

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### EDUCATION

American University, Washington, DC

#### **Ph.D. in Economics**

**May 2015**

Dissertation: "When Green Isn't All There Is to Be: An Analysis of Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals"

Committee: Professor Maria Floro (chair), Professor Robert Feinberg, Dr. Daniel Fiorino

#### **B.A. in International Studies and Economics, *Summa cum Laude***

**May 2007**

Honors Thesis: "African Economic Integration"

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Redlands, Redlands, CA

#### **Assistant Professor, Department of Economics**

**Fall 2016 – present**

Courses taught: Ecological Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, Research Methods in Economics, Principles of Economics, Economics and Society, Feminist Economics,

Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

#### **Guest Faculty, Economics**

**Fall 2014 – Spring 2016**

Courses taught: Economics of the Ecological Crisis, Political Economy of Energy and Climate Change, Economics of Inequality, Introduction to Economic Theory and Policy

American University, Washington, DC

#### **Adjunct Instructor**

**Spring 2012, 2013; Fall 2013**

Course taught: Principles of Macroeconomics

### PUBLICATIONS

"Stakeholders and Voluntary Climate Reduction Goals at Large U.S. Firms: An Institutional Analysis," *The Social Science Journal*, 2018 (forthcoming).

"Engendering Growth Diagnostics: Examining Constraints to Private Investment and Entrepreneurship" (with Leanne Roncolato and Caren Grown), *Development Policy Review* 35(2), January 2017, p. 263-287.

"Mind the GAP: Evaluation Report of the Implementation of the Operational Policy on Gender Equality in Development (Gender Policy) and Gender Action Plan for Operations, 2011-2012 (GAP)," (with Caren Grown and Leanne Roncolato) Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC, February 2014.

"Rising Job Complexity and the Need for Government Guaranteed Work and Training," (with Jon Wisman) in *The Job Guarantee: Toward True Full Employment*, Matthew Forstater & Michael Murray, eds. Palgrave Macmillan: New York, 2013.

"Changing the Question," *Synthesis/Regeneration Magazine*, 45, winter 2008.

## CONFERENCE AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Gender, Agriculture, and Climate Adaptation in Ethiopia,” Eastern Economic Association annual conference, Boston, MA, March 2018.

“Management, Stakeholders, and Climate Policy at Large U.S. Firms: An Institutional Analysis,” Association for Institutional Thought at Western Social Science Association meetings, Reno, NV, April 2016.

“Engendering Growth Diagnostics: Examining Constraints to Private Investment and Entrepreneurship,” Eastern Economics Association annual conference, New York, NY, February 2015.

“Characteristics of Voluntary Environmental Program Members: The Case of EPA’s Climate Leaders,” Midwest Economics Association Meeting, Evanston, IL, March 2014.

“Engendering the Growth Diagnostics Analysis: An Application to Ghana” (with Zehra Aftab, Ivanova Reyes, & Vanya Slavchevska) Project presented at Millennium Challenge Corporation brown bag & US Agency for International Development Economic Growth Sector Council seminars, May 2011.

Rising Job Complexity and the Need for Government Guaranteed Work and Training,” World Congress for Social Economics, Montreal, QC, June 2010.

## SERVICE TO DEPARTMENTS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES

Member, Study Abroad Advisory Committee, University of Redlands, Fall 2018 – present

Member, Dean’s Advisory Council, Spring 2018 – present

Member, CAS Strategic Planning Committee, Spring 2018 – present

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Department of Environmental Studies, Spring 2018

Member, University Sustainability Council, University of Redlands, Fall 2017 – present

Member, Grievance Committee, University of Redlands, Fall 2017 – present

Panelist, “Ethics and the Environment,” *Beyond the Great Divide* seminar, University of Redlands, March 2017.

Advisor, student-taught seminar on “Neoliberalism Unveiled,” University of Redlands Johnston Center, 2016-17

Member, Sarah Lawrence College Sustainability Committee, 2015-16

Faculty consultant, *Sarah Lawrence Political Review*, 2015-16

Moderator, Panel on Income Inequality, American University Democrats Next Steps Conference, 2014

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Chair and discussant, “Economic Development: Issues in Policy, Sustainability, and Agriculture,” Eastern Economic Association annual conference, Boston, MA, March 2018.

External dissertation committee member for Jack Anderson, PhD in Philosophy, University of Utah, “Practical Reason and the Economic Account of Choice: an Examination and Defense of the Possibility of Choosing via Trimodal Comparison,” October 2016.

Article reviewer, *Development Policy Review*, 2015.

Chair and discussant, “The Role of Education in Economic Development,” Eastern Economic Association annual conference, New York, NY, February 2015

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC

### **Short-Term Research Assistant Consultant**

**January, February 2014**

- Co-authored report for IDB Gender and Diversity Inclusion Division on the implementation of the Bank's Gender Action Plan (GAP) to promote the integration of gender analysis into development projects and direct investments in projects to improve gender equity.
- Conducted 28 semi-structured interviews with Bank staff from the level of executive management to in-country project team leaders and consultants
- Analyzed qualitative data gathered from interviews used in the drafting of the Bank report

Office of Merit Awards, American University, Washington, DC

### **Graduate Advising Fellow**

**August 2009 – August 2013**

- Worked as an advisor in the office that manages university participation in nationally competitive, merit-based scholarship competitions.
- Managed American University's participation in 3 national scholarship competitions and co-managed 3 others.
- Mentored 83 applicants for national scholarships, 32 of whom are national scholarship recipients and 15 of whom are finalists.
- Co-mentored students for Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, and Fulbright UK Scholarships, participating in university selection committee to select nominees, working with students to research graduate schools in the UK and select programs, and guiding research into relevant current events.
- Met with high-performing juniors and seniors to formulate post-graduation plans and identify potential nominees for major scholarship competitions.

New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO),  
Washington, DC

### **Researcher**

**May 2007 – August 2009**

- Wrote roughly 45 summaries of articles and studies each month on renewable energy, US energy policy, and energy efficiency that were published in a daily overseas dispatch, read by more than 1,000 employees at the Japanese quasi-governmental agency NEDO as well as staff at the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry (METI).
- Provided analysis on-demand for NEDO employees and METI staff on a variety of issues such as tax policy, financing of renewable energy projects, and the economics of climate change policies.
- Attended briefings, seminars, and Congressional hearings on renewable energy issues in the Washington area and wrote reports of the proceedings for a weekly overseas newsletter.
- Participated in advising groups on clean energy for the World Bank's Clean Development Fund and the development of a clean energy technology roadmap for the government of Ontario.

## AWARDS

Ziesing Fund Award, Sarah Lawrence College	2015 - 2016
Weaver Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student, AU Dept. of Economics	April 2014
Department of Economics Dissertation Fellowship, American University	Spring 2014
Graduate Fellowship, American University	2009 – 2013
Completion of 3-year Greenberg Teaching Seminar Series, American University	2013
College of Arts & Sciences Mellon Travel Grant, American University	2010
Presidential Scholarship, American University	2003 – 2007

## TECHNICAL & LANGUAGE SKILLS

Software: STATA, R, Python, SAS, Excel

Econometrics Coursework: Econometrics, Advanced Econometrics, Time-series Econometrics

Languages: English (native), French (intermediate)

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association

International Society of Ecological Economics

Association for Institutional Thought

Eastern Economic Association

Union of Radical Political Economists

International Association for Feminist Economics