

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current Position

Lecturer of Economics

Major Fields of Concentration

Macroeconomic Policy and Government Deficit/Debt Policies

Education

- 1996-1997 University of Western Ontario
Bachelor of Education; Intermediate Senior (Spanish, Mathematics)
Graduated with distinction.
- 1985-1986 University of Toronto
Master of Arts, Economics
Courses: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Economic Regulation, Project
Evaluation, International Trade, Econometrics, and Monetary
Theory Levels I & II.
- 1981-1985 University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario
Honours Bachelor of Arts; Spanish Major, Economics Minor.
- 1983-1984 University of Salamanca
Salamanca, Spain
Diploma of Spanish Studies (credited as my third year at U.W.O.)

Academic and Professional Experience

January 1990 to Present

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
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LECTURER

Duties: Teaching Intermediate Microeconomics I and II; Intermediate Macroeconomics I and II; Introductory Economics (Principles of Economics), Economic Development I and II, Macroeconomic Policy and Microeconomic Policy. I have also taught various courses by correspondence/distance (since May of 1989).

September 2008 to July 2018 and July 2019 to July 2021

ECONOMICS 1021/1022 TUTORIAL COORDINATOR:

Duties: In 2008 the Economics Department began to offer tutorials to accompany the Principles of Economics Course. I was responsible for setting up the tutorials, supervising the graduate students who are to teach the tutorials, and consulting frequently with the teaching faculty and the graduate students and the head TA.

November 1988 to September 1990

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COORDINATOR OF THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS (CSIER)

Duties: Coordinating the various operations and research grants of CSIER (accounting, organizing conferences and seminars, working papers, preparing brochures, newsletters and proposals). Also editorial and research assistance, and supervision and hiring of occasional temporary help.

Academic Honors and Awards

- 2017-18 Winner of Social Science Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- 2003-04 Winner of *The Western 125 Award* in the category of Academics. This award was presented by the University Students’ Council to individuals who contributed greatly to the community’s standard of excellence.
- 2002-03 Nominated for the University Students’ Council *Award of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*

Professor of the Year, Economics Students’ Association, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario
- 2000-01 Nominated for the University Students’ Council *Award of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*
- 1999-00 Nominated for the University Students’ Council *Award of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching*
Professor of the Year, Economics Students’ Association, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario
- 1995-96 *Professor of the Year*, Economics Students’ Association, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario
- 1995-96 University Students’ Council Teaching Honour Roll, University of Western Ontario
- 1990-2014 According to student evaluations, I have been ranked in the top 5 (out of 40-47) faculty members in Western’s Economics Department for 15 of the last 25 academic years, in the top 3 for 11 of those years, and in the top 10 for 21 of those academic years. The ranking is no longer done by the department.
- 1981 Colonel Leonard Ibbotson Continuing Scholarship, Huron College, U.W.O.
- 1980-81 Ontario Scholar

Publications

- 2010-11 Created and made necessary revisions to *Connect*, a new online resource with approximately 60 questions per chapter. It includes sample tests, homework questions, graphing, algorithmic, and essay questions designed to assist students in studying from *Microeconomics, Canadian Edition*, by Bernheim, Whinston and

Martin, McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

- 2004 Co-authored with Martha Olney, *Study Guide* for use with the 1st Canadian Edition of *Macroeconomics* by DeLong, Mansoorian and Michelis, McGraw-Hill Ryerson.

Editorial Duties

At the request of the publisher, I have evaluated a variety of Microeconomics and Macroeconomics textbooks (at the Principles Level as well as the Intermediate Level) and study guides, including those for Addison-Wesley, McGraw-Hill Ryerson Ltd., Prentice-Hall Canada Inc., Harper Collins College Publishers, Wiley Publishers, Pearson Canada and the C.D. Howe Institute.

Educational Materials

- 2011 Created *Connect*, an online resource to accompany the Bernheim, Whinston, and Martin, *Microeconomics, Canadian Edition*, textbook. This is an online resource with approximately 60 questions per chapter.
- 2010 Hired by McGraw Hill to develop *Connect*, an online resource to accompany the Bernheim, Whinston, and Martin, *Microeconomics, Canadian Edition*, textbook.
- 2002-2003 Developed an online course for Distance Studies for Economics 153 (2153) (Macroeconomics, Level II).
- 1999-2000 Developed and wrote the correspondence course manual for Economics 152 (2152) (Macroeconomics, Level I), offered by The Faculty of Distance Studies, U.W.O.
- 1996 Updated the correspondence course manual for Economics 152(2152), offered by the Faculty of Part-Time and Continuing Education, U.W.O.
- 1993 Developed and wrote the correspondence course manual for Macroeconomics 152 (2152), offered by the Faculty of Part-Time and Continuing Education, U.W.O.
- 1994 Updated the correspondence course manual for Economics 150 (2150), offered by the Faculty of Part-Time and Continuing Education, U.W.O.
- 1990 Updated the correspondence course manual for Economics 020 (1021/1022), offered by the Faculty of Part-Time and Continuing Education, U.W.O.

Supervisory Duties:

May - September 2021

Supervised one of our graduate students (Evan Sauve) for the Western Summer 2021 Student Internship.

May - September 2020

Supervised two of our graduate students (Evan Sauve and Javier Martinez Fernandez) to assist with materials for Economics 1021/22. Supervised another graduate student (Charlotte Ursenbach) to assist with materials for Economics 2124a/b.

2008 - 18, 2019 – 2021

Tutorial Coordinator of Economics 1021/1022 (1020). I supervised and coordinated 19 graduate students in 2008-09, 16 students in 2009-10, 14 students in 2010-11 and 2011-12, 16 students in 2012-13, 15 students in 2013-14, 20 students in 2014-15, 15 students in 2015-16, 16 students in 2016-17, 13 students in 2017-18, 16 students in 2019-20, including our head TA and 16 students in 2020-21. Frequent group meetings were held as were individual meetings to provide support, advice and share strategies. Infrequently reprimands are necessary. I was also continually available in person and via e-mail for support to both the tutorial leaders and teaching faculty. I conducted TA evaluations annually online and met with the TAs individually to discuss their results and concerns and offer constructive criticism where necessary. I have also reviewed their classes in person when requested to offer advice. Lastly, I presented the Economics 1021/1022 (1020) Tutorial Leader Award, to reward the TA who received the most student votes. I also conduct bi-annual surveys of the Economics Drop-in Centre as well as tutorials in general.

2003-04

I supervised two general level students under the UWO Assistantship Program. They both undertook some research in the area of Macro Policy. This research was utilized by them and by me in lectures.

2002-03

I supervised two general level students under the UWO Assistantship Program. The one student performed some research in the area of Macro Policy for me and the other performed some editorial duties as well as a small amount of research.

Professional Development

During 2020-22, I attended numerous virtual workshops offered by a variety of publishers and the Centre for Teaching and Learning on campus regarding best practices for online teaching.

Every year, I have participated in various teaching skills workshops offered bi-annually or more frequently at U.W.O. (Spring Perspectives on Teaching, Fall Perspectives on Teaching and

various e-Learning workshops and Lunch and Learn Workshops).

In Spring 2019, I attended a teaching workshop sponsored by Pearson Education in Banff, Alberta. The workshop, *Ahead of the Curve*, brought together Economics instructors from across Canada to brainstorm and share experiences from teaching Economics.

In spring 2018, attended a workshop on Student-Faculty Pedagogical Partnerships and also participated in the Teaching with Technology Day, sponsored by the Teaching Support Centre.

From 2009-2016, I accompanied the first year graduate students to the GTA workshop offered by the Teaching Support Centre. This is intended to help the graduate students with their tutorials and for me to provide relevant assistance as Tutorial Coordinator.

In May 2012, I attended the Research on Teaching Symposium, sponsored by the Teaching Support Centre.

In May 2009 I completed the Teaching with Technology Workshop (3 days) offered by the Teaching Support Centre.

In May 2008 I completed the Course Design and Renovation Workshop (3 days) offered by the Teaching Support Centre.

In January 2004 I attended the Allied Social Science Meetings in San Diego, CA.

4. Service

2022 - 23	Undergraduate Director, Department of Economics
2004 – 23	Member of the Economics Department Committee on Academic Policy (CAP)
2019 – 21, 2007 - 18	Course Coordinator, Principles of Economics
2019 - 21, 2008 - 18	Tutorial Coordinator, Principles of Economics
2021- 23, 2019- 20, 2012-16, 2006 -07, 2003 - 04	Member of the Economics Department Workload Committee
2015 – 23	Conducted peer reviews of colleagues
2018 – 22	Member of the Committee for Contract Faculty, UWOFA.
2006 – 20	Member of the Economics Department Alumni Essay Prize Committee

- 2011 – 22 Advisor to the Undergraduate Coordinator in evaluating the equivalence of transfer credits from other universities
- 2016 – 20 Member of the Convocation Committee. Prior to the forming of the Convocation committee I have served at convocation as orator, usher, hooder and a member of the academic procession all but one of my years at Western.
- 1995 – 20 Parent and Faculty Advisor, Summer Academic Orientation offered by the Centre for New Students
- 2020 - 21 Recorded an introductory video to be shown by the Social Science Executive to provide a presentation to provide advice for first year Economic students during O-week.
- 2019 – 20 Was filmed by the Social Science Executive to provide a presentation to provide advice for first year Economic students during O-week.
- 2018 – 20, 2022 Delivered a sample lecture for the Social Science faculty for the University Fall Preview Day
- 2018 – 19 Delivered a sample lecture at Western’s March Break Open House.
- 2018 - 19 Member of the Educational Policy Committee for Social Science
- 2018 – 19 On the Social Science faculty panel for first year students during O-week
- 2017 - 18 Participated in the March Break Open House.
- 2015 – 16 Served as mentor for a new faculty member by evaluating his class and his exams, meeting frequently to discuss the course.
- 2009 - 15 Faculty Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Session Leader and Departmental Representative
- 2014 – 15 Member of the Western University Exam Seating Focus Group
- 2011 - 12 Approved the change in textbooks used at Fanshawe College to ensure transferability of credits from Fanshawe College to UWO
- 2008 – 09 Member of the Social Science Students Awards Committee
Served as consultant to the Centre for New Students regarding the redesign of the Summer Academic Orientation program
- 2006 – 07 Member of the Social Science Faculty Student Awards Committee

- 2005 - 06 Subject Coordinator, Intermediate Microeconomics
Member of the CAP Subcommittee on Graduate Teaching Assistants'
Assignments
- 2004 - 05 Served as Acting General Director of the Undergraduate Program
Member of the CAP Subcommittee on Graduate Teaching Assistants'
Assignments
Member, University Faculty Scholarship Committee
- 1998 - 2002 Member, Undergraduate Macroeconomics Curriculum Committee
- 1998 - 99 Undergraduate Macroeconomics Course Coordinator

Additional Duties

I have also frequently served as mentor to visiting lecturers, new lecturers and graduate students who are teaching courses for the first time at Western. I have also written reference letters for graduate students going on the job market as well as numerous reference letters for undergraduate students.