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Education

Ph.D., University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, June 2002.

Fields: International Economics, Applied Econometrics, and Applied Game Theory.

Dissertation: Three Essays on Firms' Foreign Direct Investment Decisions.

Committee: Dr. Bruce A. Blonigen, Dr. Anne van den Nouweland, Dr. Ronald B. Davies, Dr. Jarrad Harford.

M.S., Ohio University, Athens, OH, August 1996.

Field: International Economics.

Masters Thesis: Reducing Carbon Emissions Through Taxation in Mexico: A Net Benefit Analysis.

B.A., St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, May 1995.

Major: Economics.

Honors Thesis: The Problems of Central Planning and Post-Communist Economic Reform in Bulgaria.

Positions

Assistant Professor, Fall 2008 – present, Portland State University, OR.

Visiting Assistant Professor, September 2006 – July 2008, Portland State University, OR.

Assistant Professor, 2002 – 2008, California State University Sacramento, CA.

Graduate Teaching Fellow, 1997– 2002, University of Oregon, OR.

Adjunct Instructor, Spring 1997, Fall 1997, Fall 1998, Linfield College, OR.

Research Assistant, 1995 – 1996, Ohio University, OH

Teaching Assistant, 1991 - 1995, St. Lawrence University, NY.

Refereed Publications

1. Ma, Alyson and Rossitza B. Wooster. "U.S.-Mexico Border Production and China: Is There a Real Threat?" Forthcoming, *Contemporary Economic Policy*.
2. Wooster, Rossitza B., Dube, Smile and Tapa M. Banda. "The Contribution of Intra-Regional and Extra-Regional Trade to Growth: Evidence from the European Union." *Journal of Economic Integration*, Vol. 23 (March 2008), 161-182.
3. Paul, Donna and Rossitza B. Wooster. "Strategic Investments by U.S. Firms in Transition Economies." *Journal of International Business Studies*, Vol 39 (March 2008), 249-266.
4. Wooster, Rossitza B. "U.S. Companies in Transition Economies: Wealth Effects from Expansion between 1987 and 1999." *Journal of International Business Studies*, Vol. 37 (March 2006), 179–195 (Lead Article).
5. Wooster, Rossitza B. and Craig A. Gallet. "Settling the Smoke: Public Policy and Shareholder Wealth in the Cigarette Industry." *Contemporary Economic Policy*, Vol. 23 (April 2005), 211-223.

Working Papers

1. Wooster, Rossitza B., and David Diebel. "Spillovers from Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries: A Meta Analysis." Invited revision.
2. Wooster, Rossitza B. " Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Reform in Transition Economies: An Evolutionary Game-Theoretic Approach." Under review.
3. Paul, Donna and Rossitza B. Wooster. "Offshoring, Outsourcing and Layoff Practices: An Analysis of Firm Performance across Industries." Under review.
4. Wooster, Rossitza B., and Joshua W. Lehner, "Reexamining the Border Tax Effect: A Case Study of Washington State." Under review.
5. Reyes, Javier and Rossitza B. Wooster. "A Networks Approach to Globalization, Regional Trade, and Growth." Working paper (June 2008).
6. Paul, Donna and Rossitza B. Wooster. "Direct investments in China and Transition Economies: Complements or Substitutes?" Work in progress.

Other Publications

1. Blonigen, Bruce A. and Rossitza B. Wooster. "CEO Turnover and Foreign Market Participation." *National Bureau of Economic Research*, Working Paper No. 9527.
2. "Balance of Goods and Services," in *Encyclopedia of Business in Today's World*, SAGE Publications, edited by Charles Wankel, forthcoming.
3. "The Leontief Paradox," in *Encyclopedia of Business in Today's World*, SAGE Publications, edited by Charles Wankel, forthcoming.

Grants and Awards

Faculty Enhancement Award, 2008 (\$8,704)

Awarded by the Provost for Research & Graduate Studies, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, Portland State University.

Faculty Enhancement Award, 2007 (\$6,953)

Awarded by the Provost for Research & Graduate Studies, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, Portland State University.

Professional Travel Grant Award. 2006 (\$900)

Awarded by the Provost for Research & Graduate Studies, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, Portland State University.

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies Summer Research Award, 2005 (\$2,000)

Awarded by the Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, California State University, Sacramento.

Research and Creative Activity Award, Summer 2003 (\$9,167).

Awarded by the Research and Creative Activity Subcommittee and Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, California State University, Sacramento.

Kleinsorge Research Fellowship, 2001, 2000, 1999 (\$2,000 each).

Awarded by the Department of Economics, University of Oregon.

Grants and Awards (continued)

Best Ph.D. Field Paper Award, 2000.

Awarded by the Ph.D. Program Committee, Department of Economics, University of Oregon.

Graduate Student Research Award, 2000.

Awarded by the Graduate School and Office of the Vice Provost for Research, University of Oregon.

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, 1997 - 2002.

Awarded by Ph.D. Program Committee, Department of Economics, University of Oregon.

Full Academic Scholarship, M.S. in Economics, 1995 - 1996.

Awarded by the M.A. Program Committee, Department of Economics, Ohio University.

Full Academic Scholarship, 1991 - 1995.

Awarded by St. Lawrence University.

Conferences and Seminars

2008

Western Economic Association International Conference, Honolulu, HI, June 29 - July 3, 2008.

Presentation: "An Empirical Analysis of Motives for Offshore Outsourcing by U.S. Firms," (with Donna Paul).

Discussion: "FDI in Mexico: An Empirical Assessment of Employment Effects," by Peter Nunnenkamp, José Eduardo Alatorre Bermont, and Andreas Waldkirch.

2007

Southern Economic Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 18-20, 2007. Session Chair (16G): International Trade and Offshoring. Presentation: "U.S.-Mexico Border Production and China: Is There a Real Threat?" (with Alyson Ma). Discussion: "Are Tax Havens Good Neighbors? An LDC Perspective," by Luisa Blanco and Cynthia Rogers.

Western Economic Association International Conference, Seattle, WA, June 29 - July 3, 2007.

Presentation: "Strategic Investments by U.S. Firms in Transition Economies" (with Donna Paul) and "Interdependence of Restructuring by Host Governments and Foreign Firms in Transition Economies."

Discussion: "Reconsidering the Backward Vertical Linkages of Foreign Affiliates: Evidence from Japanese Multinationals" by Kozo Kiyota, Toshiyuki Matsuura, Shujiro Urata, and Yuhong Wei; "Pollution Control and Foreign Direct Investment in Mexico: An Industry-Level Analysis," by Andreas Waldkirch and Munisamy Gopinath.

Seminar: "Settling the Smoke: Public Policy and Shareholder Wealth in the Cigarette Industry" Department of Economics, Portland State University, February 2007.

2006

Globalization and Regional Economic Development Conference, Gyeong Ju, South Korea, December 15-16, 2006. Presentation: "The Contribution of Intra-Regional and Extra-Regional Trade to Growth: Evidence from the European Union."

Southern Economic Association Conference, Charleston, SC, November 19-21, 2006. Presentation: "Interdependence of Restructuring by Host Governments and Foreign Firms in Transition Economies." Discussion: "Trade Structure and Economic Growth," by Raja Kali, Fabio Méndez, and Javier Reyes.

Midwest Economics Association, Chicago, IL, March 24-26, 2006. Session Chair (10F): Empirical Studies on Economic Growth II. Presentation: "Regional Trade Agreements: Do Trade Patterns Matter for Growth?" (with Tepa Banda and Smile Dube). Discussion: "Contractionary Devaluation Revisited: A Smooth Transition Regression," by Ilir Miteza.

Western Social Science Association, Phoenix, AZ, April 19-22, 2006. Session Chair (Panel 7): Topics in International Economics. Presentation: "Spillovers from Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries: A Meta-Analysis," (with David Diebel). Discussion: "Coins or Notes? Seigniorage Regulations in the EMU," by Carsten Lange and Christine Sauer; "Economic Growth and Income Inequality: the Taiwan Experience," by Yu-Feng Lee.

WTO, China, and the Asian Economies IV: Economic Integration and Development Conference, Beijing, China, June 24-25, 2006. Presentation: "Spillovers from Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries: A Meta-Analysis," (with David Diebel). Discussion: "FDI Flows to Latin America, East and Southeast Asia and China: Substitutes or Complements?" by Busakorn Chantasasawat, K.C. Fung, Hitomi Iizaka, and Alan Siu.

Seminars: "Strategic Investments by U.S. Firms in Transition Economies," Department of Economics, Portland State University, November 2006. "Spillovers from Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries: A Meta-Analysis," (with David Diebel), Department of Economics, University of Arkansas, February 2006.

2005

Midwest International Economics Group Meetings, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, October 14-16, 2005. Presentation: "Strategic Entry by U.S. Firms in Transition Economies."

Western Economic Association International Conference, San Francisco, CA, July 4-8, 2005. Session Chair (267): Market Asymmetry and Monetary Policy. Presentation: "Who Invests in Risky New markets?" (with Donna Paul). Discussion: "The Impact of Gasoline Price Movements on the Macroeconomy," by Michael C. Davis.

2004

Seminar: "Who Invests in Risky New markets?" Department of Economics, Marquette University, October 2004.

2003

Midwest International Economics Group Meetings, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, May 2-4, 2003. Presentation: "CEO Turnover and Foreign Market Participation," (with Bruce Blonigen).

Southern Finance Association Conference, Charleston, South Carolina December 3-6, 2003. Presentation: "Who Invests in Risky New markets?" (with Donna Paul).

Seminar, Sacramento Economics Roundtable, March 2003. Presentation: "U.S. firms in Transition Economies"

2002

Western Economic Association International Conference, Seattle, WA, June 29 - July 3, 2002. Presentation: "Networking and Foreign Direct Investment," (with Bruce Blonigen). Discussion: "State Policy and the Attraction of FDI in the United States," by Howard Shatz and Gustavo Bobonis.

Seminars: "Consequences for Shareholder Wealth from Expansion in Transition Economies: Evidence from the U.S. Stock Market" presented at Georgia Institute of Technology (January 2002), Sonoma State University (February 2002), University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire (February 2002), California State University, Sacramento (February 2002).

2001

Western Economic Association International Conference, San Francisco, CA, July 4-8, 2001. Presentation: "Consequences for Shareholder Wealth from Expansion in Transition Economies: Evidence from the U.S. Stock Market." Discussion: "Cross Border Mergers and Acquisitions," by Deborah Swenson.

2000

Midwest International Economics Group Meetings, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, May 19-21, 2000. Presentation: "The Interdependence of Foreign Direct Investment and Market-Oriented Reforms in Central and Eastern European Countries: A Game Theoretic Analysis."

Seminar: "The Interdependence of Foreign Direct Investment and Market-Oriented Reforms in Central and Eastern European Countries: A Game Theoretic Analysis," Department of Economics, University of Oregon, May 2000.

Instruction and Project Supervision

Undergraduate Courses: Principles of Microeconomics (traditional course); Principles of Microeconomics (Distance and Distributed Education, televised and online course); Intermediate Microeconomics; Introduction to Econometrics; Introduction to Mathematical Economics; International Trade (Traditional course); International Trade (Distance and Distributed Education, televised and online course); Fundamentals of Game Theory.

Graduate Courses: International Trade; Advanced Mathematical Economics; Research Projects I and II.

Thesis/Dissertation Supervision: Zach Willson, "*Economic Applications of Quantum Game theory*." Spring 2008 – present, (Dissertation Committee Member); Wendy Johnsen, "*International Trade Policies in the Cut-Flower Industry: Challenges and Opportunities*." Spring 2005 (Thesis Committee Chair); Tony Wei-Chung Luan, "Tests of the Heckscher-Ohlin Model: Recent Evidence." Spring 2005 (Thesis Committee Chair); Tapa Masiku Banda, "Regional Trade Agreements: Do Trade Patterns Matter for Growth?" Summer 2005 (Thesis Committee Chair); George Lam, "Economic Growth and Pollution in China: An Analysis on the Environmental Kuznets Curve." Summer 2005 (Thesis Committee Member); David Scott Diebel, "Spillovers from Foreign Direct Investment in developing Countries: A Meta-Analysis." Fall 2005 (Thesis Committee Chair); Lin Wu, "A Cross-Industry Analysis of Location and Equity Commitment Choices by U.S. Firms in China." In progress. (Thesis Committee Chair).

Other Professional Activities

Journal Referee: China Economic Review; Contemporary Economic Policy; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Economic Integration; Journal of International Business Studies; Journal of International Economics.

Reviews: Prospectus review for "Econometrics" by William Greene and William Becker, Prentice Hall, forthcoming, 2009; "Econometrics" by Stephen Schmidt, 1st ed., McGraw-Hill Higher Education, Spring 2002; "International Economics" by Paul Krugman and Maurice Obstfeld, 7th ed., Addison-Wesley Publishing, December 2003; Academy of International Business 2006 Annual Meeting, Beijing, China: Reviewer for Program Selection Committee.

In the Media: *Media Interviews:* "Area Experts Greet Dow's 10,000 Mark with Ho-hum Reaction, Caution." *Lodi News-Sentinel*, December 12, 2003; "Hanging on Steel Prices." *The Sacramento Bee*, February 20, 2005; "China's Shopping Spree Returns Dollars to U.S." *The Sacramento Bee*, June 29, 2005.

Radio Show Guest: "The Impact of Outsourcing on California," *Insight Radio Show*, Capital Public Radio, August 3, 2004; "Is California the Fifth Largest Economy?" *Insight Radio Show*, Capital Public Radio, February 22, 2006.

Press Briefing Speaker: California Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento, CA, August 11, 2004

Event Organizer: Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco University Symposium, Portland State University, November 30, 2006. Participating institutions: Portland State University and Reed College.

Service

Portland State University: Development Committee, Chair, fall 2008 – present; Graduate Program Committee, Member, fall 2007 – present; Freshman Day Undergraduate Advising, fall 2006; FRBSF University Symposium, Student Teams Faculty Advisor, fall 2006.

California State University Sacramento: Assessment Committee, Member, fall 2005 – fall 2006; Curriculum Committee, Member, summer 2003 – fall 2006; Economics Department Webmaster, fall 2003 – fall 2006; Faculty Advisor: Student Economics Club, spring 2003 – fall 2006; Faculty Co-Sponsor: Fulbright Scholar, fall 2003 - fall 2004; Graduate Director, fall 2005 – fall 2006; Graduate Program Committee, Member, fall 2002 – fall 2006; Undergraduate Program Advisor, fall 2003 - fall 2005; Undergraduate Advising Committee, Chair, fall 2004 - fall 2005; Graduate Coordinators Advisory Council, fall 2005 – fall 2006; Student Academic Development Committee, Chair, fall 2003 – 2005 (Member, fall 2003 – 2006); U.S. Export Assistance Center, Internship Liaison, fall 2003 – 2005.

Languages

English (fluent); Bulgarian (fluent); Russian (working knowledge); German (basic knowledge); Danish (basic knowledge).

Memberships

National Economics Honorary Society; Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.