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### **FIELDS OF INTEREST**

International Trade, International Investment, Macroeconomics, Labor, Development,  
Technology and Innovation, Multinational Enterprise

### **CURRENT POSITION**

Lead Economist, Research Division, Office of Economics, U.S. International Trade Commission,  
Washington, DC, 2017-present.

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston, MA., March 2005.  
B.S., Economics (Honors Curriculum), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN., 1995.  
Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy, 1993-1994.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

“Can protectionism improve trade balance?” (with Sunghyun Henry Kim), USITC Working  
Paper No. 2017-10-B.

“How does industry comparative advantage affect establishments?”, USITC Working Paper No.  
2017-05-E.

“Trade liberalization with heterogeneous workers: A structural approach” (with Scott Baier and  
Yoto V. Yotov), USITC Working Paper No. 2017-03-A.

“Extending the CEPII gravity data set” (with Tamara Gurevich, Peter Herman, and Ricky Ubee),  
USITC Working Paper No. 2017-01-A.

“How to evaluate computable models of trade” (with Alan Fox and Marinos Tsigas). Forthcoming in *Encyclopedia of International Economics and Global Trade*, Francisco L. Rivera-Batiz (ed). World Scientific Publishers.

“The impact of educated labor on technology adoption and comparative advantage”, USITC Working Paper No. 2015-08A.

“Long-run effects of the Korea-China free-trade agreement” (with Sunghyun Henry Kim), *Journal of East Asian Economic Integration*, 2015, 19(2), 117-142.

“What would Korea-US free-trade agreement bring?” (with Ozlem Yaylaci), *International Economic Journal*, 2014, 28(1), 161-182.

“International production, technology diffusion, and trade”, *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, 2014, 23(1), 111-154.

“Determinants of trade and specialization in the OECD countries”, *Economic Inquiry*, 2013, 51(1), 138–158.

“Predicting the effects of NAFTA: Now we can do it better!”, *Journal of International and Global Economic Studies*, 2012, 5(2), pp. 32-59. Cited in the forthcoming Handbook of International Economics.

“Capital, technology, and specialization in the neoclassical model”, *Journal of International Economics*, 2011, 83 (2), 229-242. Cited in the Journal of Economic Perspectives.

“Putting industries into the Eaton-Kortum model”, *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, 2012, 21(6), 807-837. Cited in the forthcoming Handbook of International Economics. Winner of the Best Paper Prize for 2012.

“Technology, factor endowments, and specialization in OECD countries: The role of variable capital utilization”, 2010, *Applied Econometrics and International Development* 10 (2), 25-46.

## **U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION STUDIES**

“The Economic Effects of Significant U.S. Import Restraints, Ninth Update,” Inv. No. 332-325, October 2016 – present.

“Certain Mobile Electronic Devices Incorporating Haptics (Including Smartphones and Smartwatches) and Components Thereof,” Inv. No. 337-TA-1004, April 2016 – present.

“Overview of Cuban Imports of Goods and Services and Effects of U.S. Restrictions,” Inv. No. 332-552, December, 2014 – April 2016 (lead economist).

## UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

“Accounting for international trade”

“An improved measure of industry value added and factor shares: description of a new dataset of the U.S. and Brazilian manufacturing industries”

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 2017 (panel participant, scheduled).

European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Conference, Florence, Italy, September 2017.

34th Annual Monetary and Trade Conference, Global Interdependence Center (GIC), Philadelphia, PA, April 2016 (presenter and panel participant).

Rethinking International Subsidies Disciplines Retreat, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Cambridge, UK, April 2016.

ASSA meetings (Society of Government Economists session), San Francisco, CA, January 2016.

Southern Economic Association (Industrial Organization Society session), New Orleans, LA, November 2015.

Economic Modeling Network (EcoMod) Conference, Boston, MA, July 2015.

GTAP Conference, Melbourne, Australia, June 2015.

International Conference on Free Trade Agreements and New Openness in China, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Shanghai, China, May 2015.

Washington Area International Trade Symposium (WAITS), The George Washington University, Washington, DC, April 2015 (discussant)

Midwest International Trade Meetings, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, April 2015.

NAFTA at 20: Effects on the North American Market, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston, TX, June 2014.

Center for Economic Research of Korea Conference, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea, May 2014.

Washington Area International Trade Symposium (WAITS) Conference, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, April 2014.

Western Economic Association International (WEAI), San Francisco, California, July 2012 (session organizer and chair).

International Trade and Finance Association (IT&FA), Pisa, Italy, May 2012.

Canada and New England: Economic Challenges to Trade and Integration, organized by the Consulate General of Canada in Boston and the Beacon Hill Institute, Boston, MA, September 2011 (panel participant).

Western Economic Association International (WEAI), Portland, Oregon, 2010.

Economic Modeling Network (EcoMod), Istanbul, Turkey, 2010.

Midwest International Economics Group, Bloomington, Indiana, 2003.

## **TEACHING**

Doctoral level: Advanced International Trade, International Trade and Multinational Enterprise, Advanced Macroeconomics I, Advanced Macroeconomics II, Ph.D. Dissertation Workshop, S.J.D. Dissertation Workshop

Master's level: International Trade, Macroeconomics

Undergraduate level: International Economics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Development Economics, Environmental Economics

## **DISSERTATION RESEARCH SUPERVISION**

Parul Deswal, graduated in August 2016 (dissertation advisor; first placement: Whittier College).

Ozlem Yaylaci, graduated in May 2013 (dissertation advisor; first placement: IHS).

Abdoulaye Seck, graduated in January 2011 (dissertation advisor; first placement: Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Sénégal).

Yoonseok Choi, expected graduation in May 2014 (committee member).

Lassana Cissokho, graduated in May 2011 (committee member).

Nalanda Matia graduated in May 2011 (committee member).

Kossi Makpayo, graduated in January 2011 (committee member).

## **SERVICE**

Organizer, USITC Office of Economics seminars (2014-present)

College of Arts and Sciences Educational Policy Committee (2011-2013).

College of Arts and Sciences Cultural Diversity Committee (2011-2013).

College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2007-2011 and 2013).

Department of Economics Ph.D. Program Committee (2005-2013).

Faculty Advisor, Graduate Economic Association (2011-2013).

## **REFEREE SERVICE**

*Econometrica, American Economic Review, Journal of International Economics, International Economic Journal, Review of International Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Economics Bulletin, Economic Journal, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*

## **OTHER POSITIONS HELD**

International Economist, Research Division, Office of Economics, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, 2014-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Suffolk University, Boston, MA, 2005-2013.

Consultant, Beacon Hill Institute, Boston, MA, 2005-2006.

Instructor, Department of Economics, Boston University, 2002-2005.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Boston University, 1999-2002.  
Investment Research Intern, Advest Corporation, Pittsburgh, PA, 1994-1995.  
Accounting Intern, U. of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA, 1993.

## **LANGUAGES**

Russian (fluent), Italian (fluent), Portuguese (intermediate)