

# Ihsaan Bassier

## *Curriculum vitae*

### WORK EXPERIENCE

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MAY 2017 – JANUARY 2018

South African Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town

#### *Researcher*

Analysis of top percentile incomes in South Africa with Professor Ingrid Woolard, following the work of Piketty (working paper will be released in early 2018).

DECEMBER 2016 – JULY 2017

University of Cape Town

#### *Free Education Research Chair*

Initiated and led a collaborative project between staff and students to assess and suggest solutions in response to FeesMustFall protests highlighting the funding crisis in South African higher education. The team compiled research, presented it through popular education mediums and held widespread public discussions. Documents and events are listed on the project website

MARCH 2014 – DECEMBER 2016

Southern African Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town

#### *Academic Research Assistant*

Research assistance to Professor Vimal Ranchhod, focusing on empirical work on South African labour. I coauthored a paper on the employment and income effects of the agricultural minimum wage, and provided support in determining the employment effects of a tax incentive, both labour policy changes in South Africa.

JANUARY 2017 – JULY 2017

School of Economics, University of Cape Town

#### *Contract Lecturer*

Redesigned and co-taught a third year microeconomics course, giving focus to heterodox and social justice perspectives.

JANUARY 2016 – PRESENT

University of Cape Town and University of Massachusetts, Amherst

#### *Teaching Assistant*

History of Economic Thought (UCT, undergrad, Feb-May 2016); Development Economics (UCT, undergrad, July-November 2016); Econometrics (UCT, grad, Feb-May 2017); Macroeconomics (UMass, undergrad, Jan-May 2018)

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Political Economy of Development, focusing on labour, underdevelopment, and the interaction between class, race and gender. Emphasis on micro-econometric analysis in South Africa and the Global South.

### EDUCATION

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- 2017-PRESENT **PhD: Economics**  
*University of Massachusetts, Amherst*
- 2016 **Honours**  
ECONOMICS (DISTINCTION)  
*University of Cape Town*
- 2013 – 2015 **Bachelor of Science**  
MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS,  
AND ECONOMICS  
*University of Cape Town*

### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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- 2013-2016 **Dean's Merit List**  
*Graduated second in honours class*
- 2013-2016 **Fellowship**  
*Allan Gray Orbis Foundation*

### ORGANISATIONAL WORK

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- 2017-2018 **Graduate Union Steward**  
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
AMHERST
- 2014-2017 **Active memberships**  
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN  
*FeesMustFall, DecoloniseEconomics, Left Students Forum*
- 2014-2016 **Trade Union mobilisation**  
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN  
*logistics, mobilising, and facilitating frequent negotiations.*
- 2015 **Student Representative Council**  
UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN  
*Labour and services portfolio*