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## Research and Teaching Interests

Economic Development, Economics of Labor Migration and Income Remittances, International Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Latin American Economies, Quantitative Analysis

## Education

PhD, Economics, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2012  
Master of Arts, Economics, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2006  
Bachelor of Arts, Economics, American University, Washington D.C., 2005

## Academic Experience

Assistant Professor, University of Tampa, August 2016-  
Assistant Professor, Hood College, August 2012-July 2016  
Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, September 2010-June 2012  
Adjunct Instructor, Milwaukee Area Technical College, January 2010-September 2011  
Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, August 2006-June 2010

## Publications

“Elasticity of Demand and Optimal Prize Distribution for Instant Lottery Games,” (with Gwyn Whieldon), *Atlantic Economic Journal*, Forthcoming.

“Remittances and Child Labor in Bolivia,” *IZA Journal of Migration*, 2016, 5:1, doi:10.1186/s40176-016-0050-6.

“Walking ATMs: Do Crime Rates Affect Remittances of Mexican Migrants in the US?” *Eastern Economic Journal*, 2015, Volume 41(1), pp. 6-23. 2014, Advance online publication 10 March 2014, doi:10.1057/ej.2014.12.

“Financial Development and the End-Use of Migrants’ Remittances,” *IZA Journal of Labor & Development*, 2014, 3:7, doi:10.1186/2193-9020-3-7.

## Working Papers

“Variations in Returns to Naturalization by Country of Origin,” with Miao Chi

“Follow the Money: Remittance Responses to FDI Inflows,” with Rebecca Neumann, revision requested at *Review of Development Economics*.

“The Effect of Workers’ Remittances on Poverty in Mexico: A Regional Analysis”

## **Research in Progress**

“Local Immigration Enforcement and Arrest Rates of the Hispanic Population”

## **Conference Presentations and Seminars**

“Variations in Returns to Naturalization by Country of Origin,” with Miao Chi

NEA/ASHE Freedom and Justice Conference, Washington, D.C., August 2016

“Remittances and Child Labor in Bolivia”

Northern Virginia Community College, Lyceum Series, Alexandria, VA, April 2016

US International Trade Commission, Office of Economics, Washington, DC, February 2016

University of Tampa, Department of Economics, Tampa, FL, February 2016

Gonzaga University, Department of Economics, Spokane, WA, January 2016

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2015<sup>D</sup>

International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2015

Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, March 2015

“Local Immigration Enforcement and Arrest Rates of the Hispanic Population”

NEA/ASHE Freedom and Justice Conference, Washington, D.C., August 2015

“The Effect of Workers’ Remittances on Poverty in Mexico: A Regional Analysis”

Sobre México: Congreso de Economía, Mexico City, Mexico, April 2015

Connecticut College, Department of Economics Seminar Series, October 2013

“Elasticity of Demand and Optimal Prize Distribution for Instant Lottery Games,” with Gwyn Whieldon

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2014<sup>D</sup>

International Meeting of the Association for Public Economic Theory, Seattle, WA, July 2014<sup>D, C</sup>

“Ethnic Self-Identification and Crime Among Children of Immigrants,” with Jessica Milli

NEA/ASHE Freedom and Justice Conference, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA., August 2014

“Teaching with Technology Panel: The Nearpod App on iPad”

National Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, Washington, D.C., May 2014<sup>D</sup>

“Financial Development and the End-Use of Migrants’ Remittances”

Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, May 2013

“Walking ATMs: Do Crime Rates Affect Remittances of Mexican Migrants in the US?”

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Department of Economics Seminar Series, 2011

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Labor Economics Workshop, 2009

<sup>D</sup> = Also served as discussant; <sup>C</sup> = Also served as session chair.

## **Courses Taught**

University of Tampa (3 courses per semester, approx. 25 students per course)

ECO 204: Principles of Microeconomics

ECO 430: International Economics & Finance

Hood College (3-4 courses per semester, approx. 10-35 students per course)

### *Courses taught within department*

ECON 206: Principles of Microeconomics

ECMG 212: Statistics for Economics and Management

ECON 302: Latin American Economies

ECON 306: Microeconomic Analysis (Intermediate Microeconomics)

ECON 316: Game Theory

ECON 317: Economics of Development

ECON 324: International Trade

ECON 410: Public Economics

ECON 470: Senior Research Seminar

ECON 480: Econometrics

### *Courses taught outside department*

FYS 101: First-year Seminar- Hunger Games: Challenges of Global Poverty

GLBS 200: Introduction to Global Studies

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (4 courses per semester, approx. 35-65 students per course)

ECON 201: Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 245: Business Statistics I

Milwaukee Area Technical College (1-2 courses per semester, approx. 15-30 students per course)

ECON 202: Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 201: Principles of Microeconomics (6-week Forward Management Program)

ECON 195: Economics (Lecture and Online)

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1-2 courses per semester, approx. 35-80 students per course)

ECON 100: Introductory Economics

ECON 103: Principles of Microeconomics (Lecture and Online)

ECON 104: Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 353: Economic Development

## **Undergraduate Research Supervision, Hood College Tischer Scholars/Departmental Honors Theses**

### Main Advisor

“The Gendered Impact of Migration and Remittances on Educational Attainment: The Case of Nicaragua,” Catherine Traini, 2015-2106.

“A Looming Threat from the East? An Empirical Perspective on American Economic Fears of China,” Clifford Quinn, 2012-2013.

#### Supervisory Committee Member

“Get a Little, Give a Little: A Look at Philanthropy in Higher Education,” Kirsten Roy, 2015-2016.

“Combinatorial Game Theory: The Search for Winning Strategies in Games of No Chance,” Allison Scheutz, 2014-2015.

“The Impact of Quantitative Easing on the Capital Markets: GARCH Analysis of the Exchange Traded Funds Market,” Nicholas Duafala, 2013-2014. Published in *Undergraduate Economic Review*, 11(1).

“Can the Spread of Credit Default Swaps Explain at What Point a Sovereign Will Default on its Debt?” Lucas Netter, 2012-2013.

#### **Professional Association Memberships**

American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, Latin America and Caribbean Economic Association, Latin American Studies Association

#### **Professional Service**

Referee: *Migration Letters*, *Comparative Economic Studies*, *Journal of Economic Education*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, *IZA Journal of Migration*

Textbook Reviewer: *Principles of Economics* (Mateer and Coppock), W.W.Norton; *Economic Development* 12<sup>th</sup> Edition (Todaro and Smith), Pearson; *Essentials of Economics* (Krugman, Wells, and Graddy), Worth.

#### **Academic Service**

MSCHE Reaccreditation Steering Committee, General Education Working Group, Chair, 2015-2016

Global and International Studies Council, 2015-2016

Global Studies Major Advisory Committee, 2014

Graduate School Council, 2013-2015

Academic Technology and Infrastructure Committee, 2013-2014

First-Year Reads Selection Committee, 2013-present

Economics Search Committee, 2012

Alternative Spring Break to Haiti, Faculty Lead, 2013-2016

Uniting Global Perspectives Living-Learning Community, Faculty Advisor, 2014

#### **Grants**

Board of Associates McCardell Professional Development Grant, Hood College, 2015

Board of Associates McCardell Professional Development Grant, Hood College, 2014

McNair Scholars Summer Research Grant, American University, 2004

## **Awards and Honors**

Omicron Delta Epsilon, 2016

Profiled for “Best of Hood” Global Studies Faculty, Hood College, 2016

Dr. Henry P. and Page Laughlin Faculty Professional Achievement Award, Hood College, 2015

Profiled for “Best of Hood” Undergraduate Faculty, Hood College, 2015

AHANA-I Award for Promoting Campus Diversity, Hood College, 2015

AHANA-I Award for Promoting Campus Diversity (awarded to department), Hood College, 2014

AHANA-I Award for Promoting Campus Diversity, Hood College, 2013

Student Accessibility Center Above and Beyond Award: For outstanding teaching of students with disabilities, UWM, 2008

## **Other Education**

Info-Metrics Institute: Nonparametric Kernel Methods, American University, Summer 2015

Adventure Education Center, Spanish Immersion Program, La Fortuna, Costa Rica, Summer 2007

Justus-Liebig Universität, Economics Summer Exchange Program, Giessen, Germany, Summer 2006

Oaxaca Cultural Institute, Spanish Immersion Program, Oaxaca, Mexico, Summer 2005

## **Media Mentions**

*Frederick News-Post*, “[Hood students eat on \\$2 per day to learn about poverty](#)” September 27, 2013.

*WHAG-NBC News*, “[Hood College takes on \\$2 Challenge](#)” September 26, 2013.

## **References**

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Prof. John Heywood                [heywood@uwm.edu](mailto:heywood@uwm.edu)                    (414) 229-4437  
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