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Professional Affiliations

University of Houston, Houston, TX

Associate Professor — Sep. 2011 – present
Assistant Professor — Sep. 2005 – Sep. 2011

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

Visiting Professor — Summers 2011 – 2015

Education

Brown University, Providence, RI

Ph.D., Economics — May 2005
M.A., Economics — May 2004

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

B.A., Economics — May 1994

Books

Jones, C. I., and Vollrath, D., *Introduction to Economic Growth*, 3rd Edition, W.W. Norton and Co., New York, NY, 2013.

Refereed Publications

Eberhardt, M. and D. Vollrath (2016). "The Effect of Agricultural Technology on the Speed of Development". *World Development* Forthcoming.

Gollin, D., R. Jedwab, and D. Vollrath (2016). "Urbanization with and without industrialization". *Journal of Economic Growth* 21.1, pp. 35–70.

Craig, S. G., E. C. Hoang, and D. Vollrath (2015). "Household Response to Government Debt, Evidence from Life Insurance Holdings". *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking* 47.5, pp. 819–845.

Jedwab, R. and D. Vollrath (2015). "Urbanization without growth in historical perspective". *Explorations in Economic History* 58.C, pp. 1–21.

Vollrath, D. (2014). "The Efficiency of Human Capital Allocations in Developing Countries". *Journal of Development Economics* 108, pp. 106–118.

Hoxha, I., S. Kalemli-Ozcan, and D. Vollrath (2013). "How big are the gains from international financial integration?" *Journal of Development Economics* 103.C, pp. 90–98.

Vollrath, D. (2013). "Inequality and school funding in the rural United States, 1890". *Explorations in Economic History* 50.2, pp. 267–284.

Vollrath, D. (2013). "Measuring Aggregate Agricultural Labor Effort in Dual Economies". *Eurasian Economic Review* 3.1, pp. 39–58.

Vollrath, D. (2012). "Land tenure, population, and long-run growth". *Journal of Population Economics* 25.3, pp. 833–852.

Vollrath, D. (2011). "The agricultural basis of comparative development". *Journal of Economic Growth* 16 (4), pp. 343–370.

Galor, O., O. Moav, and D. Vollrath (2009). "Inequality in Landownership, the Emergence of Human-Capital Promoting Institutions, and the Great Divergence". *Review of Economic Studies* 76.1, pp. 143–179.

Vollrath, D. (2009). "How important are dual economy effects for aggregate productivity?" *Journal of Development Economics* 88.2, pp. 325–334.

Vollrath, D. (2009). "The dual economy in long-run development". *Journal of Economic Growth* 14.4, pp. 287–312.

Vollrath, D. (2007). "Land Distribution and International Agricultural Productivity". *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 89.1, pp. 202–216.

Popular Publications

Vollrath, D., "A Brief History of Economic Growth", *Perspectives*, King's College London, Fall 2015.

Vollrath, D., "There's no limit to Google's market power,", New York Times *Room for Debate*, April 28th, 2016. http://nyti.ms/24O0s4I.

Growth Economics Blog, growthecon.com, 2013-present

Service Activities

Associate Graduate Director, Department of Economics, 2014–present

Graduate admissions director, Department of Economics, 2013–present

Macroeconomic Hiring Committee, Department of Economics, 2007, 2013, 2014, 2016

Executive Committee, Department of Economics, 2012–2014, 2015–2017

Dissertation Fellowship Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, 2012

Ross Lence Teaching Award Selection Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, 2013, 2015, 2016

Professional Activities

Co-Editor, *Economic Inquiry*, 2015–present

Associate Editor, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2015–present

Associate Editor, *Economic Inquiry*, 2009–2012

Member, *American Economic Association*

Referee, *American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Journal of Economic Growth, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Journal of Development Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Review of Development Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Economics, Economica, Resource and Energy Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Inquiry, Journal of the European Economic Association, World Bank Economic Review, World Development, European Economic Review, Oxford Economic Papers*

Advising

Dissertation Advisor: Mike Hsu (2016, Hamilton College), Nadya Abramava (2016, Hanover Research), Edson Sobrinho (2015, Office of the Presidency of Brazil), Mahboobeh Asghari (2015, Winona State), Doruk Ilgaz (2013, FactSet), Elisabetta Gentile (2012, National University Singapore)

Dissertation Committee: Amrita Dhar (2016), Volodymyr Korsun (2015), Wen Long (2015), Jarrod Hunt (2014), Emiliano Luttini (2014), Sine Tepe (2014), Lena Ogrokhina (2013), Gokcen Ogruk (2013), Shreyasee Das (2012), Teodora Stoica (2012), Edward Hoang (2010), Amelie Carlton (2010), Roberto Coronado (2010), Indrit Hoxha (2009), Sreenath Majumder (2009), Parul Mathur (2009), Cahit Guven (2008), Mayank Guatam (2007), Levent Bulut (2007)

Undergraduate Thesis: Sean Soares (2013), Monalisa Chandra (2008), Shreyasee Das (2007)

Teaching

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate, UH), 2005–2012

Econometrics (Undergraduate, Dartmouth), 2011–2016

Economic Growth (Undergraduate, UH), 2014–2016

Macroeconomics I (Graduate, UH), 2006, 2007, 2009–2015

Growth and Development (Graduate, UH), 2007, 2008, 2011–2016

3rd Year Research Workshop (Graduate, UH), 2014-2016

Honors and Awards

Winner, Ross Lence Teaching Award, 2010

Finalist, Provost Teaching Award, 2010

Finalist, Ross Lence Teaching Award, 2009

University of Houston New Faculty Grant, 2006

Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University, 2004-2005

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Fellowship, 2002-2004

Invited Presentations

2015: George Mason University, Clemson, LSU, Southern Economic Association

2014: Historical Persistence in Comparative Development (Williams College)

2013: NBER Growth Meeting (San Francisco), World Bank Agriculture and Poverty workshop

2012: South Florida University, World Bank Structural Change Conference, University of Oklahoma, Southern Economic Association Meetings

2011: Texas A&M University, Indiana University, Williams College, NBER Growth Meeting (discussant)

2010: NBER Growth Meeting (San Francisco), Center for Study of African Economies Conference (Oxford), World Bank Land Conference, CEPR Workshop on Sustained Economic Growth (Barcelona)

2009: Northeast University Development Conference (NEUDC), University of Michigan

2008: IEFS Winter Meetings, Southern Economic Association Meetings, University of Copenhagen

2007: NBER IFM Summer Meeting, NBER EFG Summer Meeting, Baylor University

2006: Rice University

2005: University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Clemson University, University of Houston, Hunter College (CUNY), United States Naval Academy

2004: Northeast University Development Conference (NEUDC), International Monetary Fund, Brown University

Other Work Experience

Andersen Consulting, 1995-1997

PriceWaterhouseCoopers Consulting, 1997-1999

Independent computer systems contractor, 1999-2000