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Professional Experience

Hope College

Associate Professor
Assistant Professor

2015 – present
2012 – 2015

Rhodes College

Assistant Professor

2007 – 2012

University of Virginia

Instructor

2004

Head Teaching Assistant: Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics 2002 – 2004

Courses Taught: Senior Research Project, Economics of the Public Sector, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Labor Economics, Introduction to Economics (Micro and Macro), Principles of Microeconomics; Principles of Macroeconomics

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Virginia, January 2008. (Fields: Labor and Public.)

M.A. Economics, University of Virginia, January 2002.

B.A. Economics, summa cum laude. Hillsdale College, June 2000.

Refereed Publications

“Smart Sentencing Guidelines: The Effect of Marginal Policy Changes on Recidivism” with David Phillips.
Journal of Public Economics, August 2018.

“Will Daughters Walk Mom’s Talk? The Effects of Maternal Communication about Sex on the Sexual Behavior of Female Adolescents” with Susan L. Averett. *Review of Economics of the Household*, December 2014.

“The Relative Contract Position of School Teachers: An Analysis of Public Union vs. Non-Union Schools” with John Ruggiero. *Data Envelopment Analysis Journal*, October 2014.

“The Academic Impact on Children of Maternal Post-Secondary Enrollment” *Economics of Education Review*, April 2011.

“Three-Stage DEA Models for Incorporating Exogenous Inputs” with Andrew Johnson and John Ruggiero. *Computers and Operations Research*, June 2010.

Invited Papers and Book Chapter

“Workforce Development in Michigan,” research report for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, May 2019.

“We’ll Never Be Royals, But That Doesn’t Matter” with Art Carden and Anne Bradley, *Independent Review*, Summer 2017.

“The Economics of Title IX Compliance in Collegiate Athletics” in *Handbook on the Economics of Women’s Sports*, eds. Eva Marikova Leeds and Michael A. Leeds. with Susan L. Averett, August 2013.

Book Reviews

Review of *How to Survive the Apocalypse: Zombies, Cylons, Faith, and Politics at the End of the World*, by Robert Joustra and Alissa Wilkinson in *Journal of Markets & Morality*, forthcoming.

Review of *Counting the Cost: Christian Perspectives on Capitalism*, edited by Art Lindsley and Anne Bradley in *Journal of Faith and the Academy*, Fall 2018.

Review of *Hayek’s Modern Family: Classical Liberalism and the Evolution of Social Institutions*, by Steven Horwitz in *Faith and Economics*, Fall 2017.

Review of *Out of Poverty: Sweatshops in the Global Economy*, by Benjamin Powell in *Faith and Economics*, Spring 2015.

Working Papers

“Sound Theology: A Solution to the Local Knowledge Problem?”

“A Christian Defense of Liberalism” with John Lunn.

“Effective Childrearing of Young School-Aged Children: Evidence from College-Enrolled Mothers”

“The Relevance of Religious Adherence to Mother-Daughter Communication and Adolescent Sexual Risky Behavior” with Susan L. Averett.

“Do Marital Transitions Confound the Obesity Wage Gap?” with Hannah Spurrison (undergraduate student).

“Taking Classes and Taking Care of the Kids: Do Childcare Benefits Increase Collegiate Attainment?” with Sarah E. Turner.

Selected Conference and Invited Presentations

“The Role of Public Policy in Racial and Gender Disparities,” Identity, Politics, and Identity Politics conference, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Indianapolis, April 6, 2019.

“The Economic Ways of Loving” Acton Lecture Series, Acton Institute, Grand Rapids, February 14, 2019.

“The Economic Way of Thinking” Free and Virtuous Society conference for urban ministers, New York City, November 9, 2018.

“Contemporary Scholarship in Austrian Economics: The Applicability of F.A. Hayek,” Matej Bel University (Slovakia), October 8, 2018.

- “How Globalization Erases Boundaries for the Poor,” Concordia College (NY) Faculty Retreat, August 13, 2018
- “Why Hayek Should Matter to Christians,” Acton University, June 21, 2018.
- “Neocalvinism and Economics in Context, Comparison, and Application,” panelist. Kuyper Conference at Calvin College and Seminary, May 1, 2018.
- “Effective Poverty Alleviation,” Annual Acton Institute China Conference, April 11, 2018.
- “ECON 101: Rethinking Poverty in South Florida” Free and Virtuous Society conference for nonprofit leaders, Miami, December 1, 2017.
- “Sound Theology: A Solution to the Local Knowledge Problem?”
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meeting, March 2019.
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2017
IHS Seminar on Markets and Morality, Samford University, October 2016
- “Smart Justice? The Effects of Sentencing Guidelines on Felony Sentences and Recidivism”
Western Michigan University, March 2019.
Association of Public Policy and Management Meeting, November 2017
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2016
- “Contemporary Ethical Issues in a Changing Labor Market”
IHS Seminar on Work and Virtue, Northwood University, April 2017
- “The Relevance of Religious Adherence to Mother-Daughter Communication and Adolescent Sexual Risky Behavior”
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2011.
- “Is it Necessary to Walk the Talk? The Effects of Parental Experiences and Communication on Adolescent Sexual Behavior”
American Society of Health Economists biennial conference, June 2012.
University of Memphis seminar series, December 2011.
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2010.
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, April 2010.
Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, February 2010.
- “Do Marital Transitions Confound the Obesity Wage Gap?”
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2010.
Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, February 2010.
- “The Relative Contract Position of School Teachers: An Analysis of Public Union vs. Non-Union Schools”
Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences Annual Meeting, October 2009
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2009.
- “Effective Childrearing of Young School-Aged Children: Evidence from College-Enrolled Mothers”
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2009.

“The Academic Impact on Children of Maternal College Enrollment.”
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2008.

“Should Work Come First? Welfare, Employment, and Postsecondary Education Among Low Income Mothers”
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2006.

“Welfare (to School?) to Work: How Welfare Reform Affects Collegiate Attainment”
American Educational Research Association Fall Conference, September 2008.
Bankard Workshop in Public Economics, University of Virginia, September 2006.
Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting, January 2006.
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2005.
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Research Conference, November 2005.

“Taking Classes and Taking Care of the Kids: Do Childcare Benefits Increase Collegiate Attainment?”
University of Memphis seminar series, March 2008.
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2004.
NBER Program on Education, November 2003.

Competitive Fellowships, Awards, and Grants

Charles Koch Foundation Grants	2013-14 -present
Ruch Faculty Fellow in the Department of Economics and Business	2015-2019
Jacob E. Nyenhuis Faculty Development Grant for Faculty-Student Collaborative Research	2013 and 2014
Creative Advance Planning (CAP)-Mellon Study Leave	2010 – 2011
Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College	2008 and 2009
American Educational Research Association Dissertation Grant	2006 – 2007
Fellow, Interdisciplinary Doctoral Training Program in Education Science, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education	2004 – 2006
Bankard Predoctoral Fellowship	2004 – 2005
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics	2002 – 2003
Semifinalist, Seven Society Graduate Fellowship for Superb Teaching	2002

Other Professional Activities

Research

Research Fellow, Acton Institute	April 2018-present
Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Markets and Morality</i>	January 2017 – present
Board of Scholars, Mackinac Center for Public Policy	July 2015 – present
Values and Capitalism (a program of the American Enterprise Institute), Academic Ally	2013 – present
Session Organizer: Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings	Nov. 2008 – 2015
Session Chair: Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings	Nov. 2005, 2007, and 2009 – 2014, 2017
Discussant: Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings	Nov. 2004 – 2017
Southeastern Health Economics Study Group Conference	October 2011
Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings	February 2010
Conference Participant:	
The Christian Tradition and Changing Views of the State, Acton Institute Colloquium	September 2017
Values and Capitalism Affiliated Faculty Conference	February 2015
Acton University	June 2013 – 2017
Committee on the Status of Women in the Econ. Profession CeMENT mentoring workshop	Nov. 2009
Referee/Reviewer: Economics of Education Review, Southern Economic Journal,	

Eastern Economic Journal, The Journal of Economics, Journal of Markets and Morality, Virginia Social Science Journal

Member: American Economic Association, Association of Christian Economists, Southern Economic Association, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession *Teaching*

Co-leader, “Free Market Economics: From Smith to Friedman” January 2019
Honors Student Colloquium, for Liberty Fund and Intercollegiate Studies Institute

Co-leader, China May Term May 2018

Co-leader, London May Term: Comparative Economic Policy (London, UK) May 2015

Faculty-Student Collaborative Research: Camryn Zeller 2017-2018

Faculty-Student Collaborative Research: Anna Kate Peterson, Chase Pearce Summer 2018

Faculty-Student Collaborative Research: Alissa Frazee, Brandon Fuller, Anna Jones Summer 2017

Faculty-Student Collaborative Research: Grant Ludema, Tim Bloemendaal Summer 2014

Faculty-Student Collaborative Research: Kaitlyn Chiazza Summer 2013

Presenter: Pre-College Conference Innovation Exhibition August 2013

GLCA Economics Hybrid Technology Group Collaborative Workshop June 2013

Conference Participant:

Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) Conference March 2015

ACS Summer Workshop on Teaching June 2009

NSF Workshop on Classroom Experiments May 2009

Honors Thesis Advisor: Hannah Spurrison 2009 – 2010

Honors Thesis Reader: Jillian Carr 2008 – 2009

Presenter: Fall Teaching Workshop, University of Virginia Teaching Resource Center 2004 – 2005

Media Presence

"F.A. Hayek's Road to Serfdom," Acton Line (podcast), April 10, 2019.

"Love and Economics," Acton Line (podcast), February 13, 2019.

"A First Step Toward Criminal Justice Reform," Radio Free Acton (podcast), January 9, 2019.

Interviewed for “For Millions of Workers, Getting Sick Doesn't Pay” CNBC, online July 7, 2013.

Selected Campus and Community Service

Director: Markets and Morality, student reading group and speaker and film series 2013 – present

Manager: Haworth Fund 2016 – present

Faculty Fellow: Saint Benedict Institute for Catholic Thought, Culture, and Evangelization 2015 – present

Member: Grant Writing Committee for Lilly Grant: Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose 2017

Director: Klesis, organization for future graduate students exploring Christian calling 2013 – 2017

Panelist: “The National Anthem Protests,” Hope College Vox Populi November 2017

Speaker: “Diversity and Poverty,” Hope College chapel November 2016

Panelist: “Thinking Faithfully About Voting,” faculty panel preceding presidential election October 2016

Speaker: Acton Alumni address at the Acton Institute's 24th Anniversary Gala October 2014

Speaker: “Technology, Theology, and the Future of Work,” Critical Issues Symposium September 2014

Speaker: Faith and Scholarship Discussion Series July 17, 2014

Invited Speaker: “Socially Responsible Enterprise,” Holland AM Rotary Club April 2, 2014

Co-Director: Collierville (Tenn.) Bible Church Refugee Ministry Summer/Fall 2011

Volunteer: Refugee Services of Catholic Charities of West Tennessee Summer/Fall 2011

Faculty Advisor: Reformed University Fellowship (Rhodes College) 2008 – 2012

Citizenship: United States