

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2010 - 2023 PhD in Economics [University of Cape Town]
Dissertation Title: *Beyond enrolment: academic incentives, outcomes and performance in higher education*
- 2005 - 2007 M.Com in Economics [University of Cape Town]
Dissertation Title: *Wage differentials between the public and private sectors in the South African Labour Market*
- 2004 B.Com (Honours) in Economics [University of Cape Town] Second class
Dissertation Title: *Returns to education in unskilled occupations in South Africa: Evidence from OHS 1999 for agriculture, mining and domestic services*
- 2000 -2003 B.Com (Economics, Politics and Philosophy) [University of Cape Town]

EMPLOYMENT

- January 2024 – Senior Lecturer: School of Economics, University of Cape Town
- April 2010 – Lecturer: School of Economics, University of Cape Town (Confirmed in 2016)
- 2008 – March 2010 Economic Intern: School of Economics, University of Cape Town
- 2009 – 2012 Lecturer: University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business (GSB) (contract)Teaching economics modules of the Associate in Management (AIM) and Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration (PDBA) programmes
- 2009 Lecturer: Introduction to Management (BUS1004W) Teaching economics sections of the course
- Jan – Dec 2007 Lecturer: UCT School of Economics (one year contract)
- Jan – Dec 2006 Lecturer: UCT School of Economics (one year contract)

SHORT COURSES

- Nov 2009 UCT Khuluma workshop (3-day workshop on diversity in the workplace)
- Jun – July 2007 University of Michigan: Participant in the Survey Research Centre's Summer Programme. Attended Questionnaire Design, Question Testing, Introductory Survey Sampling and Hierarchical Linear Modelling classes
- Jan 2007 University of Michigan/UCT Panel Data course
- Jan 2005 University of Michigan/UCT Advanced Stata course
- Jan 2004 University of Michigan/UCT Basic Stata course

SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

2005	Awarded Mandela Economics Scholarship in Economics (MESP)
2005	Joint Top student for Labour Economics Module in Master's Coursework
2004	Awarded Mandela Economics Scholarship in Economics (MESP)
2004	NRF Scholarship

GRANTS

2018	UCT Emerging Researcher Grant
2018	UCT Teaching Innovation Grant
2019	UCT Emerging Researcher Grant (two rounds of funding)
2019	UCT Teaching Innovation Grant

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1st year	Microeconomics and macroeconomics; Introduction to Management; Economics for Non- specialists
2nd year	Macroeconomics
3rd year	Environmental Economics, International Finance, Labour Economics, Public Sector
4th year	Post-graduate diploma in Business Administration (Managerial Economics - GSB), Financial Analysis and Portfolio Management (FAPM)
Masters	Economics for Master's in Engineering, Research Tools, Growth and Governance

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2017 - 2018	Convenor: Financial Analysis and Portfolio Management (FAPM) Responsible for ensuring departmental, faculty and university policies are implemented; accuracy of examination results; reporting on student performance in the programme, part of the FAPM admissions committee. Quality control for the programme as a whole.
2008 – Feb 2010	Undergraduate Programme Convenor: School of Economics Responsible for the curricula of students enrolled in Commerce economics-based degrees, accuracy of examination results in the School of Economics, reporting on the performance of students enrolled in economics courses and chairing of the School of Economics Undergraduate Committee. Departmental representative on the Commerce Faculty Academic Policy and Planning Committee (APPC) and the Admissions and Progressions Committee (APC).
2007	Assistant Undergraduate Programme Convenor: School of Economics Assist incumbent Undergraduate Programme Convenor, develop an understanding for the complexities of the Commerce economics undergraduate degrees and assist with the co- ordination of registration and open day.

COMMITTEE WORK

2012 – 2018	Member of Commerce First Year Committee
2011 – 2019	Commerce Teaching and Learning workgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Co-ordinator of Early Assessment Report (EAR) in Commerce Faculty- Part of data analysis sub-committee
2011	Appointed by the Dean of the Commerce Faculty to lead a committee to establish the guidelines for performance evaluation criteria of academic staff on the Academic Teaching track in the Faculty of Commerce

CONTRACT RESEARCH POSITIONS

Oct 2022 – March 2023	Human Sciences Research Council Contributed to project on the impact of COVID-19 on the Private Education and Training Sector
Nov 2009	Survey Assistant Translate a household survey from English to Afrikaans
Jan 2006 – Mar 2006	Research Assistant for Professor Martine Visser Responsible for the running of experiments, capturing data, performing data checks & participants' payments
Dec 2004	Research Assistant for Whale-Watching Project (Anchor Environmental Consultants) Responsible for the collection of data
Apr 2004 – Sept 2004	Research Assistant for Inequality Research Project (Professor Martine Visser) Responsible for running experiments and payment of participants
July 2003 – Sept 2003	Research Assistant for Public Works Project SALRU (Anna McCord)

CURRENT RESEARCH

PhD, School of Economics, University of Cape Town (July 2023)

Title: Beyond enrolment: academic incentives, outcomes and performance in higher education

- Work in progress:
 - Employee satisfaction and its impact on corporate performance
 - Pedagogical interventions in Economics: Peer learning and student outcomes
 - Macro fundamentals as a source of bond market volatility in South Africa: A GARCH-MIDAS approach (with Sean Neethling)
 - Financial literacy among tertiary students
 - Degree switching correlates

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019	Economic Society of South Africa (ESSA) <i>Recognition incentives and student outcomes: Evidence from a quasi-experiment</i>
2018	4 th Annual International Conference On The Scholarship Of Teaching And Learning, CUT, Bloemfontein.
2018	UCT Teaching and Learning Conference
2018	8 th Annual Conference On Teaching And Learning In Economics (CTREE), San Antonio, Texas, USA.
2016	UCT Teaching and Learning Conference
2015	Economic Society of South Africa (ESSA) <i>The determinants of academic outcomes: A competing risks approach</i>
2013	University of Cape Town Teaching and Learning Conference <i>The largest of them all: Attendance and performance in Microeconomics I</i>

SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

2019	Commerce Education Group (CEG) Presentation: Whiteboard Tutorials – A strategy for Transformation? With Dale Taylor Invited to present at the University of the Western Cape (UWC): Whiteboard Tutorials Completed Teaching and Learning Online course through CILT
2018	Presented at 4 th Annual International Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SOTL) in Higher Education, Bloemfontein

- 2018 Presented at 8th Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE 2018) in San Antonio, USA
- 2018 UCT Teaching and Learning Conference

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 *Economics: Global and Southern African Perspectives*, 3rd edition, Pearson Education South Africa. (with M. Parkin, G. Antrobus, J. Bruce-Brand, A. Fourie, M. Kohler, N. Mahonye, M. Millo, B. Rhodes, A. Saayman, V. Schoer, D. Scholtz, C. Smit and K. Thompson)
- 2013 *Economics: Global and Southern African Perspectives*, 2nd edition, Pearson Education South Africa. (with M. Parkin, M. Kohler, B. Rhodes, A. Saayman, V. Schoer, D. Scholtz and K. Thompson)
- 2010 *Economics: Global and Southern African Perspectives, Volume 1: Microeconomics*, Pearson Education South Africa. (with M. Parkin, M. Kohler, B. Rhodes, A. Saayman, V. Schoer, D. Scholtz and K. Thompson)
- 2010 *Economics: Global and Southern African Perspectives, Volume 2: Macroeconomics*, Pearson Education South Africa. (with M. Parkin, M. Kohler, B. Rhodes, A. Saayman, V. Schoer, D. Scholtz and K. Thompson)
- 2009 *Economics: Global and Southern African Perspectives*, Pearson Education South Africa. (with M. Parkin, M. Kohler, B. Rhodes, A. Saayman, V. Schoer, D. Scholtz and K. Thompson)

SOCIAL RESPONSIVENESS

- 2019 External Examiner: Managerial Economics, University of the Western Cape (UWC)
- 2012 – External Examiner: Managerial Economics, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU)
- 2011 – 2015 External Examiner: Economics I, University of Witwatersrand
- 2008 – 2009 External Examiner: Advanced Macroeconomics third year level, University of the Western Cape
- 2012 – 2015 Remarking examiner: Advanced Macroeconomics, University of the Western Cape

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Macroeconomics, Financial Markets, Education, Strategy
