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### Research Interests

*Monetary and Macro Economics, Labor Economic, Development Economics*

### Education

*Ph.D., Economics, Queen's University, Kingston, 2003.*

#### **Thesis Title:**

*"Search, Market Power, and the Dispersion of Wages and Prices"*

*M.Phil., Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, 1992.*

#### **Thesis Title:**

*"Rural Non-Farm Employment: A Static and Dynamic Study of Inter-state Variations"*

*M.A., Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, 1990.*

### Academic Work Experience

*Associate Professor, 2009-Present: University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia.*

*Assistant Professor, 2003-09: University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia .*

### Non-Academic Work Experience

*Senior Research Officer, Planning Commission, Government of India, Delhi, August 1996 to August 1998.*

*Research Officer, Planning Commission, Government of India, Delhi, September 1993 to August 1996.*

*Assistant Director, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, Delhi, November 1992 to August 1993.*

## Journal Articles

9. “Self-Employment, Efficiency Wage, and Public Policies”, *forthcoming Economic Inquiry*.
8. “Market Power, Price Adjustment, and Inflation”, with Allen Head and Beverly Lapham, February 2010, *International Economic Review*, 51(1),73-98.
7. “Inflation and the Dispersion of Wages”, May 2008, *International Economic Review*, 49, 377-399, (Lead Article).
6. “Capital Tax, Minimum Wage, and Labor Market Outcomes”, January 2008, *Review of Economic Dynamics*, 11, 133-154.
5. “Price Dispersion, Inflation, and Welfare”, with Allen Head, May 2005, *International Economic Review*, 46, 533-572.
4. “Monopsony and Labour market Flows and Policies”, December 2005, *Indian Journal of Labour Economics*, 48, 463-474, (Lead Article).
3. “Indian Tea Exports- An Analysis of Performance and Constraints”, with Ramani Kumar, *Foreign Trade Review* , July-December, 1994, pages 160-180.
2. “Determinants of the Incidence of Poverty among Rural Labor- a Cross-Sectional Study”, *Indian Journal of Labor Economics*, 37(4), October-December, 1994, pages 639-652.
1. “Rural Non-Farm Employment- a Static and Dynamic Study of Inter-State Variations”, *Indian Journal of Labor Economics*, 36(3), July-September, 1993, pages 440-453.

## Books

1. “Monetary, Fiscal, and Labor Market Policies in Frictional Economies”, April 2010, Lambert Academic Publishing, Saarbrucken, Germany, ISBN 978-3-8383-4828-5.

## Book Chapters

3. “Taxes, Minimum Wage, and the Dispersion of Wages”, in *Taxation, Tax Policies and Income Taxes*, Edited by Warren J. Berube and Camron N. Pinto, Nova Science Publishers, Inc., New York, February 2010.
2. “Agricultural Development of Bihar”, in *Accelerating Growth though Globalization of Indian Agriculture*, edited by K.P. Kalirajan, G. Mytthili, and U. Sankar, Macmillan India Ltd., Delhi 2001, pages 167-195.
1. “Agriculture, Employment, and Poverty: Emerging Trends in Bihar”, with A. N. Sharma, in *Growth, Employment, and Poverty: Change and Continuity in Rural India*, edited by Chadha, G.K.and A.N. Sharma, Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd., Delhi, 1997, pages 365-387.

## Other Publications

1. Book review of *Globalization, Labor Markets, and Inequality in India*, Routledge Studies in Growth Economies of South Asia by Dipak Majumdar and Sandip Sarkar, *Indian Journal of Human Development*, 2, 2009, pages 503-506.

## Research Projects

“Levels of Economic Development in India” a research project sponsored by *the Royal Netherlands Embassy*, Delhi 1998.

“Globalization of Indian Agriculture” a research project jointly undertaken by *Australian National University, Canberra and Madras School of Economics, Chennai*, 1998.

“Private Investment, Agricultural, and Employment Sub-models” of *the Technical Note on the Ninth Five Year Plan*, 1998-99.

“Impact of Structural Change on Employment and Labor Market- a Case Study of Bihar”, a research project sponsored by *UNDP*, 1995.

“Employment and Agricultural Sub-Models” of *the Technical Note on the Eighth Five Year Plan*, 1993-94.

## Awards and Scholarships

Governor General’s Academic Gold Medal for the Best Graduate Student 2003-04

C. A. Curtis Prize for the Best Ph. D. Thesis in Economics, Queen’s University 2004

## Research Grants

2008-2011: *Self-Employment, Business Cycle, and Welfare*”, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Value \$51,000.

2004-2007: *Inflation, Unemployment Insurance, and the Dispersion of Wages*, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Value \$65,412.

## Referee Activities

*Economic Inquiry, International Economic Review, Indian Journal of Labour Economics, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Review of Economic Dynamics, Small Business Economics Journal, Macro-Economic Dynamics, SSHRC*

## Other Activities

Member Adjudication Committee, Committee 7 (Economics) for SSHRC Standard Research Grants Program, 2010-11

## Student Supervision

### 2011:

Wenshu Chen, M.A. (Essay), “Education, Health, and TFP Dynamics”.

Nicholas Coleman, M.A. (Essay), Second Reader, “Entrepreneurs and Workers: Endogenous Labour Market Choice”.

Hillary Bicknell, B.A. (Honours), “Gender Differentiated Occupational Choice of Child Labour”.

### 2009:

Edinam Aggor, B.Sc. (Honours), “Exchange Rate Determination in Ghana”.

Brianne Kober, M.A. (Essay), “HIV, Quality of Education, and Economic Growth”.

Emma Underhill, M.A. (Essay), “Child Labor and Gender Bias in Developing Countries: The Missing Link”.

### 2007:

Dan Vo, M.A. (Essay), Second Reader, “How Public Policies in the Venture Capital Market Affect the Angel Capital Market: A Theoretical Analysis”.

### 2006:

Tom Hobby, M.A. (Essay), Second Reader, “Range Conflicts in Nevada: Considerations for Compensation, Institutions and Social Capital”.

### 2005:

Liu Fangge, M.A. (Essay), Second Reader, “The Effect of Currency Substitution on Output and Welfare in a Model With Banking and Capital Accumulation”.

## Media Appearance

*A-News, CBC Radio (Vancouver), CHEK News, Victoria Time Colonist, Victoria News, Worker’s Voice*