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PERSONAL:

Birthdate: August 27th, 1966
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U.S. Permanent Resident
Marital Status: Single
Languages: Spanish and English, both
fluently

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Economics (1994), Auburn University, AL
Fields of Specialization: International Economics,
Macroeconomics, and Applied Econometrics
Dissertation: "The Silver Standard in Two Late Adherents:
Mexico and India"
Committee: Professor Leland B. Yeager, Chairman
Professor David O. Whitten
Regions Professor Steven B. Caudill

B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Saint Mary's College, Winona,
MN, 1990
Double Major: Economics, Biology
GPA overall: 3.71/4.00

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

International Trade
International Finance
Macroeconomics
Economic History
The Economics of Regulation and Competition

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Director of a Master's Program and Professor of
Economics, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, La Paz,
Bolivia, April 2006 – Present.

Affiliate Professor of Economics, Pontificia Universidad
Católica del Perú, Lima, Perú, April 2008-Present.

Consultant, World Bank, La Paz, Bolivia, September 2009.

- Conducted a feasibility study for a project on urban productive alliances in four key sectors of the Bolivian economy: foodstuffs, textiles, leather, and wooden products.

Service Viability Analyst, Abt Associates Inc., Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 2009 – May 2009.

- As part of the USAID-funded *Trade and Competitiveness Project*, Abt Associates Inc., carried out a financial and operational assessment of the Guatemalan Exporter's Association (AGEXPORT).
- Member of the Abt Associates Inc., team, I conducted a review of AGEXPORT prospects for achieving financial viability for each of the existing and planned service activities of the organization.

Private Sector Development Advisor for the United Kingdom Department For International Development (DFID), Sierra Leone, West Africa, February 2006 – March 2008.

- In charge of the Administrative Barriers Project, whose four basic objectives were:
 - to simplify business registration processes
 - to simplify tax and customs systems
 - to restructure the export and investment agency, and
 - to establish an efficient system for access to land

Lead Economics Consultant, Manquiri Mining Company (Subsidiary of Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation), Potosí, Bolivia, May 2007 – September 2007.

- Co-Author of the study "Quantification of Socioeconomic Impacts of Manquiri's Activities in Potosí".

Director of a Master's Program on Regulation and Competition (Antitrust), Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, La Paz, Bolivia, August 2001 – May 2006.

National Coordinator of a Rural Development Project (the PDCR Project), Ministry of Popular Participation and Decentralization of Bolivia, July 2004 – August 2005.

- Cabinet-level post
- Responsible for channelling \$64 million to a set of projects in 200 municipalities across Bolivia
- Objective of the project is to reduce poverty levels in rural areas through programs designed to strengthen relevant actors within municipalities. These actors include mayor of cities, councilmen and councilwomen, indigenous leaders and other elected officials from targeted communities.

Visiting Fellow, Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWA), Hamburg, Germany, May 2003 – July 2003.

- Purpose of the visit was to conduct research on Regulation and Competition Policies in Developing Countries.

Trade and Investment Consultant, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Investment, La Paz, Bolivia, September 2001 – December 2001.

- In charge of drafting preparatory document for negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement between Bolivia and the US. The document includes potential benefits, costs, and the most important challenges that must be overcome in order to achieve final objective.

Decentralization Consultant, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Decentralization of Bolivia, Study on Fiscal Instruments for 30 Municipalities across Bolivia, August – October 2001.

- Purpose of the study was to detect the main weaknesses and difficulties in the utilization of fiscal instruments in a representative sample of municipalities across Bolivia. The results were to be used in channelling donor funds to those areas in most need of strengthening. Study financed by the Dutch Assistance Program (PAP Holland).

Economist, Sectorial Regulation System (SIRESE), La Paz, Bolivia, March 2000 – April 2001. The SIRESE system is composed of five sectorial superintendencies:

hydrocarbons, electricity, water, telecommunications and transportation services.

- In charge of analyzing technical arguments of second-instance legal recourses presented before the SIRESE General Superintendence; elaborating drafts of resolutions to solve recourses presented by the regulated operators in all five sectors that comprise the SIRESE system.

Economic Adviser, Ministry of International Trade and Investment of Bolivia, September 1997 – February 2000.

- Co-author of an umbrella competition law for all sectors in the Bolivian economy.
- Responsible for recommending changes to laws and other legal procedures with direct influence on private investment. Recommendations to constitutional and other legal documents under consideration by the National Congress include: Bolivian constitution, commercial code as it refers to investment registration procedures, exports law, municipality's law, and immigration supreme decree.
- Counterpart to the Foreign Investment Advisory Services (FIAS – World Bank) and its production of the document “Establishing and Operating a Business in Bolivia – An Investor Map”. Participated in the actual analysis of main factors inhibiting private activities in the country – registry requirements, customs regulations, labor market inflexibilities – and in the writing of final document.
- Adviser to Viceminister of Investment and Privatization on issues regarding private investment – particularly foreign investment – and the privatization of several public utilities throughout the country.
- Counterpart for dealing with donor institutions (World Bank, Interamerican Development Bank, Corporación Andina de Fomento, among others).

Principal Adviser, Non-Governmental Organization “Center for the Integral Development of Rural Areas” (CEDIR), Cochabamba, Bolivia, January 1996 – August 1997.

- Responsible for training municipalities on issues regarding the Decentralization Process in the country and its sister process “Popular Participation”.

Director of the Environment, Industry and Mining Project, National Secretariat of Mines of Bolivia, August 1996 - August 1997.

Visiting Professor of Economics, Economics Department, Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone, March 2006 – March 2008.

Professor of Economics, Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (UMSA), graduate level, La Paz, Bolivia, August 2000 – December 2005.

Visiting Professor of Economics and Finance, Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz (UPSA), graduate level, Santa Cruz, Bolivia, November 1999 – October 2004.

Professor of the Economics of Regulation and Competition, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, graduate level, La Paz, Bolivia, July 2001 – Present.

Consultant, Central Bank of Bolivia, Department of Economic Research, July 1995 - July 1996.

- Researcher – funded by the United Nations – on issues ranging from possible modifications to reserve requirements for domestic currency and dollar-denominated accounts, to potential schemes for the establishment of an insurance-deposits system in the country (much like the FDIC system in the US). The latter work was utilized as the basis for passing the Deposit-Insurance law in 1999.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Bentley College, Waltham, Massachusetts, August 1994 - June 1995.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Auburn University, AL, 1990 - 1994

PUBLICATIONS:

Several articles in the Bolivian national press, 1996 - Present.

“Evidence of Purchasing Power Parity in Silver-Backed Mexico and India”, Australian Economic History Review, forthcoming.

“Inflation in Post-Conflict Countries: The Case of Sierra Leone”, Atlantic Economic Journal, December 2008.

“Regulation of the Electricity Industry in Bolivia: Its Impact on Access to the Poor, Prices and Quality”, (with Michael Krakowski), Report 250, Hamburgisches Welt-Wirtschafts-Archiv, October 2003.

“Small-Sample Properties of ML and COLS Estimators of Frontier Models in the Presence of Heteroscedasticity: A Reply to A. Banker, A. Chang, and A. Cooper” (with Steven B. Caudill and Jon M. Ford), European Journal of Operational Research, Volume 136, Issue 2, January 2002.

Basis for the Establishment a Free Trade Area between Bolivia and the United States, Official Document, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Investment, 2002.

Investment Guide for Bolivia, Government Press, 2000 Edition.

"Small-Sample Properties of ML and COLS Estimators of Frontier Models in the Presence of Heteroscedasticity" (with Steven B. Caudill and Jon M. Ford), European Journal of Operational Research 108, 1998, 140-148: A Comment.

"The Demand for Bolivian Tin" (with Steven B. Caudill) Atlantic Economic Journal, December 1992.

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**PROFESSIONAL
PRESENTATIONS:**

"The Silver Standard In Two Late Adherents." American Economic Meeting, Washington D.C., January 1995.

"An Investigation of the Relative Salaries of Latin and Hispanic Baseball Players," with Jennie E. Raymond. Southern Economic Meeting, Orlando, Florida, November 1994.

**INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES:**

“Attacking Poverty: What Makes Growth Pro-Poor?” 9th Annual Conference, Hamburg Institute of International Economics, Hamburg, Germany, May 2003.

Conference on “International Antitrust Law and Policy”, Fordham University School of Law, New York, October 2000.

Investment Promotion Seminar, sponsored by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Tokyo, Japan, June – August 1998.

“Reform of the Environmental Regulatory Framework in Private Sector Operations: a Program for Latin America”, Economic Development Institute, World Bank, Buenos Aires, Argentina, September 1996.

HONORS:

Thomas More Scholar, 1987-1990
La Sallian Institute, Honors Program at Saint Mary's College, 1986 - 1990
Beta Beta Beta Biological Society, 1988 - 1990
Delta Epsilon Sigma, National Catholic Honour Society, 1988-1990
Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, 1990
National Dean's List, 1988-1989
Scholar Athlete of the Year, 1988-1989
Most Valuable Athlete, Cross Country, 1987

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Atlantic Economic Society

REFERENCES

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