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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, School of Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology, August 2007 – Present
Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), August 2014 – Present
Senior Research Affiliate, Households in Conflict Network, August 2007 - Present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2007
M.A. Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, 2000
M.A. Economics, Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 1998
Diploma (B.A. equivalent), Accounting, Kazakh State Academy of Management, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 1995

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Health, Education, Armed Conflict

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Exploring the Impact of Conflict Exposure during Formative Years on Labor Market Outcomes in Tajikistan", accepted at the *Journal of Development Studies*
"Armed Conflict, Household Victimization and Child Health in Côte d'Ivoire", with Camelia Minoiu, 2014, *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 108: 237–255.
"Patterns in Female Age at First Marriage and Tajik Armed Conflict", 2013, *European Journal of Population*, Volume 29 (3): 303-343.
"Subjective Well-Being and Armed Conflict: Evidence from Bosnia-Herzegovina", with Anke C. Plagnol, 2013, *Social Indicators Research*, Volume 113 (3): 1129-1152.
"Remittances and Labor Supply in Post-Conflict Tajikistan", with Patricia Justino, 2012, *IZA Journal of Labor and Development*, 1:8.
"The Effect of Armed Conflict on Accumulation of Education: Results from Tajikistan", *Journal of Development Economics*, 2011, Volume 95(2): 186-200.
"Labor Market, Education and Armed Conflict in Tajikistan", World Bank Policy Research Working Paper #5738 (peer reviewed, online research paper series), 2011.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Armed Conflict, Gender and Schooling" (with Mayra Buvinic and Monica Das Gupta), 2014, *World Bank Economic Review*, Volume 28: 311-319
"Child Health and Conflict in Cote d'Ivoire", with Camelia Minoiu, *American Economic Review P&P*, Volume 102(3) May 2012.

RESEARCH PAPERS

Working Papers under Review:

"Gender-Differential Effects of Conflict on Education: The Case of the 1981-1993 Punjab Insurgency", (with Prakarsh Singh), under review
"Political Violence, Land Reform and Child Health: Results from Zimbabwe", under review

Working Papers

"Migrant Networks and Migrant Outcomes"
"Banning Beggars, Reducing Crime?", (with Anik Khan)
"Gender and Armed Conflict: An Overview of the Literature"
"Financing Constraints as Barriers to Firm Survival and Growth in India", (with Usha Nair-Reichert)

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“Private and Public Transfers as a Coping Strategy under Armed Conflict: the Case of Tajikistan”, (with Patricia Justino)

Work in Progress

- “(Em)powering Conflict: Dams in Cambodia (with Juan Moreno-Cruz & Eik Swee)
- “Conflict-Related Victimization and Preferences for Education in Côte d’Ivoire” (with Camelia Minoiu)
- “Disrupting Public Health Campaigns: Immunization and Conflict” (with Marijke Verpoorten)
- “Conflict and Risky Sexual Behavior” (with Nicholas Wilson)
- “The Iran-Iraq War and Schooling” (with Mahdi Majbouri)
- “Persistent Conflict and Human Capital Outcomes in Colombia” (with Ana Maria Ibanez & Marc Rockmore)
- “Domestic Violence and Conflict” (with Giulia La Mattina)
- “Return Migration and Violence in Mexico” (with Sandra Orozco Aleman)
- “Firm Performance and Armed Conflict in India” (with Usha Nair-Reichert)

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Gender and Armed Conflict: an Overview of the Literature”, Prepared for the World Bank, June 2012.
Education and Violent Conflict in South Asia: Challenges and Solutions, with Christine Valente, Prepared for the World Bank, October 2011.

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- Consultant, World Bank, Gender and Conflict, 2012
- Consultant, World Bank, Education and Conflict in South Asia, 2011
- Consultant, World Bank, Gender and Conflict: *Education and Labor Market in Tajikistan*, 2010
- Research Assistant for Professor Richard A. Easterlin, USC, 2005-2006
- Head Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, USC, 2003-2004
- Research Assistant for Professor Jeffrey B. Nugent, USC, Summers 2003, 2004
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, USC, 2002-2003
- Lecturer, Department of Economics, KIMEP, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 2000- 2002
- Consultant, Independent System Operator of New England (ISO-NE), Jan-Nov 2001
- Economist-Intern, ISO-NE, Summer 2000
- Research Assistant, Political Economy Research Institute, Amherst, MA, Jan-May 2000
- Intern, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY, Summer 1999

TEACHING

- Undergraduate Courses:* Economic Development; Security and Conflict in Developing Countries; Senior Seminar in Political Economy; Economics of Conflict; Principles of Microeconomics; Economics and Policy
- Graduate Courses* Development Economics

Thesis and Research Project Supervision:

- Individual supervision: 16 projects
- Joint supervision: 18 projects

SERVICE

- Organized a visit by a senior female CSWEP mentor, Dr. Ann Huff Stevens, who mentored three junior female assistant professors, School of Economics, GaTech, 2013
- Faculty Advisor for the Kappa of Georgia Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE), 2013 – Present
- Faculty Advisor for the Economics Club @ GT, 2013 - Present
- M.S. Economics Curriculum Committee, 2012-2013
- Ph.D. Admissions Committee, 2011-2012
- MS Recruitment Committee, 2010-2011, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2010-2011
- Legacy Awards Committee, IAC, GaTech, Spring 2010
- Charitable Contributions Coordinator, School of Economics, GaTech, 2009-2010
- Coordinator of the Seminar Series, School of Economics, GaTech, Fall 2008-Spring 2009
- Member of Hiring Committee, School of Economics, GaTech, 2007-2008, 2011

OLGA N. SHEMYAKINA**INVITED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

2015: Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Economics; Boston, MA, January, (*scheduled*)

2014: Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA (2 papers), November, (*scheduled*); 6th Annual Meeting on the Economics of Risky Behaviors (AMERB), IZA and EAFIT, Medellin, Colombia (May); Pacific Development Conference (PacDev), UCLA, Los Angeles, CA (March)

2013: Northeastern Universities Development Conference (NEUDC), Harvard, MA; Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Tampa, FL (2 papers); Inequalities in Children's Outcomes in Developing Countries, St. Anne's College, Oxford, U.K.; 13th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Milan, Italy (2 papers)

2012: 8th Households in Conflict Workshop, Aix-en-Provence, France; Annual Meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), New Orleans, LA; NEUDC at Dartmouth, NH; First NOAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa, Lisbon, Portugal; *The Economic and Social Consequences of Armed Conflict and Crime*, Cartagena, Colombia; 12th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Berlin, Germany; Centre for the Study of African Economies Conference (CSAE) Oxford, UK, (presented by co-author); Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, CSWEP session; Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Economics; Chicago, IL

2011: Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC; 7th Households in Conflict Workshop: Civil Wars and Political Violence, Barcelona, Spain; 3rd International Society of Child Indicators Conference, York, U.K.; International Economic Development Conference, Madison, WI; Annual Meeting of the Association for Comparative Studies, Denver, CO.

2010: Gender and Conflict Research Workshop, PRIO/World Bank, Oslo, Norway; Fourth Southeastern International Development Conference; Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA; Gender and Conflict Research Workshop, World Bank, Washington, D.C.; The Behavioral and Cultural Foundations and Consequences of Violence, Workshop organized by HiCN and the Institute of Social Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, USC, CA; Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Atlanta, GA; Annual Meeting of the Middle East Economic Association, Atlanta, GA

2009: Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Detroit, MI

2008: 4th Annual HiCN Workshop, Yale University; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, UCSD

2007: 3rd Annual HiCN Workshop, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, U.K.; 4th Minnesota International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis, MN; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, UC Davis; Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New York, NY; 2nd Annual HiCN Workshop, University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium

2006: "Poverty Reduction in Conflict and Fragile States: Perspectives from the Household Level", DIW Berlin, HiCN and USAID, Washington, D.C.; NEUDC Conference, Ithaca, NY; Population Association of America, Los Angeles, CA; 1st Annual Households in Conflict Network Workshop, DIW, Berlin, Germany

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS*Invited Seminars*

2014: DiW-German Institute for Economic Research, Berlin, Germany

2012: The World Bank; Bush School of Government, Texas A&M University

2011: Dalhousie University; 2010: Vanderbilt University; 2007: Florida State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Mount Holyoke College, Stockholm Institute for Transition Economies (SITE) at the Stockholm School of Economics, Towson University

Other Seminars

2013: Georgia Institute of Technology

SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS*Research Grants*

"Multi-scale Synthesis of Land Cover and Land Use, Climatic and Societal Changes in Drylands of Central Asia", co-PI (PI: Irina Sokolik, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences), Georgia Tech, Sponsor: NASA/GODDARD SPACE FLT CTR/MD, (\$790,320), 2014-2017

Special Research Awards (SRA), Ivan Allen College Faculty Development Programs, Georgia Institute of Technology, (one course release), Fall 2012

ISERF grant, Ivan Allen College (IAC), Georgia Institute of Technology, Summer 2010 (\$2,500)

Title VIII Research Grant, US Department of State, (\$9,980), Institute for Social Research (ISR), William Davidson Institute, University of Michigan, 2006

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Urban and Global Interdisciplinary Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,000), USC Urban Initiative, USC, 2006-2007

Academic Fellowships

Special Research Awards (SRA), IAC Faculty Development Programs, Georgia Institute of Technology, Fall 2012

Final Year Dissertation Fellowship, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC, 2006-2007 (Full Tuition

Scholarship and \$16,000/academic year stipend)

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Economics, USC, 2002-2006

Best Third Year Empirical Paper Award, Department of Economics, USC, 2005

Edmund E. Muskie Graduate Fellowship, United States Information Agency, 1998-2000 (Full tuition scholarship for the academic years 1998-2000 plus a monthly stipend of \$1,100)

Teaching Awards

“Thank-a-Teacher” Certificate, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2013 (9 certificates)

Fellow of Class of 1969 Teaching Fellows Program, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, GeorgiaTech, Aug. 2007 – May 2008 (\$1,000 grant)

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, USC, 2004 (\$100 award)

Teaching Fellowship, Civic Education Project/Support for Community Outreach and Teaching Program (CEP/SCOUT), Kazakhstan, 2001-2002 (\$3,000 stipend plus \$500 award for teaching supplies)

Other Awards

Joan Haworth Mentoring Fund (CSWEP) co-funded a mentoring visit by a senior female CSWEP mentor, Dr. Ann Huff Stevens, who mentored three junior female assistant professors, School of Economics, GaTech, 2013

INVITED PARTICIPANT AND WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

CeMENT: Mentoring for Junior Faculty Workshop, CSWEP, Chicago, January 2012

Summer School in Development Economics, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), Banff, Canada, 2005

1st PhD Summer Workshop on Economics of Information Technology, New York University/Center for Digital Economy Research, New York, NY, 2005

Rethinking Development Economics, Summer School, Trinity College, Cambridge, U.K., 2002

Politics of Finance in Emerging Economies, Central European Summer University, Budapest, Hungary, 2001

Applied Microeconometrics workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, August 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association

Association for Comparative Economic Studies

Committee for the Status of Women in Economics Profession (CSWEP)

Economists for Peace and Security

Network of European Peace Scientists

Population Association of America,

Southern Economic Association

REFEREE

Journals

Asian Population Studies

Conflict Management and Peace Science

Economics and Human Biology

Economic Development and Cultural Change (3x)

Economics of Education Review

Journal of Development Economics (4x)

Journal of Comparative Economics

Journal of Family and Economic Issues

Journal of Feminist Economics

Journal of International Migration and Integration

Journal of Peace Research

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International Migration
Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy
Review of Economics and Statistics (2x)
The Singapore Economic Review
World Development
World Politics

Research Grants/ Foundations

The Research Foundation Flanders, FWO, Belgium
IZA-Institute for the Study of Labor/DFID program on growth and labor markets in low-income countries, Bonn, Germany (3x)
DFG, German Research Foundation, Germany
United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.

LANGUAGES

Russian (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

Available on request
