

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Present Position: Fellow, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies (SALISES)

Qualifications:

Degree	University	Date
Ph.D. Economics	The University of the West Indies Leicester University	2005
M.Sc. Economics	The University of the West Indies	2001
B.Sc. Economics	The University of the West Indies	1997

Experience:

Post	Where Held	Dates
Fellow	Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies	2007 - present
Junior Fellow	Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies	2005-2007
Part Time Lecturer/Tutor	Economics Department	1997-2006

Current Duties:

- Lecturing to students registered for the M.Phil./Ph.D. degree at the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies.
- Supervising students at the M.Sc. (Jamaica), M.Phil and Ph.D. levels.
- Conducting research in the following areas: poverty and welfare, the informal economy and Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) activity, crime, and climate change.
- Academic Coordinator, Post Graduate Programme, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies.
- Serving on the Faculty's Open Lectures Committee
- Acting as Director of SALISES

List of Publications:

Book Chapters (refereed)

1. **Sookram, S.**, S. Teelucksingh and P.K. Watson. 2004. Trading Relationships in the Caribbean. In *Accords Commerciaux dans la Caraïbe et échanges entre CTFA et pays ACP de la Caraïbe*, edited by Devoue, E. and E. Jos, Paris: Editions, Publibook.
2. Artana, D., S. Auguste, R. Moya, **S. Sookram** and P. Watson. 2009. Trinidad and Tobago: Economic Growth in a Dual Economy. In *Growing Pains – Binding Constraints to Productive Investment in Latin America*, edited by Agosin, M., E. Fernandez-Arias and F. Jaramillo, 365-415. Washington, D.C.: Industrial Development Bank.
3. **Sookram, S.** and Hogan, R. 2011. Distance Learning Challenges and Opportunities facing the Two World Regional Universities. In: *Transnational Distance Learning and Building New Markets for Universities*. IGI Global: USA.

Articles Published in Refereed Journals:

1. Maurin, A., **S. Sookram** and P.K. Watson. 2006. Measuring the Size of the Hidden Economy in Trinidad and Tobago. *International Economic Journal* 20(3): 321-34.
2. **Sookram, S.** and P.K. Watson. 2008. The Informal Sector and Small Business Activity in an Emerging Economy. *Journal of Development Studies* 44(10): 1531-1555.
3. **Sookram, S.** and P.K. Watson. 2008. The Informal Sector, Poverty and Gender: The Case of Trinidad and Tobago. *Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies* 33(4): 43-68.
4. **Sookram, S.** and Saridakis, G. 2009. The Effect of Economic Factors on the Tax Ratio in Trinidad and Tobago. *Journal of Developing Areas* 42(2): 111-128.
5. **Sookram, S.** and Strobl, E. 2009. The Role of Educational Choice in Occupational Segregation: Evidence from Trinidad and Tobago. *Economics of Education Review* 28(1): 1 -10.
6. **Sookram, S.** P.K. Watson and F. Schneider. 2009. Structure and Size of the Household Sector of the Hidden Economy in Trinidad and Tobago. *Applied Economics* 41(27): 3545-3559.
7. **Sookram, S.** 2009. The Impact of Climate Change on the Tourism Sector in Selected Caribbean Countries. *Caribbean Development Report* 2(30): 204-225.
8. **Sookram, S.**, G. Saridakis, M. Basdeo and K. Sumesar-Rai. (2010) Can Policy be used to reduce the crime rate? A case study of Trinidad and Tobago. *Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies*, (1): 60-75.
9. **Sookram, S.**, A-M. Mohammed and G. Saridakis. (2011) Do Victims of Crime Fear Crime More? *Social and Economic Studies*, 60(2).
10. Kedir, A. and **Sookram, S.** Poverty in a High Income Country: the case of Trinidad and Tobago. *Journal of International Development*. (DOI: 10.1002/jid.1824).

Other Refereed Publications

1. Moya, R., A-M. Mohammed and **S. Sookram**. 2010. Productive Development Policies in Trinidad and Tobago: A Critical Review. *IDB Working Paper Series #115*. Washington, D.C.: Inter-American Development Bank.
2. Auguste, S., R. Moya, and **S. Sookram**. 2011. Housing Finance Policy under Dutch Disease Pressure: The Mortgage Market in Trinidad and Tobago. *IDB Technical Note No.: IDB-TN-302*. Washington, D.C.: Inter-American Development Bank.

Technical Reports

Artana, D., S. Auguste, R. Moya, **S. Sookram** and P.K. Watson. 2007. Competitiveness and Growth in Trinidad and Tobago. IDB Research Project. 87 pages.

Artana, D., A-M. Mohammed, R. Moya, **S. Sookram**, P.K. Watson. 2009. Industrial Policies in Trinidad and Tobago. IDB Research Project. 81 pages.

Sookram, S. 2011. The Impact of Climate Change on the Tourism Sector in Aruba. ECLAC Research Project. 64 pages.

Sookram, S. 2011. The Impact of Climate Change on the Tourism Sector in Curaçao, St. Maarten and Special Municipalities of the Netherlands. ECLAC Research Project. 67 pages.

Articles Submitted For Publication:

1. Does Crime Deter UK Tourists from Visiting Trinidad and Tobago? – with A-M. Mohammed and G. Saridakis.
2. The Vulnerability of Coastal Communities to Sea-level Rise: A Case Study of Grande Riviere, Trinidad and Tobago – with M. Sutherland

Manuscripts in Preparation

1. Socio-economic Inequalities in Health in Trinidad and Tobago – with A. Kedir
2. Firm Growth in Low, Medium and High Income Countries across Europe and Asia – with G. Saridakis
3. School Attendance in Trinidad and Tobago – with A. Kedir
4. Prioritising, Costing and financing Climate Change Adaptation Measures: Coastal Tourism in Barbados – with M. Mycoo

Papers Presented at Conferences and Seminars

1. Paper: *Tax Evasion and Growth in Trinidad and Tobago*. Presented at: Governance, Institutions and Economic Growth: Reflections on Sir Arthur Lewis's Theory of Economic Growth – Jamaica – March 16-19, 2005. (22 pages)
2. Paper: *Structure and Size of the Household Sector of the Hidden Economy in Trinidad and Tobago*: Presented at: 30th Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association – Santo Domingo - May 30 to June 4, 2005. (35 pages)
3. Paper: *The Informal Sector in Trinidad and Tobago*. Presented at: Supporting the Growth of SMEs in Developing Countries – Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago – March 16-17, 2006. (24 pages).
4. Paper: *Characteristics and Structure of the Hidden Economy in Trinidad and Tobago*. Presented at: Social Policy Challenges in the Post Independence Era - Barbados – March 29-31, 2006. (21 pages).
5. Paper: *Educational Choice in Occupational Segregation*. Presented at: 31st Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association – Trinidad and Tobago – May 29th – June 2nd, 2006. (19 pages)
6. Paper: *Growth and Competitiveness in Trinidad and Tobago*. Presented at: Discussion Seminar I – IDB Washington, D.C. - May 2-4, 2007. (64 pages)
7. Paper: *The Informal Sector and Small business Activity in an Emerging Economy*. Presented at: Crisis, Chaos and Change: Caribbean Development Challenges in the 21st Century – 8th Annual SALISES Conference – Trinidad and Tobago – March 26-28, 2007. (25 pages)
8. Paper: *Trinidad and Tobago: Economic Growth in a Dual Economy*. Presented at: Discussion Seminar II – IDB Washington D.C. – September 12-14, 2007. (45 pages)
9. Paper: *The Informal Sector, Poverty and Gender in Trinidad and Tobago*. Presented at: Reinventing the Political Economy Tradition of the Caribbean – 9th Annual SALISES Conference – Jamaica – March 26-28, 2008 – (21 pages)
10. Paper: *Can Policy be Used to Reduce the Crime Rate: The Case of Trinidad and Tobago*. Presented at: Social Sciences Research Conference. September 25-26, 2008. (35 pages)
11. Paper: *Poverty and Household Welfare in Trinidad and Tobago*. Presented at: Navigating Risks and Building Resilience in Small States – 10th Annual SALISES Conference – Barbados – March 25-27, 2009. (26 pages)
12. Paper: *Do Victims of Crime Fear Crime More?* Presented at: Developing a Caribbean Criminology – hosted by Criminology Unit, Faculty of Social Sciences, UWI, St. Augustine – April 8-9, 2009. (18 pages)
13. Paper: *Climate Change and the Tourism Sector in the Caribbean*. Presented at: Expert Group Meeting on Macroeconometric Modeling in the Caribbean: New Challenges and New Direction, ECLAC, Port of Spain, Trinidad – November 20, 2009. (30 pages)
14. Paper: *Poverty in a High Income Economy*. Presented at: Tourism and the Reduction of Poverty, Campus de Schoelcher, Universite des Antilles et de la Guyana, CEREGMIA, Martinique – December 7-9, 2009. (27 pages)
15. Paper: *Factors Determining Health Care Provision in Trinidad and Tobago*. Presented at: SALISES 11th Annual Conference, Port of Spain, Trinidad, March 24-26, 2010. (20 pages).
16. Energy Efficiency in the Tourism Sector. Presented at: Seminar on Promoting Energy Efficiency in the Caribbean, ECLAC, Port of Spain, May 13-14, 2010 (15 pages)
17. World Bank's Annual Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), Stockholm, Sweden, May 30 – June 2, 2010. Participation funded by the World Bank.

18. Paper: *Does Crime have a Debilitating Effect on the Tourism Sector in Trinidad and Tobago?* Presented at: British Society of Criminology Conference 2010, University of Leicester, UK., July 11-14, 2010. (24 pages).
19. Paper: *The Impact of Climate Change on the Tourism Sector in Aruba and the (former) Netherlands Antilles.* Presented at: Meeting of the High Level Advisory Committee on Review of the Economics of Climate Change in the Caribbean. Climate Change Modeling in the Caribbean. ECLAC, Port of Spain, Trinidad – November 18-19, 2010. (110 pages).
20. Paper: *The Impact of Climate Change on the Tourism Sector in Curaçao, St. Maarten and Special Municipalities of the Netherlands.* Presented at: Meeting of the High Level Advisory Committee on Review of the Economics of Climate Change in the Caribbean. Climate Change Modeling in the Caribbean. ECLAC, Port of Spain, Trinidad – April 14-15, 2011. (67 pages).
21. Paper: *The Impact of Climate Change on the Tourism Sector in Aruba.* Presented at: Meeting of the High Level Advisory Committee on Review of the Economics of Climate Change in the Caribbean. Climate Change Modeling in the Caribbean. ECLAC, Port of Spain, Trinidad – April 14-15, 2011. (64 pages).

List of Research Projects:

Ongoing Research Projects/Activities

1. Title of Project: **Managing Adaptation to Coastal Change: Canada and the Caribbean** (Collaborator: University of Ottawa)
 Research Activity: In this research activity, coastal communities in the Caribbean region and in Canada's Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic regions are being examined to determine the impact of sea level rise on these communities. The objectives of this research focus on communities, universities and created alliances and networks. My primary role is to champion one of the chosen community located in Bequia.
2. Title of Project: **SME Growth, competitiveness, Productivity and sustainability in Trinidad and Tobago: A Micro-Econometric Approach.**
 Research Activity: This research activity is being carried out in conjunction with a colleague at Loughborough Business School. We are attempting to determine the constraints to growth, competitiveness and productivity in small firms and those operating in the informal sector. We are, at present, applying to other funding agencies as we continue the research activity.

Completed Research Projects:

1. Title of Project: **The Informal Sector and Gender in the Caribbean**
 Research Activity: To determine the socio-economic and demographic characteristics of individuals engaging in informal sector activity in Trinidad and Tobago and to ascertain whether there is any wage differential between workers in the formal and informal sector, and between males and females in the informal sector.
2. Title of Project: **Growth and Competitiveness in Trinidad and Tobago** (Collaborator: Foundation for Latin American Economic Research, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

- Research Activity: To examine the constraints to growth and competitiveness in Trinidad and Tobago by employing macro and micro datasets.
3. Title of Project: **Productive Development Policies in Trinidad and Tobago: A Critical Review** (Collaborator: Foundation for Latin American Economic Research, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
Research Activity: To undertake a critical review of the productive development policies implemented in Trinidad and Tobago and suggest a proposal for reform and the new direction that policies could take to deal with market failures.
 4. Title of Project: **Measuring Poverty and Inequality in Trinidad and Tobago: Cross-Sectional Evidence from the Survey of Living Conditions 2005**
Research Activity: To measure the rate of poverty in Trinidad and Tobago and to examine the determinants of poverty and household welfare based on the Survey of Living Conditions 2005 dataset.
 6. **The Impact of Climate Change on the Tourism Sector in Aruba and the (former) Netherlands Antilles.**
Research Activity: There are two main objectives of this project. The first is to model and analyse climate change and related impacts on the tourism sector in Aruba and the (former) Netherlands Antilles over the next 40 years based on selected climate change scenarios. The second is to estimate the costs of adapting and mitigating climate change in the tourism sector in these two countries for the next forty years
 7. **Criminality in the Caribbean.** The main country of focus for this research activity has been Trinidad and Tobago so far (due to data availability) and it involved a thorough examination of different aspects of, and issues related to, crime by employing both micro and macro data on crime.
 8. Title of Project: **Housing Finance in LAC: What is Holding it Back? A proposal for Trinidad and Tobago.** (Collaborator: Foundation for Latin American Economic Research, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
Research Activity: in this project analyses are being undertaken of the housing market, housing finance system and policy initiatives implemented in the housing sector. Further, we attempt to establish links between outcomes and inputs and to suggest policy recommendations for the housing sector

Statement of Public, Professional and/or extra Departmental Service

1. Lecturer – Economics Component – Law, Governance, Economy and Society (Foundation Course - FOUN 1301): 2003 to present (Semesters 1, 2 and 3).
2. Lecturer – Corporate Crime and State Corruption (CRMJ 6006): Semester 1 – 2008
3. Lecturer - CARICOM Single Market and Economy (GOVT 3067): Semesters 2 and 3 – 2008 to 2010

4. Supervisor – M.Sc. student – Criminology Unit – 2009 (student graduated)
5. Co-Supervisor – M.Phil. Student – Behavioural Sciences – 2008 to present.
6. Referee for *The Journal of Business, Finance and Economics in Emerging Economies, Social and Economic Studies, Education Economics Journal, Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies, International Journal of Energy Research, Journal of Labor Economics*, : 2009 – present.
7. Champion for Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting: September to November 2009.
8. Editor, Special Edition of the Social and Economic Studies journal (for selected and peer-reviewed papers presented at 11th SALISES Annual conference).
9. Deputy Chairperson, North Central Regional Health Authority. December 2010 to present

Awards

- UWI Development and Endowment Fund Bursary (1995/96) for academic performance at University Examinations
- Dean's Award for Postgraduate Research – 2001-2003
- British Commonwealth Scholarship – 2003
- UWI Postgraduate Scholarship – 2004
- IODE Commonwealth Relations Research Fellowship 2004/05
- Vice Chancellor '60 under 60' award for Research: 2008
- British Academy Fellowship: 2008

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