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Curriculum Vitae, September 2009

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Degrees Earned

- University of Warwick
Ph.D. in Economics, April 2003
Dissertation: "Issues of International Tax and Trade Policy Conflict and Cooperation"
Supervisor: Prof Myrna Wooders
- University of Warwick
MSc. In Economics, September, 1993
- London School of Economics and Political Science
BSc. (hons) Economics with International Trade and Development 2(i), July 1992

Employment History and Appointments

- Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Assistant-Professor of Economics, September 2003 – present
- University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK
Lecturer (Assistant-Professor) of Economics, September 2002 – August 2003
- University of Warwick, Warwickshire, UK
Research Officer, Dept. of Economics, and CSGR Research Associate,
Supervised by Prof Myrna Wooders, December 2000 – August 2002.
- Centre for Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, University of Warwick.
Research Fellow on a MacArthur Foundation project:
"Proposals For a Possible World Environmental Organisation."
Supervised by Prof John Whalley, 1999 – 2000.
- Dept. of Economics, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
Research Officer Working on an ESRC funded project:
"The Welfare Implications of Current Regional Arrangements."
Supervised by Prof David Vines, 1998 – 99.
- Institute for Economics and Statistics, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
Research Officer Working on a Leverhulme Trust funded project:
"Labour Market Consequences of Technical and Structural Change."
Supervised by Dr Christine Greenhalgh and Dr Mary Gregory, 1996 – 98.
- Oxford Economic Forecasting Ltd, Oxford, UK
Junior Economist, and later Far Eastern Economist, 1993 – 96.

Visiting Positions:

Visiting Fellow, GREQAM, Marseille, France, June – July 2006.

Visiting Fellow, Getulio Vargas Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Dec. 2006.

Visiting Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan.-June '07

Honors, Awards, and Professional Memberships

Economic and Social Research Council, 1998: Funding to attend the Summer Research Workshop at the University of Warwick on Economic Aspects of Globalisation, 1998.

Member of: American Economic Association; Asia Pacific Economic Association; Association of Public Economic Theory; Econometric Society; Royal Economic Society.

Research

Articles in Refereed Journals

Zissimos, B. (2009a); "Optimum Tariffs and Retaliation: How Country Numbers Matter." Journal of International Economics 78(2): 276-286.

Zissimos, B. and M. Wooders (2008); "Public Good Differentiation and the Intensity of Tax Competition." Journal of Public Economics 92: 1105-1121.

Zissimos, B; (2007); "The GATT and Gradualism." Journal of International Economics 71(2): 410-433.

Dhillon, A., M. Wooders, and B. Zissimos (2007); "Tax Competition Reconsidered." Journal of Public Economic Theory 9(3): 391-423.

Whalley, J. and B. Zissimos (2002); "An Internalisation-Based World Environmental Organisation" World Economy, 25(5): 619-42.

Gregory, M., B. Zissimos and C. Greenhalgh, (2001); "Jobs for the Skilled: How Technology, Trade and Domestic Demand Changed the Structure of UK Employment, 1979-90." Oxford Economic Papers 53: 20-46.

Whalley, J. and B. Zissimos (2001); "What Could a World Environmental Organisation Do?" Global Environmental Politics, 1(1): 29-34.

Whalley, J. and B. Zissimos (2000); "Trade and Environment Linkage and a Possible World Environmental Organisation." Environment and Development Economics, 5(4): 510-16.

Book Chapters

Zissimos, B. (2009b); "Regional Trade Blocks in a Non-Cooperative Network." Published in William R. Sevens (ed) *Trade and Development: Focus on Free Trade Agreements*, Nova Publishers, Huappage, New York.

Whalley, J. and B. Zissimos (2002); "Making Environmental Deals: The Economic Case for a World Environmental Organization," pp. 163-180 in D. Esty and M. Ivanova (eds) Global Environmental Governance: Options & Opportunities, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

Wooders, M. and B. Zissimos (2000); "The Efficiency, Equity and Politics of Emissions Permit Trading." Wooders, M. and B. Zissimos (2002); "The Efficiency, Equity and Politics of Emissions Permit Trading" pp. 203-220 in L. Marsiliani, M. Rauscher and C. Withagen (eds), Environmental Economics and the International Economy, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Netherlands. Also as Warwick Economics Research Paper no. 586.

Book Reviews

Review of *The Economics of The World Trading System* by Kyle Bagwell and Robert Staiger, MIT Press, Cambridge, Mass and London (2002) Economic Journal 114(496) (June 2004): 338-340.

Working Papers

Completed Papers

Bond, E. and B. Zissimos (2009); "Patent Breadth in an International Setting." Vanderbilt University typescript.

Groenert, V., M., Wooders and B. Zissimos (2008); "Competition over Standards and Taxes." To appear as a Vanderbilt University Department of Economics Working Paper. Revisions invited.

Mrazova, M., D. Vines and B. Zissimos (2008); "Is the WTO's Article XXIV Bad?" Under review. Available as CEPR DP 7144. Revisions invited.

Zissimos, B. (2009c); "Why are Trade Agreements Regional?" Under review.

Work In Progress

Crucini, M. And B. Zissimos; "Optimal Tariffs and Retaliation: Empirical Evidence on How Country Numbers Matter."

Stroup, J.C. and B. Zissimos; "Do Ruling Elites Employ Bureacrats to Maintain Social Stability in the Face of Trade Liberalization?"

Wen, Q., and B. Zissimos; "Many-country Bargaining in International Trade Agreements."

Zissimos, B. and I. Zissimos; "Political Institutions and Preferential Trade Agreements."

Research Grants Received

Vanderbilt Center for the Americas, 2008
Workgroup funding for a project titled "Explaining Multi-Level Cooperation and the Proliferation of Regional Trade Agreements: A Perspective from the Americas." Joint with Brett Benson, Mostafa Beshkaer, and Chris Brummer.

Research Grant Proposals Currently Under Review

National Science Foundation Proposal, 2009

“Economic Development, International Trade and Social Conflict.”

Teaching-related Activities

Vanderbilt Graduate Students Supervised

Committee member

Yi-ming Lin (Ph.D. 2004).

Aleksandr Vashchilko (Ph.D. 2008).

Osayi Ovbiosa-Akinbosoye (Ph.D. 2009).

J. Caleb Stroup (in progress).

Undergraduate Research Projects Supervised

Ashley Safronoff (Inds 280A-1 Interdisciplinary Internship).

Vanderbilt Undergraduate Research Assistants Employed

Sarah Brand.

Bradley Kempf.

Michael Slade.

Courses Taught

Econ 316 Graduate International Trade

Econ 263 Undergraduate International Trade

Econ 260W Writing Seminar on Globalization (formerly Econ 257W)

Econ 232 Intermediate Macroeconomics

Professional Service

To Economics Department, Vanderbilt University:

Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2003-04, 2008-09

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2004-05, 2009-10

Graduate Studies Committee, 2005-06, 2007-08

Member, Committee for the Administration of the Preliminary Examination in Public Economics, 2003-05

Member, Committee for the Administration of the Preliminary Examination in International Economics, 2007-present

Organizer, International Economics Workshop Series, 2008-09

Major Advisor, 2003-present

To College of Arts and Science, Vanderbilt University:

Pre-major Advisor, 2007-present

Executive Committee Member, The Center for the Americas.

To Profession:

Refereed for: *Economica, Economics Bullentin, Economic Modelling, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Mathematical Social Science, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Review of Development Economics, Review of International Economics, and World Economy.*

Discussant of others' research at: Midwest International Meetings, 1999, 2002, Centre for Globalisation and Economic Policy Workshop, University of Nottingham, 2003, Southern Economic Association Meetings, 2003, 2004, Coalition Theory Network Meeting, University of Warwick, 2006, American Economic Association Meetings, San Francisco, 2009, Canadian Public Economics Group Meeting, Toronto, 2009.

Session Organizer: Public Economic Theory Meetings, Beijing, 2004.

Co-Organizer: The Public Economics and Economic Theory Workshop, Rio de Janeiro, December 2004, Midwest International Trade Meetings, Vanderbilt University Spring 2005.

Organizing Committee Member: Public Economic Theory Meetings, Vanderbilt 2007.

Organizer: interdisciplinary conference, funded by the Vanderbilt Center for the Americas, on the World Trade Organization, scheduled for July 2010.