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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Economics, Michigan State University (2007)
Dissertation Title: Panel Data Models with Unobserved Effects and Endogenous Explanatory Variables
Committee: Jeffrey Wooldridge (Chair), Peter Schmidt, Ana Maria Herrera, John Giles, David Tschirley
M.S., Applied Statistics, Bowling Green State University (2002)
M.A., Economics, Bowling Green State University (2001)
Diploma (with honors), Applied Mathematics, Samara State University, Russia (1999)

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Theoretical and Applied Econometrics

TEACHING:

Graduate: Panel Data Econometrics (Spring 2008, Spring 2009)
Undergraduate: Applied Econometrics (Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009)

CURRENT POSITION:

Fall 2007 – present *Assistant Professor*, Department of Economics, University of Pittsburgh

PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

Summer 2007 *Research Assistant*, Department of Sociology, MSU
Fall 2006 *Consultant*, Center for Statistical Training and Consulting, Department of Probability and Statistics, MSU
Summer 2006 *Research Assistant*, Department of Economics, MSU
Summer 2004 and 2005 *Instructor* (Introduction to Macroeconomics), Department of Economics, MSU
Fall 2003 – Spring 2006 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Economics, MSU
Fall 2002 – Spring 2003 *Consultant*, Statistical Consulting Center, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, MSU
Summer 2002 *Research Assistant*, Statistical Consulting Center, BGSU
Fall 2001 – Spring 2002 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Academic Enhancement, BGSU
Fall 2000 – Spring 2001 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Economics, BGSU

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, May 5, 2009
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI, April 30-May 2, 2009
Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH, March 20-22, 2009
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 21-23, 2008
Canadian Econometrics Study Group Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, September 26-28, 2008
Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, October 26, 2007
UNU-WIDER Conference on Fragile States - Fragile Groups, Helsinki, June 15-16, 2007
Economic Education and Research Consortium (EERC), Kiev, Ukraine, May 15, 2006
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 18-20, 2005
Midwest Econometrics Group Annual Meeting, Carbondale, Illinois, October 14-15, 2005

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

2008-2009 - \$1,500.00 - REES Small Grant (with Svetlana Maksymenko) from the University of Pittsburgh
 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, College of Social Science, Michigan State University, 2007
 Research Enhancement Award, Graduate College, Michigan State University, 2006
 K.L. Klomprens Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2005
 H.R. Neville Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2002, 2003, 2006
 Honors Scholarship, Samara State University, Russia, 1994-1999

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

December 2008 Workshop, Economic Education and Research Consortium (EERC), Kiev, Ukraine
 March 2006 Nuffield College, Oxford University, UK, Easter School in Econometrics on Dynamic
 Panel Data

CONTRIBUTION TO GRADUATE TRAINING:

Year	Student	Role	
2007-2008	Chatterjee, Chirantan (CMU)	Reader	Second year paper
2008-2009	Ozturk, Serda Selin (U of Pittsburgh)	Reader	Thesis
2008-2009	Shahidi-Azizabadi, Ahmad (U of Pittsburgh)	Reader	Thesis

PUBLICATIONS:

- Fixed Effects Instrumental Variables Estimation in Correlated Random Coefficient Panel Data Models (with Jeffrey M. Wooldridge), 2008, *Journal of Econometrics*, 142, 539-552.
- The Comovement Between Inventory Investment and Sales: Higher and Higher (with Ana Maria Herrera and Elena Pesavento), 2008, *Economics Letters*, 99, 155-158.

WORKING PAPERS:

- A Control Function Approach to Estimation of Correlated Random Coefficient Panel Data Models
- Daytime Shelter Seeking Behavior in Domestic Horses (with Camie Heleski)

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- Poverty Persistence and the Market for Migrant Labor: An Analysis Using a Dynamic Binary Response Panel Data Model with an Endogenous Regressor (with John Giles)

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