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## Education

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- 2017 –2020 **PhD in Economics, Monash University**, Australia  
Thesis Title: “Three Essays on Subjective Wellbeing”.
- 2015 – 2016 **Postgraduate Diploma in Economics, The University of the South Pacific**, Fiji.
- 2012 – 2015 **Master of Commerce in Economics, The University of the South Pacific**, Fiji.  
Thesis Title: “Devaluation and its impact on trade performances in Fiji: A sectoral and bilateral level analysis”.
- 2009 – 2011 **Bachelor of Commerce [Economics and Accounting], The University of the South Pacific**, Fiji.

## Academic Appointments

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- 2020 - **Research Fellow**  
Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research,  
The University of Melbourne.
- 2017 - 2020 **Teaching Associate**  
Department of Economics,  
Monash University.
- 2016 **Assistant Lecturer**  
School of Economics,  
The University of the South Pacific.
- 2013 - 2016 **Teaching Assistant**  
School of Economics,  
The University of the South Pacific.

## Research Interests

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Applied development Economics, Subjective Wellbeing, Health Economics, Panel data

## Publications:

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### Journal Articles

1. Locus of control and the gender gap in mental health. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization (JEBO)*, 2020, 178 (Oct), pp. 740-758 (with S. Churchill, E.Munyanyi, R. Smyth). [ABDC: A\*]
2. Petrol prices and subjective wellbeing. *Energy Economics*, 2020, 90 (Aug) (with S. Churchill, R. Smyth). [ABDC: A\*]
3. Housing wealth and happiness in Urban China. *Cities*, 2020, 96 (Jan) (with Z. Cheng, R. Smyth, H. Wang). [ERA: A]
4. “The Quintessential Chinese Dream? Homeownership and the Subjective Wellbeing of China’s Next Generation. *China Economic Review*, 2019, 58 (Dec) (with R. Smyth). [ABDC: A]
5. ‘Does globalization affect visitor arrivals in Pacific island developing states: The case of Fiji. *Journal of Applied Business and Economics*, 2017, 19(9), pp. 112-124 (with R. Ram). [ABDC: C]
6. Does devaluation improve trade balance in small island economies? The case of Fiji. *Economic Modelling*, 2016, 55(June), pp. 382-393 (with D. Maiti). [ABDC: A]
7. Is the Dutch disease effect valid in relation to Remittances and the real exchange rate in Fiji?”. *Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy*, 2016, 21(4), pp. 571-577 (with A. Mala). [ABDC: B]

## ▪ Book Chapters

1. Chapter titled: The Debt experience of SIDS in the Pacific in *Debt and Development in Small Island Developing States*, D.King and D.Tennant (Eds.) *Palgrave Macmillan Press*, 2014, pp. 71-95 (with B. Prasad).

## Conferences Presentations:

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| 2019 | Conference on Randomised Controlled Trials [Poster presentation], Monash Business School's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Doctoral Colloquium (Monash University, Melbourne): [Awarded <b>'Best paper'</b> prize for presenting 'Petrol prices and Subjective wellbeing' paper], 12 <sup>th</sup> Doctoral Research Colloquium (Monash University Malaysia), Monash Business School Workshop on Sustainable Development (Monash University Prato Centre, Prato) |
| 2016 | 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Winter School (Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi)   |
| 2014 | 55 <sup>th</sup> New Zealand Association of Economists Conference (Auckland University of Technology, Auckland),   |
| 2013 | 12 <sup>th</sup> Pacific Science Inter-Congress (The University of the South Pacific, Suva), 14 <sup>th</sup> Global Development Annual Conference – [Discussant] (Manilla).   |

## Refereeing for Scholarly Journal(s):

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Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Energy Economics, Current Issues in Tourism, Economic Modelling, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, Progress in Development Studies

## Honors/Awards

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| 2020       | Monash University Postgraduate Publications Award  |
| 2019       | Awarded <b>'Poster Prize'</b> the paper 'The Quintessential Chinese Dream'? Homeownership and the subjective wellbeing of China's next generation' at Conference on Randomised Controlled Trials, Monash University. |
| 2019       | Awarded <b>'Best paper'</b> prize for the paper 'Petrol prices and Subjective wellbeing' at Monash Business School's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Doctoral Colloquium, Monash University.   |
| 2018       | Unit Prize for BEX6650 [Research topics in advanced microeconomics] (2018), Monash Business School Awards Nights, Monash University.   |
| 2015, 2017 | Certificate of Recognition for Research Publication in a high quality journal, Annual Research Awards Night, The University of the South Pacific.  |
| 2011       | Best Debator Award, Faculty Inter-school debate series, The University of the South Pacific.   |
| 2011       | Best Mentor Award, Student Learning support, The University of the South Pacific.  |

## Grants/Scholarship

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| 2020        | Monash-Warwick Alliance PhD Travel Grant (not used due to COVID-19 travel restrictions)  |
| 2019        | Monash University Department of Economics Competitive Travel Grant to attend 32 <sup>nd</sup> PhD Conference in Economics and Business, Australian National University, Canberra (Oct-Nov 2019). |
| 2019        | Monash University Competitive Travel Grant to attend Doctoral Colloquium, Monash University Malaysia (July 2019).  |
| 2019        | Monash University CDES Competitive Travel Grant to attend Monash Business School Workshop on Sustainable Development, Monash University Prato Centre, Italy (June 2019).                         |
| 2017 - 2020 | Monash Graduate Scholarship, Monash International Postgraduate Research Scholarship, Monash Economics Departmental Scholarship.  |
| 2013        | Oceania Development Network (ODN) Young Researcher Travel grant, 12 <sup>th</sup> Global Development Network Conference, Asian Development Bank, Manila (June, 2013)                             |
| 2012 - 2013 | Graduate Assistant scholarship, The University of the South Pacific.   |
| 2009 – 2011 | Public Service Commission scholarship, Fiji Government.  |