

CIRRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 8/2004-now: **Ph.D** candidate in Agricultural, Regional and Environmental Economics, Pennsylvania State University, expected Dec 2008.
- 1/2000-12/2003: **Bachelor of Agricultural Economics (1st class honours)**, University of Sydney, Australia. **Graduated in the top 5% overall standing.**

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- 2008: **Gamma Sigma Delta Honours Society**, Penn State University.
- 2007: **Environmental Natural Resource Institute (ENRI) Outstanding Graduate Student Award**, Penn State University.
- 2007: **Vietnam Representative** at the Asian Leaders for Climate Forum (AYLCF), Indonesia.
- 2006-2008: Awarded the **US Department of Agriculture National Needs Fellowship**.
- 2006: Won multiple **Graduate Student Travel Awards** to Professional Meetings from the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA), the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economic Association (NAREEA) and the College of Agricultural Sciences, PSU.
- 2004-05: **Graduate Assistantship**, Penn State University.
- 2000-2003: Received the only **AusAID Scholarship** for the Bachelor of Agricultural Economics to study in Australia (worth **140,000 USD** in total).
- 2003: Graduated with **1st class honours**, Bachelor of Agricultural Economics.
- 2001-2003: Placed on **Dean's list for Excellent Academic Performance**, University of Sydney. One of the top five students of years 2000-2003.
- 2001: Won the **Vietnam Scholarship-Wesley College** (worth **6000 AUD**)
- 2000: **Top student Year 1**, Bachelor of Agricultural Economics, **Dean's list** for Excellent Academic Performance, University of Sydney.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2005-now: **Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Pennsylvania State University**, Research Assistant.
- 2004-2005: **Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Pennsylvania State University**, Teaching Assistant (Introduction to Agribusiness Management).
- 2/2004-8/2004: **Mekong Economics Ltd.** (www.mekongeconomics.com), Economist.
- 12/2002-2/2003: **Centre for International Economics**, Canberra, Australia, Research Economist – Summer Internship. (www.thecie.com.au)

PROJECTS

- 2005-now: **Dissertation research** (on-going)
 - Transactions Costs and Point-Nonpoint Water Pollution Trading
 - Agent-based Economic Models of Point-Nonpoint Water Pollution Trading
- 2004: **Enterprise Law Reform in Vietnam** (worked with Raymond Mallon and Mekong Economics Ltd.). Prepared the legal issues comparison matrix.
- 2004: **Rural-urban linkages** (worked with Raymond Mallon). Compiled research materials on the topic for Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand.
- 2004: **Private Sector Development** (CDC, Copenhagen; Mekong Economics Ltd. and Vision Associates). Interpreter and Project leaders' assistant.
- 2002-2003: **ASEAN Financial Liberalisation Studies** (worked with Jenny Gordon, Centre for International Economics). Was involved in the background studies of the financial services in Vietnam and Thailand for the ASEAN Secretariat.
- 2002-2003: **Vietnam Public Investment Project** (worked with Robert Warner, Centre for International Economics). Assisted in the study of public investment in Vietnam carried out for the Australian Government Development Assistance Agency (AusAID).

PUBLICATIONS

- Nga P. Nguyen, Simanti Banerjee and Richard Ready (2007), "Spatial Models of Open Space Loss in the Mid-Atlantic Region of the U.S", Selected Paper for Presentation at the NAREA Annual Meeting, Rehoboth Beach, DE, June10-13, 2007.
- Nga P. Nguyen and James Shortle (2007), "Transactions Costs and the Design of Trade Ratios for Point/Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Trading", Selected Paper for Presentation at the

European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists. Thessaloniki, Greece, June 27-30, 2007.

- Nga P. Nguyen and James Shortle (2006), “Transactions Costs and Point/Nonpoint Water Pollution Trading”, Selected Paper for Presentation at the American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, California, July 23-26, 2006.
- James Shortle, Richard Horan and Nga P. Nguyen (2006), “Designing Policy Instruments for Controlling Air and Water Emissions from Agriculture”, Conference Proceeding at Workshop on Agriculture and Air Quality: State of The Science, June 5-8, 2006, Washington DC.

LANGUAGES

- English: fluent, Vietnamese: native speaker, French: basic spoken language.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Programming and modelling: C++, MATLAB, SAS, STATA, R, LINDO and WINBUGS
- Web-designing: DREAMWEAVER and FRONTPAGE

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- 2007: Graduate Student Seminar Organizer, AERS, Penn State University
- 2005-2008: American Agricultural Economic Association (AAEA)
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economic Association (NAREA)
European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE)
- 2000-2003: Undergraduate Young Achievers’ Program, Sydney.

REFEREES

- James Shortle, Distinguished Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Armsby Building, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802, Phone: 1-814-865-7657, Fax: 1-814-865-3746, Email: JShortle@psu.edu
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