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Education

- Ph.D., Economics, University of Houston 2009 (expected)
- M.A., Economics, University of Houston 2006
- M.Sc., Economics, University of Calcutta 2001
- B.Sc., Economics, University of Calcutta 1999

Research Fields

Applied Macroeconomics, Political Economy, Economic Growth

Dissertation

Essays on Racial Fractionalization and Public Spending in U.S. Localities
Bent Sørensen (co-advisor), Steven Craig (co-advisor), Dietrich Vollrath

Job Market Paper

“The Dynamic Response of Fractionalization to Public Policy in U.S. Cities”

Working Paper

“Fractionalization and The Tragedy of Growth”

Work in Progress

“Small Businesses and Ethnic Fractionalization in US: An Exploration”
With Parul Mathur (University of Houston)

Teaching Experience

- Instructor, University of Houston: (Developed syllabus and overall course structure)
- Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 2305): Fall 2008, (Class Size - 62)
- Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECON 3334): Summer 2008, (Class Size - 22)
- Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 2304): Spring 2008, (Class Size - 49)
- Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 2304): Fall 2007, (Class Size - 73)
- Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 2304): Summer 2007, (Class Size - 42)
- Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 2304): Spring 2007, (Class Size - 52)
- Teaching Assistant, Dr. Ruxandra Prodan, Economics of Globalization, Spring 2009
- Teaching Assistant: Prof. Alok Bhargava, Fall 2005
- Teaching Assistant: Dr. William Alexander, Fall 2004 - Spring 2005

Research Experience

Research Assistant: Prof. Nat Wilcox and Dr. Parker Ballinger, Fall 2006 - Summer 2007

Paper Presentations

67th Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago	April 2009
9th Annual Missouri Economics Conference, University of Missouri and Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Columbia	March 2009 (Declined)
2009 Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Cleveland	March 2009
The XVI Symposium on Public Economics, Granada, Spain	February 2009 (Declined)
8th Annual Missouri Economics Conference, University of Missouri and Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Columbia	March 2008
Graduate Research Workshop, University of Houston	Spring 2008, Fall 2007

Conference Participation

16th Annual Texas Monetary Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Dallas	2008
Southern Economic Association, 77th Annual Meetings, New Orleans	2007
Texas Econometrics Camp XII, League City, Texas	2007

Honors and Awards

Dr. Walter J. Primeaux Jr. and Natalie A. Primeaux Scholarship	Spring 2009
Jhamandas Watulmull Fund Scholarship	Fall 2008
Primeaux Scholarship	Spring 2007
Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston	Fall 2004 - Summer 2009
Cullen Supplemental Fellowship, University of Houston	Fall 2004 - Summer 2006

Professional Affiliations

Southern Economic Association, Midwest Economic Association

Computer Skills

Stata, Gauss, EViews, LaTeX

Personal Information

Citizenship: India Gender: Male

Job Market Paper

Title: "The Dynamic Response of Fractionalization to Public Policy in U.S. Cities"

Abstract: This paper examines the effect of public policy on population diversity. Using U.S. city level data across decades, I find that public policy has a significant impact on ethno-racial fractionalization growth. Cities in which expenditure on public goods is higher experience a significantly lower growth of ethno-racial fractionalization. I use instrumental variables to identify the direction of causality. The negative impact of public goods spending on fractionalization growth is caused by a significant differential reaction by race to public goods spending. Cities with higher spending on public goods experience a higher growth of the non-Hispanic White population, but a lower growth of the population of other ethno-racial groups. These findings are novel because they indicate that fractionalization is neither a static characteristic of a locality, nor it is an exogenous cause of public policy design. Treating it as endogenous, I find that fractionalization has no significant effect on public goods provision. This casts doubts on claims that fractionalization has significant negative impacts on public policy design and thereby on economic performances.

References

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Rebecca A. Thornton (Teaching Reference)

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