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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022- present Teaching Professor, Department of Economics, University of Pittsburgh
Academic Director, Study Abroad Program in Central and Eastern Europe;
Affiliated Faculty Member at the Katz Business School, Graduate School for Public and International Affairs (GSPIA), University Center for International Studies (UCIS), Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (REEES), and Global Studies Center
Responsibilities include:
- Instructing undergraduate courses: Introductory Microeconomics, International Economics (Trade and Finance), Financial Economics, Economic Policy Analysis
 - Instructing graduate courses: Microeconomics, International Financial Policy, Economics for Public Affairs (GSPIA)
 - Directing the Economics summer study abroad program in Central and Eastern Europe (Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland)
 - Supervising undergraduate independent studies and research projects
 - Supervising graduate and undergraduate teaching assistants
 - Mentoring junior teaching faculty
 - Directing the Economic Pedagogy seminar series
- 2016 – 2022 Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Pittsburgh
2010- 2016 Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Pittsburgh
2006-2010 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Pittsburgh
2004-2006 Lecturer, Department of Economics, Temple University
2000-2001 Lecturer, Department of Economics and Management, Lviv Polytechnic National University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic Growth and Reforms, Development Economics, Comparative Economics

TEACHING

- Undergraduate courses: International Economics (Trade and Finance),
Financial Economics (Economics of Corporate Finance),
Microeconomics
Macroeconomics
Economic Policy Analysis
Comparative Economics of Central and Eastern European Countries
- Graduate courses: International Economics for Managers
International Financial Policy
Economics for Public Affairs
Microeconomics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Temple University (2006)

Specialization: Financial Economics, Economic Development

Thesis: Structural Vector Autoregression Analysis of Economic Growth and Fertility in Ukraine

Details: the thesis provides an explanation of households' demand for quantity and quality of children as country develops. The results of this empirical study, which employs co-integration, impulse response, variance decomposition, and sensitivity analyses of 1996-2005 Ukraine's data support the hypothesis about positive impact of economic policies that reduce opportunity cost of rearing children on the fertility rate

M.A. in Economics, Temple University (2003)

M.S. in Finance and Economics (with honors), Lviv Polytechnic National University (2000)

Degree in Law (with honors), Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (2000)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2020	Adaptation of OER in International Economics (with Carey Treado), Office of the Provost
2018	Course Incubator Project in Micro- and Macroeconomics, University of Pittsburgh, Office of the Provost
2018	Course Development Grant, Center for Russian and East European Studies
2013	Hewlett International Grant, Center for International Studies
2014	Research Grant, Center for Russian and East European Studies (REES)
2012	Research Grant, Center for Russian and East European Studies (REES)
2012	John G. Bowman Faculty Grant, Center for International Studies
2011	Hewlett International Grant, Center for International Studies
2009	Speaking in the Disciplines Seminar Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
2008	Office of Experiential Learning Grant, University of Pittsburgh
2008	Writing in the Disciplines Seminar Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh
2008	Research Grant, Center for Russian and East European Studies (REES)
2008	Course Development Grant, Center for Russian and East European Studies (REES)
2007	Best Faculty Paper Award, Northeastern Association of Business, Economics, and Technology (NABET)
2006	Norman and Ruth Sun Award, Temple University
2005	Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2003	Fox School of Business and Management Award, Temple University
2001-2006	Sen. Edmund Muskie Ph.D. Fellowship, U.S. Department of State

PUBLICATIONS

- Regional Growth and Poverty in Ukraine, with F. Kushnirsky (2017) in *Global Economy in Transition: the European Union and Beyond*, by Linda Winkler and Harold Codrington (ed.), Vernon Press: Wilmington, DE, 2017, pp.126-137
- The Impact of Professional Athlete Sponsorship on Educational Attainment in Western Kenya (2015), with A. Tranfaglia. *International Journal of Educational Development*, Vol. 41, 97-103
- Macroeconometric Study of Ukraine's Growth and Reform (2012), with L. R. Klein (Nobel Prize in Economics, 1980) and F. Kushnirsky. *Journal of Policy Modeling*, Vol. 34(3), 325-340

- Economic Reforms, Human Capital, and Economic Growth in India and South Korea: A Cointegration Analysis (2011), with M. Rabbani, *Journal of Economic Development*, Vol. 36 (2), 39-59
- Do Economic Reforms and Human Capital Explain Post-reform Growth? (2011) with M. Rabbani, *Macroeconomics and Finance in Emerging Market Economies*, Vol. 4 (1), 9-34
- Fertility, Money Holdings, and Economic Growth: Evidence from Ukraine (2009) *Comparative Economic Studies*, 51, 75-99
- The Impact of Transnational Corporations on Economic Development of Countries in Transition (2001) in *Ukrainian Idea as Demonstration of National Interest*. Kyiv: National Academy of Science of Ukraine (in Ukrainian)
- Problems of Payments without Ready Cash and Possibility of Their Solving in Ukraine (2001). *Vistnyk of Lviv Polytechnic National University*, 425, 172-174 (in Ukrainian)
- Problems of Privatization in Ukraine (1998), with M. Polyakov. *Vistnyk of Lviv Polytechnic State University*, 328, 219 (in Ukrainian)

WORKING PAPERS

The Cost of Euro Adoption in Poland, with Natalya Muravytska

Ukraine's Regional Economic Growth and Analysis of Regional Disparities, with F. Kushnirsky

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Dynamic Relationship between Interest Rates, Stock Prices, and Exchange Rates in BRICS Economies: Wavelet Analysis

The Socio-Economic Determinants of Crime in Eastern Europe, with Twesha Mitra

Economics of Abortions: Evidence from Czech Republic, with Nika Simonson

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2023 International Conference on Economics and Finance Research, Amsterdam, March 9-10
Innovative Educators Summit, March 16-17

2022 International Economics: Engaging Students with Real-World Group Projects, Hawkes Learning Webinar Series, Summer 2022

University of Pittsburgh Graduate School for Public and International Affairs, Faculty Expert Panel on Ukraine (March 2)

Faculty Expert Panel on Human Security in Ukraine (April 6).

2019 University of Pittsburgh 7th Annual Assessment and Teaching Conference

30th Annual Teaching Economics Conference hosted by Robert Morris University and McGraw-Hill Education

Stevenson/Wolfers Principles of Economics Summit, New York, NY;

EconEd Conference, New Orleans, LA

2018 University of Pittsburgh 6th Annual Assessment and Teaching Conference, faculty panel
Teaching Large Enrollment Classes;

29th Annual Teaching Economics Conference hosted by Robert Morris University and McGraw-Hill Education

2017 28th Annual Teaching Economics Conference hosted by Robert Morris University and McGraw-Hill Education;

presentations at Brandeis University, Indiana University (Bloomington), University of South Carolina

2016 McGraw-Hill Education Teaching without Limits Summit: Principles of Economics, Tucson, AZ;

29th Annual Conference of the Congress of Political Economists (COPE) in Madrid, Spain

- 2015 11th Annual Economics Teaching Conference, Dallas, TX;
Cengage Learning Principles of Economics Summit, Dallas, TX
- 2014 EconED Teaching Conference, Denver, CO;
British Association for Slavonic and East- European Studies Annual Conference,
Cambridge, UK;
University of Pittsburgh Honors College; Center for Russia and East European Studies,
University of Pittsburgh
- 2013 EconED Teaching Symposium, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2012 Russia Today course, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA;
Sports and Community Building in Africa Conference, University of Ohio, Athens, OH,
(with Anna Tranfaglia);
British Association for Slavonic and East- European Studies Annual Conference,
Cambridge, UK;
Eastern Economic Association 37th Annual Meeting, Boston, MA;
University of Pittsburgh Russia and East European Studies Center and Graduate
Organization for the Study of Europe and Central Asia (GOSECA), 9th Annual Conference
(chair and discussant)
- 2010 Invited lecture at the Summer Language Institute, University of Pittsburgh;
Russia Today course, Carnegie Mellon University;
Eastern Economic Association 36th Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA;
Pennsylvania Association of Credit Management
- 2009 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI;
Eastern Economic Association 35th Annual Meeting, New York, NY;
REES/GOSECA, 6th Annual Conference (chair and discussant)
- 2008 NABET 31st Annual Meeting, State College, PA; Center for Russia and East European
Studies, University of Pittsburgh
- 2007 Kyiv School of Economics and Kyiv Economics Institute, Kyiv, Ukraine;
NABET 30th Annual Meeting, State College, PA;
Arcadia University, Philadelphia, PA
- 2006 World Bank Young Professionals Program-2007, Washington, D.C.;;
Temple University Fox School of Business and Management, Philadelphia, PA
- 2005 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Center for International Business Education
and Research (CIBER) Conference, Urbana, IL;
Temple University, Fox School of Business and Management, Philadelphia, PA

REVIEWER

Textbooks:

- Gorman, L. Mastering the Fundamentals of Finance: Building Skills and Intuition, Cognella,
(2020)
- Wisla, R. Economic Transformation in Poland and Ukraine: National and Regional Perspective,
Routledge, (2019)
- Stevenson, B. and Wolfers, J. Principles of Economics (2019), Macmillan Learning
- Parkin, M. Microeconomics, 8e-12e, (2008-2016) Pearson Addison-Wesley Publishers
- McConnell, C., Brue, S. and Flynn, S. Economics, Principles, Problems, and Policies, 22 ed.
(2018), McGraw Hill Publishers
- Frank, R. and Bernanke, B. Principles of Economics, 3-5ed. (2009-2015) Mc-Graw Hill
Publishers
- Bade, R. and Parkin, M. Foundations of Economics, 4e-8e (2008-2017) Pearson Addison-
Wesley Publishers
- Husted, S. and Melvin, M. International Economics, 9ed (2012), Pearson Addison-Wesley
Publishers

Feenstra, R. and Taylor, A. International Economics, 2ed (2011) Worth Publishers
 Perloff, J. Microeconomics: Theory and Applications with Calculus, 2ed (2010) Pearson Addison-Wesley Publishers
 Mishkin, F. The Economics of Money, Banking, and Financial Markets, 9ed (2010) Pearson Addison-Wesley Publishers
 Markusen, J. and Maskus, K. International Trade: Theory and Evidence (2010) Wiley – Balckwell Publishers
 Appleyard, D., Cobb, S., and Field, A. International Economics, 7e (2009) McGraw-Hill Publishers
 Daniels and Van Hoose. International Monetary and Financial Economics, 4e (2009) Pearson Addison-Wesley Publishers
 Suranovic, S. International Economics: Theory and Policy (2009) Flat World Knowledge Publishers
 Boyes, W. and Melvin, M. Microeconomics, 7e (2008) Cengage Publishers
 Bowen, J. Global Market Myths (2007) McGraw-Hill Publishers
 Benninga, S. and Mofkadi, T. Principles of Finance with Excel, 3 ed, (2018), Oxford University Press

Academic Journals:

Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Development, Comparative Economics Studies, Eastern Economic Journal, Journal of Northeastern Association of Business, Economics, and Technology

MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association (AEA)
 Eastern Economic Association (EEA)
 Northeastern Association of Business, Economics, and Technology (NABET)

AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES

University of Pittsburgh Provost’s Planning and Budgeting Committee	
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences School Council (2020-2023)	
	Faculty Ambassador (2021-present)
	Planning and Budgeting Committee
	Nominating Committee
Department of Economics	Undergraduate Assessment Committee (2022-2023)
	Chair of the Undergraduate Students Affairs Committee (2021-present)
	Member of the Website Development Committee (2022-present)
	Visiting Lecturer Search Committee (2020)
	Chair of the Lecturer Recruiting Committee (2016-2017)
	Lecturer Recruiting Committee (2015-2016)
Affiliated faculty member at	Katz Business School
	Graduate School for Public and International Affairs,
	Center for International Studies,
	Center of Russia, East European and Eurasian Studies,
	Global Studies Center

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2023 Referee, Students Undergraduate Research Awards (SURA), University of Pittsburgh

2022 Judge, Schenker Economic Writing Competition, University of Pittsburgh
 2012 Summer-term Professor, Wuhan University (China)
 2012, 2009 Judge, Euro Challenge Competition of the European Commission Delegation to the US, Washington, D.C
 2011 Invited Presentation, Ukrainian American Film Festival, Ukrainian Community of Western Pennsylvania (UCOWPA)
 2011 Spring-term Professor, University of Pittsburgh Study Abroad Program in Argentina (University of Belgrano, Buenos Aires), South Africa (University of Cape Town), and China (Capital Normal University, Beijing)
 2009 Discussant, Panel Discussion on Global Economics, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
 2009 Judge, Undergraduate Research Symposium “Europe: East and West”, University of Pittsburgh

LANGUAGES

Ukrainian- native Russian- fluent English –fluent Polish - good

PERSONAL INFO

Citizenship: Ukraine
 US Legal Permanent Resident (since 2019)