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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	College of the Holy Cross Assistant Professor of Economics, 2022 – Present	
EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION	The University of Alabama PhD in Economics 2017 – 2022 MA in Economics 2017 – 2019 The University of the West Indies, Mona (Jamaica) MSc in Economics 2011 – 2013 BSc in Economics 2008 – 2011 BSc in Statistics 2008 – 2011	
	Certification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “CITI Certificate – Non-Medical Investigators (updated 2023)”. Worcester, MA • “Impact Evaluation for Productive Sector Projects (2015)”. Compete Caribbean (Inter-American Development Bank), Barbados • “Economic Development Strategy (2015)”. Korea International Cooperation Agency, Republic of Korea • “Making Effective Public Policy (2014)”. Management Institute for National Development, Jamaica 	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Experimental Economics, Public Economics	
PUBLISHED/ACCEPTED RESEARCH	<p>“Robust Estimates of Vulnerability to Poverty Using Quantile Models.” <i>Economic Modelling</i>, 2023, Vol 123</p> <p>“An Examination of the Effect of Inequality on Lotteries for Funding Public Goods.” (with Cary Deck and Li Zhang), <i>Journal of Public Economic Theory</i>, 2022, Vol 24(4)</p> <p>A Living Wage for Jamaica: Considerations for Calculation and Implementation (with Lauren Marsh and Danny Roberts). <i>Social and Economic Studies</i>, 2017, Vol 66(1&2).</p>	
WORKING PAPERS	<p>“Do Conditional Cash Transfers Create Resilience Against Poverty? Long-run Evidence From Jamaica”. <i>Revise and Resubmit</i></p> <p>- Summary: Conditional Cash Transfer programs (CCT) have become the prominent component of social assistance programs in many developing countries. A major objective of CCT programs is breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty and building a population resilient to adverse shocks</p>	

that may push a person into poverty. The literature to date has not provided conclusive evidence for the long-run impact of CCT programs on beneficiaries' resilience against poverty. To fill this gap, I exploit the age-based eligibility thresholds and regional variation in the proportion of persons receiving benefits from the Jamaican CCT program to identify its long-run impact on resilience against poverty. I find that child beneficiaries of the program are up to 8.4 percentage points more resilient against poverty when they become adults than they would have been in the absence of the program. Furthermore, these benefits are only evident in females, and are realized after beneficiaries are in their early 20's. Overall, this study provides further justification for the expansion of CCTs or similar programs targeting children living in less-developed countries.

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

“Can big-push policies increase resilience against poverty? Evidence from a large-scale randomized controlled trial”

“Can cash transfers break the poverty trap?”

”The Agricultural Productivity Gap Revisited”

“Public goods provision in complex contexts. Does inequality matter when contributors are recognized?”

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor, College of the Holy Cross (2022–present)

Principles of Economics

Intermediate Microeconomics

Development Economics

Instructor, The University of Alabama (2019–2022)

Intermediate Microeconomics (in-person, online asynchronous, online synchronous)

Instructor, The University of the West Indies (2013)

Introductory Statistics

Summer 2013

Teaching Assistant, The University of Alabama

Macroeconomic Theory (Masters)

Spring 2021

Managerial Economics (Masters)

Spring 2021

International Trade (Undergrad and Masters)

Spring 2019 and 2020

Game Theory

Spring 2020

Econometrics

Fall 2019

Intermediate Macroeconomics

Spring 2019

Principles of Microeconomics

Fall 2017, 2018 and 2019

Principles of Macroeconomics

Spring 2018, 2019

Business Finance

Summer 2018

Financial Analysis and Modelling

Summer 2018

OTHER
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), St Andrew, Jamaica

Policy Analyst/Economist in poverty and inequality

2013 – 2017

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

- Southern Economic Association 93rd Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana (Upcoming, 2023).
- Southern Economic Association 92nd Annual Meeting. Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2022).

- Public Choice Society Meeting. Nashville, Tennessee (2022)
 - ACM conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization. Online (2021)
 - EFLS brown bag, University of Alabama. Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (2021)
 - Southern Economic Association 91st Annual Meeting. Houston, Texas (2021).
 - Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE). Online (2021)
 - Southern Economic Association 90th Annual Meeting. Online (2020).
 - 8th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference. Kingston, Jamaica (2015).7).
- CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE
- 4th High Level Meeting of the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network, Acapulco, Mexico (2016).
 - 9th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference, Kingston, Jamaica (2016)
 - 4th Annual National Health Research Conference, Kingston, Jamaica (2014)
- REPORTS
- “*Household Consumption*” in the Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions (JSLC) 2012, 2013 and 2014.
 - “*Westmoreland Modified Local Area Economic Profile (LEAP)*” (2013): for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) Caribbean Local Economic Development Programme.
- REFEREEING
- Economic Modelling, 2023.
 - Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy, 2022.
- SERVICE /MEMBERSHIPS
- International Studies Faculty Board, College of the Holy Cross (current)
 - Department Honors Selection Committee, College of the Holy Cross (current)
 - Southern Economic Association (current)
 - African American Graduate Student Association, University of Alabama (2017-2019)
 - Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions committee, PIOJ (Jamaica, 2013-2017).
 - Research Ethics Committee, Ministry of National Security (Jamaica, 2013-2017).
 - Technical Working Group for the revision of the poverty measurement methodology, PIOJ (Jamaica, 2013-2017).
 - Jamaica Poverty Mapping Committee, PIOJ (Jamaica, 2013-2017).
- AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
- Finalist, Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition, UA (2021)
 - Summer Research Grant: Dept. of Economics, Finance and Legal Studies, UA (2021)
 - Development Bank of Jamaica Scholarship for excellence in academics, UWI Mona (2009-2011)
 - WIGUT Bursary for excellence in academics, UWI Mona (2009-2011)
 - NWC Cooperative Credit Union Scholarship for excellence in academics, UWI Mona (2008-2011)
- TECHNICAL SKILLS
- Proficient in Stata, z-Tree, SPSS and L^AT_EX.
 - Working Knowledge of R, MATLAB, SAS. EVIEWS, HTML and CSS.