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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Experimental Economics, Public Economics	
PUBLISHED/ACCEPTED RESEARCH	<p>“Do Conditional Cash Transfers Create Resilience Against Poverty? Long-run Evidence From Jamaica”. <i>World Development</i>, 2024, Vol 176</p> <p>“Robust Estimates of Vulnerability to Poverty Using Quantile Models.” <i>Economic Modelling</i>, 2023, Vol 123</p> <p>“An Examination of the Effect of Inequality on Lotteries for Funding Public Goods.” (with Cary Deck and Li Zhang), <i>Journal of Public Economic Theory</i>, 2022, Vol 24(4)</p> <p>A Living Wage for Jamaica: Considerations for Calculation and Implementation (with Lauren Marsh and Danny Roberts). <i>Social and Economic Studies</i>, 2017, Vol 66(1&2).</p>	

WORKING PAPERS	<p>“Public goods provision in complex contexts. Does inequality matter when contributors are recognized?”.</p> <p>- Summary: While public recognition has been shown to be an effective method of minimizing the free-rider problem in public goods provision, its effectiveness depends on the real-world complex contexts that it is implemented in. One such context is intergroup inequality. No previous study has examined the role of inequality when contributors are observed. This paper experimentally investigates this question. It is observed that when contributors are observed, inequality reduces public goods funding, but only in the case of extreme inequality. At least nominally, for low to medium levels of inequality, the opposite is observed. At low to medium levels of inequality, subjects who were better off by inequality significantly increase their contributions to public goods relative to contributions observed in equality. However, as inequality gets even higher, subjects who were better off lowered their contribution back to the level observed in equality. These results are a departure from the typical result of how inequality affects contributions, and corroborates the economic theory developed in this paper which shows that inequality affects contributions to public goods through its impact on social image.</p>																				
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<p>““Productive Asset Transfers and Worker Misallocation: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial””</p> <p>“The Agricultural Productivity Gap: Evidence from Uganda”</p>																				
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>Instructor, College of the Holy Cross (2022–present) <i>Principles of Economics</i> <i>Intermediate Microeconomics</i> <i>Development Economics</i></p> <p>Instructor, The University of Alabama (2019–2022) <i>Intermediate Microeconomics (in-person, online asynchronous, online synchronous)</i></p> <p>Instructor, The University of the West Indies (2013) <i>Introductory Statistics</i> Summer 2013</p> <p>Teaching Assistant, The University of Alabama</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><i>Macroeconomic Theory (Masters)</i></td> <td>Spring 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Managerial Economics (Masters)</i></td> <td>Spring 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>International Trade (Undergrad and Masters)</i></td> <td>Spring 2019 and 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Game Theory</i></td> <td>Spring 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Econometrics</i></td> <td>Fall 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Intermediate Macroeconomics</i></td> <td>Spring 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Principles of Microeconomics</i></td> <td>Fall 2017, 2018 and 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Principles of Macroeconomics</i></td> <td>Spring 2018, 2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Business Finance</i></td> <td>Summer 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Financial Analysis and Modelling</i></td> <td>Summer 2018</td> </tr> </table>	<i>Macroeconomic Theory (Masters)</i>	Spring 2021	<i>Managerial Economics (Masters)</i>	Spring 2021	<i>International Trade (Undergrad and Masters)</i>	Spring 2019 and 2020	<i>Game Theory</i>	Spring 2020	<i>Econometrics</i>	Fall 2019	<i>Intermediate Macroeconomics</i>	Spring 2019	<i>Principles of Microeconomics</i>	Fall 2017, 2018 and 2019	<i>Principles of Macroeconomics</i>	Spring 2018, 2019	<i>Business Finance</i>	Summer 2018	<i>Financial Analysis and Modelling</i>	Summer 2018
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OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), St Andrew, Jamaica <i>Policy Analyst/Economist in poverty and inequality</i> 2013 – 2017</p>																				
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Economic Association 93rd Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana (Upcoming, 2023). • Southern Economic Association 92nd Annual Meeting. Fort Lauderdale, Florida (2022). 																				

- Public Choice Society Meeting. Nashville, Tennessee (2022)
 - ACM conference on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization. Online (2021)
 - EFLS brown bag, University of Alabama. Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (2021)
 - Southern Economic Association 91st Annual Meeting. Houston, Texas (2021).
 - Association for Mentoring and Inclusion in Economics (AMIE). Online (2021)
 - Southern Economic Association 90th Annual Meeting. Online (2020).
 - 8th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference. Kingston, Jamaica (2015).7).
- CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE
- 4th High Level Meeting of the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network, Acapulco, Mexico (2016).
 - 9th Annual Caribbean Child Research Conference, Kingston, Jamaica (2016)
 - 4th Annual National Health Research Conference, Kingston, Jamaica (2014)
- REPORTS
- “*Household Consumption*” in the Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions (JSLC) 2012, 2013 and 2014.
 - “*Westmoreland Modified Local Area Economic Profile (LEAP)*” (2013): for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) Caribbean Local Economic Development Programme.
- REFEREEING
- Economic Modelling, 2023.
 - Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy, 2022.
- SERVICE /MEMBERSHIPS
- International Studies Faculty Board, College of the Holy Cross (current)
 - Department Honors Selection Committee, College of the Holy Cross (current)
 - Southern Economic Association (current)
 - African American Graduate Student Association, University of Alabama (2017-2019)
 - Jamaica Survey of Living Conditions committee, PIOJ (Jamaica, 2013-2017).
 - Research Ethics Committee, Ministry of National Security (Jamaica, 2013-2017).
 - Technical Working Group for the revision of the poverty measurement methodology, PIOJ (Jamaica, 2013-2017).
 - Jamaica Poverty Mapping Committee, PIOJ (Jamaica, 2013-2017).
- AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
- Finalist, Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition, UA (2021)
 - Summer Research Grant: Dept. of Economics, Finance and Legal Studies, UA (2021)
 - Development Bank of Jamaica Scholarship for excellence in academics, UWI Mona (2009-2011)
 - WIGUT Bursary for excellence in academics, UWI Mona (2009-2011)
 - NWC Cooperative Credit Union Scholarship for excellence in academics, UWI Mona (2008-2011)
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- Proficient in Stata, z-Tree, SPSS and L^AT_EX.
 - Working Knowledge of R, MATLAB, SAS. EVIEWS, HTML and CSS.