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Simon Halliday

Economics PhD Candidate

Qualifications

Education

2008-2011 PhD Economics, University of Siena (Supervisor: Alessandro Innocenti)

Comment My primary research interests lie in behavioural economics, spanning social preferences, evolutionary economics, neuroeconomics, and experimental economics.

2007-2008 Master of Science in Economics, University of Siena

2006-2007 Master of Arts in Creative Writing (Poetry), University of Cape Town (Supervisor: Ingrid de Kok)

2005-2006 Master of Commerce in Economics, University of Cape Town (Supervisor: Justine Burns)

2004 Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in Economics, University of Cape Town (Supervisor: Jeremy Wakeford))

2001-2003 Bachelor of Social Science in Economics and a Social Science (English Literature), University of Cape Town

2000 National Diploma in Personal Fitness Training, Exercise and Sports Academy (**eta**)

1999 Matric Exemption (A aggregate), Diocesan College (Bishops)

Affiliations

2009- Southern African Labour and Development, University of Cape Town, Research Affiliate

2009- LabSi: Experimental Lab, University of Siena, Research Affiliate

Additional Competencies

Programs I have worked regularly in STATA, SPSS, and e-views. I am competent at using LaTeX.

Languages I speak fluent English and Afrikaans, intermediate level French and Italian, and conversational isiXhosa.

Professional Experience

Survey Work

2007 **Assistant Manager for the Quality of Life Survey**: I was appointed by the Southern African Labour Development Research Unit (SALDRU) to fill the post of assistant manager. We completed the survey for the South African Department of Land Affairs on the efficacy of its grants to support land reform. This involved overseeing fieldwork, re-constituting a sample survey, interacting with government officials, managing data capturing and data validation. It ultimately culminated in the compilation of a report for government.

Research and Publications

Work in Progress *Taking and Punishment*: Part of my dissertation research, I have compiled a literature review and developed a plan toward running experiments at the University of Cape Town in September 2009. I will be conducting Third Party Punishment experiments, with a variation in the choice set for the dictator involving the option to take.

Professional Experience (continued)

- *Multiple Choice & Risk Aversion*: Co-authored with Justine Burns, this paper is based on an experiment with intermediate microeconomics students at the University of Cape Town where we varied the number of negative marks a student could receive for an incorrect mark. We plan for it soon to be a SALDRU working paper.
- *Hamilton's Rule: Predicting Remittances*: Based on work by Bowles and Posel (2005), I am in the preliminary stages of data work extending their idea of a relationship between relatedness and remittance size and incidence by using a panel data set. I have currently completed a review of literature and begun data work.

2007

- *Review of Randomized Evaluation*: A review of the protocols of randomized evaluation in a report for the Department of Social Development in conjunction with Dr. Justine Burns.
- *Quality of Life: Survey Report*: Compiled in conjunction with Dr. Malcolm Keswell and 3 research assistants, this report to the Department of Land Affairs comprised a report on procedures, survey methods, data capture, and several other aspects of the research process involved in managing the survey.
- *Review of Land Reform Research*: A comprehensive review of articles on land reform practices and theory in South Africa for Dr. Malcolm Keswell for the Department of Land Affairs.
- *Gender and Potential Financial Assistance*: A comment on differential gender responses in potential financial assistance with Dr. Justine Burns. Currently a working paper for the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit.
- Poems: *Wake, The Importance of Ice Creams Lids* and *The ritual of care* published in *Carapace* in September 2007 and December 2007.

2006

- *Ties That Bind: The Genetic and Social Correlates of Potential Financial Assistance*: My masters dissertation, which evolved later into the paper above with Dr. Justine Burns.
- *HIV Stigma and Social Capital*: An assessment of the correlates between household social capital and the potential of individuals in the household to 'stigmatise' people with AIDS using the Cape Area Study, undertaken as work for Prof. Nicoli Nattrass.
- Research Assistant for Assistant Professor Erica Field (Harvard) and Dr. Patrick Nolen (University of Essex) in economic experiments with primary school children.

2004

- *Outcomes-Based Education: An Economic Review*: A comment on the recently adopted government education policy of outcomes-based education for Dr. Jeremy Wakeford.

Lecturing

Comment

- From June 2005 to January 2007 I was a full time lecturer in the department of Economics at the University of Cape Town. Prior to that I was an *ad hoc* lecturer and a tutor. I continue to lecture occasionally at the University of Cape Town.

2008

- **Intermediate Microeconomics** (ECO2003P): I lectured on the Economics of Information, Economics and Psychology and Industrial Organisation.

2007

- **Cooperation and Competition** (ECO2007J): I was a lecturer and academic co-convenor for this introductory game theory course.

2006

- **Intermediate Microeconomics** (ECO2003P): I was the academic convenor (course administration and coordination of lectures). Additionally, as a lecturer, I covered topics such as the Economics of Information, Economics and Psychology and Industrial Organisation.
- **Cooperation and Competition** (ECO2007S): I covered topics relating to Strategic Moves (Brinkmanship), the Repeated Prisoner's Dilemma, Auction Theory and Mechanism Design.

Professional Experience (continued)

- **Intermediate Macroeconomics** (ECO2004S): I lectured on the basics of growth theory: the basic Solow model, endogenous growth and patterns in African Development.
- **Intermediate Microeconomics** (ECO2003F): As above.
- **Cooperation and Competition** (ECO2007J): I lectured on the topics of the repeated Prisoner's Dilemma, Collective Action Games and Evolutionary Games.

2005
- **Intermediate Microeconomics** (ECO2003P): I lectured the whole course, covering mathematical techniques in economics, production and pricing, the Economics of Information, Economics and Psychology, and Industrial Organisation.
- **Cooperation and Competition**(ECO2007S): As above.
- **Macroeconomics** (ECO1011S): I lectured on basic monetary and fiscal policy.
- **Microeconomics** (ECO1010F): I lectured on market structure (Perfect Competition, Monopoly and Imperfect Competition).
- **Cooperation and Competition** (ECO2007J): As above.

Tutoring

2006
- **Business in Context** (BUS4067F): This course provides a basic critical thinking framework for business students doing Post Graduate Diplomas. Instruction involved marking essays and projects and supervising tutorials on topics such as business ethics, leadership, and affirmative action.
- **Introduction to Business** (BUS1004F): This course introduces non-Business Science and non-Bachelor of Commerce students to the basics of business practices: introductory accounting, economics, and finance. Tutoring involved marking and facilitating tutorials.

2005
- **Intermediate Microeconomics** (ECO2003S): As a tutor I marked tests, facilitated tutorials and gave additional personal lessons to students.
- **Business in Context** (BUS4067F): As above.

2004
- **Cooperation and Competition** (ECO2007S): Head Tutor (administrating tutorials and setting problem sets). Tutoring involved facilitating small groups of students and marking.
- **Intermediate Macroeconomics** (ECO2004S): I facilitated tutorials and marked tests.
- **Microeconomics** (ECO1010F): I facilitated tutorials and marked problem sets.
- **Cooperation and Competition** (ECO2007J): As above.
- **Intermediate Microeconomics** (ECO2003P): As above.

2003
- **Cooperation and Competetition**: As above.
- **Micreconomics** (ECO1010F): As above.

Conferences & Workshops

2009
- I attended the workshop 'When Incentives Backfire' at the London School of Economics.

2008
- I was a co-organiser with Dr. Alessandra Rossi for the conference: *Governance, Intangibles and Corporate Social Responsibility* at the University of Siena, Siena, Italy.
- I participated in the CRISS workshop on Inequality at the University of Rome 'La Sapienza' in Rome, Italy.
- I participated in the CIFREM workshop on Agent Based Modeling in Trento, Italy at the University of Trento.
- I attended the SOCCOP Meeting in Barcelona, Spain in April giving a presentation on my PhD proposal.

Scholarships and Awards

2007-
- Scholarship to undertake a PhD at the University of Siena.

2005-2006
- Postgraduate Merit Scholarship
- Manuel-Washkowski Postgraduate Scholarship
- SALDRU Scholarship

Scholarships and Awards (continued)

2001-2003
- Merit Scholarship
- Dean's Merit List

Community and Social Involvement, Sports, and Leadership

2003-2005
- **Township Debating League**: Initially a trainer and adjudicator for learners in schools in Langa, I subsequently joined the executive committee in Sponsorship and Education portfolios.

2001-2004
- **UCT Choir**: I sang in the UCT Choir for 4 years. I was the Secretary of the Choir Committee in 2002 and the Chairperson in 2003. These roles included co-ordinating tours, organising concerts and assisting the Choir's Director.

2001-2002
- **UCT Drama Society**: I was involved in the UCT Drama Society as part of the steering committee to restart the society. I later became the Chairperson; a role in which I organised performances, workshops and classes for members.

2001-2006
- **UCT Rugby**: I played in the external 4th league for the UCT Rugby Club, as well as participating in touch rugby leagues and tournaments with my rugby team, Hiddingh Hall.

2004-2006
- **Class Representative**: I was the class representative for both of my Honours and Masters Classes in the Economics department. This involved participation in meetings, provision of advice on matters pertinent to updating curricula, as well as rejuvenating the UCT Economics website and prospectus.

2001-2006
- **Other**: During my time at UCT I was a DJ on UCT Radio, I participated in UCT's Debating Society and I wrote for the university newspaper, *Varsity*.

Personal Details

Marital Status
- I am married to Amy Halliday who is currently completing her MA in History of Art at University College London. She can be contacted at amy.s.halliday@gmail.com.

Date of Birth
- 2 July 1981, Cape Town, South Africa.

Nationality
- I hold dual citizenship: South African and British.

References

- Professor Alessandro Innocenti
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