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EDUCATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

- Ph.D. Economics, 2001
- M.A. Economics, 1998
- M.S. Statistics, 1997
- M.S. Forestry Economics, 1996

Alemaya University, Dire Dawa, Ethiopia

- B.S. Forestry, 1992

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Virginia Tech, **8/1997 – 8/2001**

Research Topics: (1) Economic analysis of the health impacts of development projects; (2) Interrelationship between public investments, technology adoption, and health; (3) Changes in savings behavior after economic shocks in Zimbabwe; (4) Analysis of poverty in Zimbabwe

Instructor, graduate mathematical economics review course (Summer 2000), Virginia Tech

Teaching assistant, Ph.D. econometrics (Spring 2000 and 2001), Virginia Tech

Research Assistant, Virginia Tech **8/1995 – 8/1997**

- Wrote a successful research proposal for the World Health Organization, “Economic analysis of water and land development projects in Ethiopia”
- Econometric analysis of rural energy resource supply and demand in Nepal

Teaching assistant for three undergraduate courses, Virginia Tech,
Natural Resources and Environmental Economics (Fall 1998);
International Economics (Spring 1999); Environmental Law (Fall 1997)

Graduate Assistant and Assistant Lecturer, Alemaya University **9/1992 – 8/1994**

- Taught introductory forestry and tree measurement courses
- Prepared forest management plan for University’s teaching, research and extension activities

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

1. “Regional fuelwood production and consumption: With implications for local adoption of new forestry practices” in W. Hyde and G. Amacher (eds.), *Economics of Forestry and Rural development in Asia: An Empirical Introduction*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2000, pp. 121-147 (with W. Hyde and G. Amacher)
2. “Changes in poverty in Zimbabwe between 1990 and 1996: Worsening outcomes under adverse conditions,” 2001, *Development Southern Africa*, forthcoming (with Jeffrey Alwang and N. Taruvinga)

3. “Disease, Microdams, and Natural Resources in Tigray, Ethiopia” (submitted to *Journal of Development Economics*), 2001, (with G. Amacher and D. Grebner)
4. “Productivity and land enhancing technologies in Northern Ethiopia: Health, public investments, and sequential adoption” (submitted to *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*), 2001, (with G. Amacher and J. Alwang)
5. “Changes in consumption and savings behavior before and after economic shocks: Evidence from Zimbabwe” (submitted to *Economic Development and Cultural Change*), 2001, (with H. Alderman and J. Alwang)

AWARDS/AFFILIATIONS

Fulbright Fellowship, 1994 -1996

Gold Medal award for most outstanding student, Alemaya University, 1992

Member, International Food and Agribusiness Management Association

Member, American Economic Association

Member, American Agricultural Economics Association

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient with most statistical and econometric analysis tools such as SAS, MATLAB, GAUSS, LIMDEP, STATA, GAMS, GIS, etc

EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Fellow,

8/2001 - present

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