in Religion)

Economics of War and Peace

Demography and Development in South Asia

Culture and Economic Development (300-level Seminar)

SERVICE

Service to the University and Williams School

General Education Review Committee, 2018-
UCIC, 2019-

Public Functions Committee, 2017-

Race, Class, and Gender Cohort, 2018-

Global Learning Faculty Liaison, 2015-2018

Glynn Family Scholarship Selection Committee, 2014, 2017-2018
(chair)

Williams School Strategic Planning Committee, 2016-2017

University Collection of Art and History, 2014-2016

Johnson Scholar Interview, 2013

Departmental Service

Study Abroad Coordinator, 2015-

Outreach Director, 2018-

Restricted Funds Committee, 2017-

Hiring Committee, 2018

Economics 100 Task Force, 2017-2018

Statistics and Econometrics Committee, 2017

Undergraduate Women in Economy, 2015-2017

Pedagogy Seminar Coordinator, 2014

Professional Service

Associate Editor, The Economics of Peace and Security Journal, 2016-

Coordinator, Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2014-

Referee Review, The European Journal of Law and Economics

LANGUAGES

Native: Nepali
French

Fluent: English, Hindi

Beginner:

COMPUTER SKILLS

Statistical Packages/Applications: STATA, Matlab, Mathematica, Geographical Information System (GIS)

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