

WEI GAO

CURRICULUM VITAE, AUGUST 2014

PhD Student
Department of Finance
Temple University
1801 Liacouras Walk
Philadelphia, PA 19122-6083

Phone (office): 215-204-7676
Fax: 215-204-5698
E-mail: tuf76519@temple.edu
Citizenship: Chinese (with F-1 status)

EDUCATION

- PhD Student Temple University, Finance, *August 2014 to Present*
- PhD Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Economics, *August 2011*
*Dissertation: "Assassination and Economic Performance"
*Committee: Scott Gilbert (chair), Richard Grabowski, AKM Mahbub Morshed, Kevin Sylwester (co-chair), Raymond Wacker
*Fields: Development Economics (primary), Finance (secondary)
- MA Renmin University of China, International Trade, *July 2004*
- BA Harbin Engineering University, English (Science & Technology),
July 2001

EMPLOYMENT

- Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA*
- Research Assistant, 08/2014-Present
- East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, E Stroudsburg, PA, USA*
- Assistant Professor of Economics, 08/27/2013-05/31/2014
- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Bloomsburg, PA, USA*
- Visiting Instructor of Economics, 08/27/2011-08/26/2013
- Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL, USA*
- Teaching Assistant, Economics Department, 08/13/2007-08/26/2011
- Bank of Beijing, Beijing, China*

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Human Resource Specialist, August 2004-August 2006

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Teaching Assistant, Finance Department

- Fin 3507: *Investments*, undergraduate level, Fall 2014

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, E Stroudsburg, PA

Assistant Professor of Economics Fall 2013 to Spring 2014

Spring 2014

- 1 big section (80 students) and 2 regular sections (45 students per section) of *Principles of Microeconomics*, an undergraduate course covering the following topics: demand and supply, elasticity, consumer choice, production and cost, monopoly, oligopoly, etc.
- 1 section (25 students) of *Economic Growth and Development*, an upper level undergraduate course covering the following topics: physical capital, population and economic growth, the role of technology in growth, income inequality, etc.
- 1 section (25 students) of *International Trade*, an upper level undergraduate course covering the following topics: comparative advantage, the Ricardian Model, the Heckscher-Ohlin Model, the Standard Trade Model, firms in the global economy, controversies in trade policy, etc.
- Developing a new course, *Global Economy*, an upper level undergraduate course focusing on economies in the emerging markets, such as, China and India. Contacted publishers and checked out potential textbooks for the course. Discussed with colleagues about course topics and format.

Fall 2013

- 2 big sections (80 students per section) of *Principles of Microeconomics*
- 1 big section (80 students) of *Principles of Macroeconomics*, an undergraduate course covering the following topics: GDP and the standard of living, jobs and unemployment, CPI and the cost of living, money and the monetary system, AD-AS and the business cycle, fiscal and monetary policy, etc.
- 1 section (25 students) of *International Finance*, an upper level undergraduate course covering the following topics: National Income Accounting, Exchange Rates, Output and the Exchange Rate in the Short Run, Fixed Exchange Rate and Foreign Exchange Intervention, etc.

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, Bloomsburg, PA

Visiting Instructor of Economics Fall 2011 to Spring 2013

Spring 2013

- 1 section of *Principles of Macroeconomics*
- 4 sections of *Business and Economics Math*, an undergraduate course covering the following topics: algebra and equations, graphs, lines and inequalities, functions and graph, exponential and logarithmic functions, etc.

Fall 2012

- 2 sections of *Principles of Microeconomics*
- 2 sections of *Business and Economics Math*

Spring 2012

- 2 sections of *Principles of Macroeconomics*
- 2 sections of *Business and Economics Math*

Fall 2011

- 3 sections of *Principles of Microeconomics*
- 1 section of *Business and Economics Math*.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL

Sole Responsibility Instructor, Economics Department

- *Introduction to Macroeconomics* (Fall 2010, Spring 2010). Topics covered are similar to those in the aforementioned *Principles of Macroeconomics*. Developed significant supplementary course materials. See the course format at <http://mypage.siu.edu/weigao/econ241>.
- *Introduction to Microeconomics* (Fall 2009). Topics covered are similar to those in the aforementioned *Principles of Microeconomics*.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL

Teaching Assistant, Economics Department

- Econ 333: *Environmental Economics*, undergraduate level, Spring 2011
- Econ 463: *Applied Econometrics*, graduate level, Spring 2011
- Econ 511: *Advanced Mathematical Economics*, graduate level, Spring 2009

- PUBLICATIONS** “The Effect of Assassinations on Political Institutions: are the Jones-Olken Findings Robust?” (with Scott Gilbert and Kevin Sylwester), *Applied Economics Letters*, 20, 2013, 673-676.
- WORKING PAPERS** “Leader Assassination and Economic Growth” (with Scott Gilbert and Kevin Sylwester)
- “Assassination Outcomes and Trade Policy” (with Scott Gilbert and Kevin Sylwester)
- WORK IN PROGRESS** “The Effect of Deregulation on Capital Structure Speed of Adjustment”
- “Firm's Target Leverage and Its Merger and Acquisition Decisions”
- “Assassination and Investment”
- CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** “What Economic Policies Do Assassinations Affect?” *EEA 2012 Annual Meeting*, March 2012
- “Assassination and Economic Growth,” *MEA 2011 Annual Meeting*, March 2011.
- “Inequality, Education Expenditure, Technology Diffusion and Economic Growth” *MEA 2010 Annual Meeting*, March 2010.
- SERVICES** Recruiting Activity at ESU Open House 2013, 11/09/2013
- Faculty Advisor of Students Major in Economics
- Faculty Advisor of E-News, an economic newsletter published quarterly by the Department of Economics, Spring 2014
- Faculty Advisor of Economics Club, Spring 2014
- Serving on a D2L Task Force and Developing D2L Training Workshops for Faculty, Spring 2014
- Recruiting Economics Majors on Declare a Major Day, 02/13/2014
- Representing Economics Department at Majors and Minors Fair on 03/25/2014
- Representing Economics Department at Annual Accepted Student Reception on 03/29/2014
- Representing Economics Department at Honors Convocation on 04/11/2014

Participating Omicron Delta Epsilon Economic Honor Society Ceremony on 04/24/2014

Serving as a Marshall for May 2014 undergraduate commencement ceremony.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Research Assistantship, 08/2014-08/2019, Temple University

Graduate Assistantship, 2007-2010, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Thomas and Chany Chung Endowed Scholarship, 2008, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Doctoral Fellowship Nominee, 2008, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming: STATA
Applications: LATEX, HTML

REFERENCE

Kevin Sylwester
Associate Professor, Economics
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Faner Hall 4141
Carbondale, IL 62901
Phone: (618)453-5075
Email: ksylwest@siu.edu

Scott Gilbert
Associate Professor, Economics
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Faner Hall 4044
Carbondale, IL 62901
Phone: (618)453-5095
Email: gilberts@siu.edu

Pattabiraman Neelakantan
Department Chair, Economics
400 Normal ST
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
Email: pats@esu.edu
Phone: (570) 422-3002