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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (Expected Spring 2008)
M.A., Economics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2003
M.S., Public Policy, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, 1998
(*selected for University of Rochester Public Policy Analysis Graduate Thesis Hall of Fame*)
LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws), University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, 1994

FIELDS

Primary Research Field: International Trade
Other Areas of Interest: International Macroeconomics/Finance, Development Economics

DISSERTATION

Essays on Patterns of International Trade

- Chapter 1: "Comparative Advantage, Firm Heterogeneity, and Selection of Exporters"
(Job Market Paper)
- Chapter 2: "Explaining Export Varieties: The Unexplored Role of Comparative Advantage"
(with Na Yang)
- Chapter 3: "Revisiting the Revisited: An Alternative Test of the Monopolistic Competition Model of International Trade"

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Visiting Scholar, Faculty of Business Administration, Yokohama National University, Japan,
June-July 2006

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Michigan:
for Professor Juan Carlos Hallak, May-August 2003 and January-June 2005
for Professor Alan Deardorff, July-August 2002

Research Assistant, Public Policy Analysis Program, University of Rochester:
for Professor David Weimer, January-May 1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mentor for Graduate Student Instructors, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
Term: Academic Year 2005-06

Summer Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
Course: Principles of Microeconomics
Term: Spring/Summer 2004

Head Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
Course: Principles of Microeconomics
Term: Winter 2004

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan
Course: Principles of Microeconomics
Terms: Fall 2001, Winter 2002, Fall 2002, Winter 2003, Fall 2003, and Fall 2004

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), October 1999–June 2001:

Researcher & Managing Officer, Research Institute for Development and Finance, April–June 2001

Research Officer, Research Institute for Development and Finance, June 2000–March 2001

- Planned, organized, and coordinated the Institute’s research projects, symposiums, and budgets.

Country Project Officer, Development Assistance Department II, October 1999–May 2000

- Planned, appraised, and supervised development projects in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan (OECF), April 1994–September 1999:

Country Project Officer, Operations Department I, June 1998–September 1999

- Designed, appraised, and supervised development projects in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

Overseas Trainee in Economics, Policy and Management, September 1996–May 1998

Planning Officer, Planning Division, Coordination Department, April 1994–August 1996

- Planned and coordinated the Fund’s general operational policies.

PRESENTATIONS OF DISSERTATION CHAPTERS

“Comparative Advantage, Firm Heterogeneity, and Selection of Exporters”

Seminar:

International Economics Seminar, University of Michigan, September 2007

“Explaining Export Varieties: The Unexplored Role of Comparative Advantage”

Conferences:

Japanese Economic Association (Nippon Keizai Gakkai) Semiannual Meeting, Japan, June 2007

The Sixth Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy (GEP)

Postgraduate Conference, U.K., March 2007

Midwest International Economics Group Fall 2006 Meeting, October 2006

Seminars:

Economics Seminar, Nagoya University, Japan, June 2007

International Economics Seminar, University of Michigan, October 2006

“Revisiting the Revisited: Alternative Test for Monopolistic Competition Model of International Trade”

Conferences:

Japanese Economic Association (Nippon Keizai Gakkai) Semiannual Meeting, Japan, June 2006

Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, March 2006

Seminars:

Economics Seminar, Kansai University, Japan, July 2006

Modern Economics Symposium, Yokohama National University, Japan, June 2006

International Trade Workshop, Hitotsubashi University, Japan, June 2006

Public Economics Seminar, Keio University, Japan, June 2006

Economics & Business Administration Seminar, Kobe University, Japan, June 2006

International Economics Seminar, University of Michigan, December 2005

Applied Microeconomics Workshop, University of Michigan, November 2005

WORK IN PROGRESS

“A Consideration of Patterns of Intra-industry Trade: Does the Conventional Model Explain Why Countries Both Import and Export More/Less in the Same Industry?”

(Presented at the Southwestern Economics Association Annual Meeting, March 2005, and the University of Michigan Applied Microeconomics Workshop, December 2004.)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

Sasakawa Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, Academic Years 2006–07 and 2007-08

Briefing Fellowship, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan, Summer and Fall 2007

Mellon Foundation Fellowship, Center for Japanese Studies, University of Michigan, Summer 2006 and Winter 2008

Michigan Teaching Fellow, University of Michigan, June 2006

Summer Research Grant, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, Summer 2002 and Summer 2003

Henry Carter Adams Scholarship, Department of Economics, University of Michigan, Fall 2001

Public Policy Analysis Graduate Thesis Hall of Fame Award, University of Rochester, May 1998

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Midwest Economics Association

Southwestern Economics Association

Japanese Economic Association (Nippon Keizai Gakkai)

OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: Japan

Visa Status: F-1

REFERENCES

Alan Deardorff (Committee Chair)
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