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Education

- Ph.D. in Economics, University of Western Ontario, August 2005.
- M.A. in Economics, Georgetown University, March 1999.
- Non-Degree, CERGE–EI, Prague, the Czech Republic, 1995-1997.
- B.Sc. in Computer Science, Technical University of Cluj, Romania, June 1994.

Research Fields

Labour Economics, Applied Econometrics, Program Evaluation.

Professional Experience

2011 July–present	Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Guelph.
2011 Sept-2012 June	Visiting Senior research Fellow at IMDEA (Instituto Madrilenio de Estudios Avanzados).
2005–2011 June	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Guelph.
2003–2005	Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Guelph
2000–2002	CIBC Human Capital and Productivity Research Assistant, University of Western Ontario.
1998–2002	Teaching Assistant, Economics Honours Thesis, University of Western Ontario.
1999	Instructor, University of Western Ontario.
1998	Research Assistant, The World Bank, Washington D.C.
1997–1998	Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Georgetown University.
1997 (summer)	Research Assistant, The William Davidson Institute, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

1995–1997 Research Assistant, Centre for Economic Research and Graduate Education –
Economics Institute (CERGE - EI), Prague, the Czech Republic.

Publications

Vincenzo Caponi, Cevat Burc Kayahan, and Miana Plesca. 2010. “The Impact of Aggregate and Sectoral Fluctuations on Training”. *The B..E. Journal of Macroeconomics, Advances* vol. 10(1) art28. Winner of the Arrow Prize for Junior Economists awarded by the *B.E. Journals*.

Miana Plesca. 2010. “A General Equilibrium Evaluation of the U.S. Public Employment Service”, the *Journal of Human Capital* vol. 4(3).

Vincenzo Caponi and Miana Plesca. 2009. “Post-Secondary Education in Canada: Can Ability Bias Explain the Earnings Gap Between College and University Graduates?” *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 42(3): 1100-1131.

Miana Plesca and Jeffrey Smith. 2007. "Evaluating Multi-Treatment Programs: Theory and Evidence from the U.S. Job Training Partnership Act". *Empirical Economics* 32(2-3): 491-528.

Miana Plesca. 2005. Synthesis of Two Evaluation Studies of Labour Market Information Services Provided by HRDC." Published by HRSDC under “Summative Evaluation of HRSDC Labour Market Information Products and Services”, January 2005.

Dan Black, Jeff Smith, Miana Plesca and Suzanne Shannon.2002. "Profiling UI Claimants to Allocate Reemployment Services: Evidence and Recommendations for the States. Final Technical Report". Prepared for the U.S. Department of Labor, November 2002.

Smith, Jeffrey and Miana Plesca. 2000. "Improving Public Employment and Training Programs", in Bruce Meyer and Gregg Duncan (eds.) *“The Incentives of Government Programs and the Well Being of Families”*, The Joint Center for Poverty Research, December 2000.

Birsan, Maria and Miana Plesca.1997. "Exchange Rate Policy During Transition: the Case of Romania", in Zeljko Sevic and Glendal Wright (eds.) *“Transition in Central and Eastern Europe”*, Sasakawa Peace Foundation, July 1997.

Working papers

(Papers can be downloaded from <http://www.uoguelph.ca/~miplesca/papers.html>)

“Returns to Government-Sponsored Training” (with Gueorgui Kambourov and Iourii Manovski), version of August 2010, submitted.

“The Characteristics of Illegal Mexican Immigrants in the U.S.” (with Vincenzo Caponi), version of July 2010.

“Rules Versus Discretion in Social Programs: Empirical Evidence on Profiling in Employment and Training Programs” (with Jeff Smith), version of February 2010, University of Western Ontario.

Amanda Hammond and Miana Plesca. "The Impact of Preschool Early Childhood Education on Adult Human Capital" Version of May 2010.

Research in progress

“Women’s Higher Returns to Post-Secondary Education: Increased Productivity or Longer Hours Worked?” (with Vincenzo Caponi), first version March 2008.

“Women's Selection into School and Work” (with Vincenzo Caponi), first version February 2009.

“Aging Workforce, Occupation Mobility, and the Skill Distribution in Canada” (with Gueorgui Kambourov and Iouri Manovskii), first version January 2005.

“Risk Preferences and the Choice Between Community College and University in Canada” (with Vincenzo Caponi) first version March 2005.

Refereeing

- International Economic Review
- The Economic Journal
- Labour Economics
- Canadian Public Policy
- Empirical Economics
- Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations
- B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics
- Economics of Education Review
- Economic Development and Cultural Change
- Eastern Journal of European Studies
- Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network (CLSRN) Grant Review

Book Reviews

Review of Benjamin, Gunderson, Lemieux, Riddell, “Labour Market Economics” 6th edition, McGraw-Hill.

Consulting

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| 2003-2004 | Evaluation of Labour Market Information Services.
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). |
| 2004-2005 | Summative Evaluation of Employment Benefits and Support Measures under the Terms of the Canada/British Columbia Labour Market Development Agreement.
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). |
| 2005 August | Peer Review for “Summative Evaluation of the Sector Council Program.”
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). |
| 2006 August | HRSDC, Peer Review for the Evaluation Framework of the International Trade and Labour Policy (ITLP) program. |
| 2009 January | Peer review for “Behavioural Impacts of the Pilot Projects 6 and 10: Increased Five Weeks of EI Benefits and Extended EI Benefits”
Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). |

Research Grants

- Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network (CLSRN) Grant “Training Under the Business Cycle” 2007-2008, principal applicant (with Vincenzo Caponi, co-applicant, and Cevat Burc Kayahan, co-applicant). \$21,000.
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, INE Skills Research Initiative, Grant #537-2004-0013, “What Are the Determinants of Training in Canada and How Well Do We Measure Its Returns?” 2004-2005, principal applicant (with Gueorgui Kambourov, co-applicant, and Iourii Manovskii, co-applicant). \$20,000.
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, INE Skills Research Initiative, Grant #537-2004-0016, “The Impact of an Aging Workforce on the Skill Distribution and Technology Adoption in Canada,” 2004-2005, co-applicant (with Gueorgui Kambourov, principal applicant, and Iourii Manovskii, co-applicant). \$20,000.
- Canada Foundation of Innovation New Opportunity Fund, 2005, co-applicant (with Ximing Wu). \$142,579.
- Start-Up Grant, Department of Economics, University of Guelph, 2003-2005. \$25,000.

Graduate Supervision

Ph.D. Committee Member:

Cevat Burc Kayahan 2003-2007

Master’s Thesis Advisor:

Qiao Sun 2004-2005

Fang Yu 2004-2005

Utku Suleymanoglu 2005-2006

Amanda Jarvis 2006-2007

Nan Wang 2006-2007

Dan Embury 2006-2008

Xiaoxiao Han 2008-2009

Amanda Hammond 2007-2010

Michael Batu 2009-2010

Cortney Simkins 2009-2010

Parisa Mahboubi 2009-2011

Nicole Broderick 2010-2011

Master’s Thesis Co-advisor:

Fraser Sommerfield 2008-2009

Kristopher Kuysten 2008-2010

Christina Teng 2010-2011

Ph.D.Examination Committee Member:

Cevat Burc Kayahan 2007

Olusegun Oladunjoye 2007

Chunping Liu 2008

Master’s Thesis Second Reader:

Jennifer Coehlo 2004

Tetiana Redina 2005

Eda Bozkurt	2006
Charles Daviau	2006
Lynette Okado	2008
Alfia Karimova	2009
Jiaqian Li	2009
Sara Hoare	2010
James Capotosto	2011
Anthony DiNardo (Political Science)	2009

Teaching

Graduate

ECON*6600 Labour Economics (Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010)
 ECON*6610 Topics in Labour Economics (Winter 2004, Fall 2005, Fall 2006)

Undergraduate

ECON 4790 Topics in Labour Market Theory (Winter 2008, Winter 2009, Winter 2010)
 ECON 3520 Labour Economics (Fall 2003, Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010)
 ECON 3740 Introduction to Econometrics (Winter 2010)

Fellowships and Awards

- Special University Scholarship, The University of Western Ontario, 1998-2002.
- International Graduate Student Scholarship, The University of Western Ontario, 1998-2002.
- Georgetown University Fellowship, 1997-1998.

Seminar Presentations

“A General Equilibrium Evaluation of the U.S. Employment Service”. Presented at: York University, McMaster University, Bank of Canada, University of Victoria, University of Guelph, Waterloo University, Wilfrid Laurier University, HEC Montreal, UQAM, Ottawa University.

“Returns to Government-Sponsored Training”. Presented at Ryerson University, November 2005.

Conference Presentations

SED (Society for Economic Dynamics)

Montreal, June 1020 “The impact of Aggregate and Sectoral Fluctuations on Training Decisions”

Budapest, June 2005. “Accounting for General Equilibrium Effects in Program Evaluation”.

CLSRN Workshop, Toronto, November 2008

“The impact of Aggregate and Sectoral Fluctuations on Training Decisions”

TARGET RDC Vancouver, May 2006 “Returns to Government-Sponsored Training”.

SOLE (Society of Labour Economists)

New York, May 2008. “Returns to Government-Sponsored Training”.

CEA (Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings)

Vancouver, June 2008. Is There Really a Gap Between Returns to Government and Employer Training? Evidence from the US and Canada

Halifax, May 2007. "Post-Secondary Education in Canada: Can Ability Bias Explain the Earnings Gap Between College and University Graduates?"
Hamilton, May 2005. "Returns to Government-Sponsored Training".
Ottawa, May 2003. "A General Equilibrium Evaluation of the U.S. Employment Service".
Calgary, May 2002. "Rules Versus Discretion in Social Programs: Empirical Evidence on Profiling in Employment and Training Programs."

CESG (Canadian Econometrics Study Group)
McMaster, September 2003. "A General Equilibrium Evaluation of the Employment Service". (Poster session).

RCEA (Rimini Center for Economic Analysis)
Rimini, June 2010 (Rimini Conference on Economics and Finance) "The impact of Aggregate and Sectoral Fluctuations on Training Decisions"
Waterloo, June 2008 (Second Conference Small Open Economies in a Globalized World) "Returns to Government-Sponsored Training"

Lincoln College Applied Microeconomic Conference Oxford (2010) "Occupational Mobility and the Returns to Training"

Conference on the Incentive Effects of Tax and Transfer Policies, Joint Center for Poverty Research and the Annie Casey Foundation, Washington DC, December 2000.
Co-author, "Improving Public Employment and Training Programs".

Citizenship: Canadian and Romanian

References

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