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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics, expected May 2009

Virginia Tech, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences-Blacksburg, VA

GPA: 3.37

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business- Marketing and Management, May 2007

University of Arkansas, Dale Bumpers College-Fayetteville, AR

GPA: 3.92 (Summa Cum Laude)

Associate Degree of Science in Marketing for the Food Industry, June 2005

Dimitris Perrotis College of Agricultural Studies-Thessaloniki, Greece

GPA: 3.80

SKILLS

Technical skills and competences:

- Econometric Modeling and Analysis: Stata and E-Views
- Operations Research Software: Gams, Lindo and QM
- Microsoft Office Package: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Access and Front Page
- Related Software: ViewHAR (GEMPACK), Net Objects Fusion (Web Site Development) and Adobe In-Design

Languages:

- English, Serbian, Croatian and Macedonian (native)

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg, VA (May 2008-Present)

- Thesis: *SPS Measures: An Application to the U.S. Import of Specific Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Products*
- Developing a panel dataset on international agricultural trade flows, tariffs, SPS measures, production and prices
- Employing the gravity model to estimate bilateral trade flows in specific fruit and vegetable products
- Reviewing relevant economic literature including academic publications, books and government reports

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Virginia Tech-Blacksburg, VA (August 2007-May 2008)

- Advised students, graded tests and entered grades for three undergraduate courses totaling 350 students
- Courses: Environmental Law, Microeconomic and Macroeconomic Principles for the Food and the Fiber System

Clerical Assistant, University of Arkansas, AEAB Department -Fayetteville, AR (September 2005-May 2007)

- Successfully managed and supervised the graduate computer lab used by 30 graduate students
- Assisted faculty and graduate students with hardware, software applications, and survey data entry

Web Editor, the Dimitris Perrotis College of Agricultural Studies, Thessaloniki, Greece (October 2004-June 2005)

- Created and edited a segment of the college's new library web site

Intern, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa (July 2004-August 2004)

- Assisted on a research project while measuring the chlorophyll level of corn leaves with a computer device

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society of Agriculture, Virginia Tech Chapter
- Chancellor's List for Spring 2007, Fall 2006 and Fall 2005, University of Arkansas
- Valedictorian for the Class of 2005, Dimitris Perrotis College of Agricultural Studies

LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
- Panellist for the Graduate Honor System- Virginia Tech
- Secretary of the Graduate Student Association- ECON and AAEC- Virginia Tech
- Agricultural Business Club- University of Arkansas
- International Cultural Team- University of Arkansas
- College Basketball Team- Dimitris Perrotis College of Agricultural Studies