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## **Education**

George Mason University  
Ph.D. Economics, May 2006

Towson University  
B.S. Economics, May 2001

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Franciscan University of Steubenville (2024-present)**

Courses taught: Fundamentals of Economics (ECO 121), Macroeconomic Principles (ECO 201), Microeconomic Principles (ECO 202), Labor Economics (ECO 303), International Trade and Finance (ECO 427)

### **Troy University, Associate Professor of Economics (2015-2024)**

Courses taught: Orientation to Sorrell College of Business (BUS 1110), Macroeconomic Principles (ECO 2251), Microeconomic Principles (ECO 2252), Intermediate Microeconomics (ECO 3352), Money & Banking (ECO 3353) Labor Economics (ECO 3355), Economics of Globalization (ECO 4451), Public Finance (ECO 4453), Managerial Economics (ECO 6655), Economic Institutions & Prosperity (ECO 6663), Master's Research in Economics (ECO 6690).

### **Western Carolina University, Assistant Professor of Economics (2006-2012) and Associate Professor of Economics (2012-2015)**

Courses taught: Strategy First (BA 133), Microeconomic Principles (ECON 231), Public Economics (ECON 305), Managerial Economics (ECON 607).

### **George Mason University, Mercatus Graduate Fellow (2002-2006)**

Courses taught: Macroeconomic Principles (ECON 104).

## **Administrative Experience**

### **American Institute for Economic Research, Secretary of the Corporation (2020-2023) and Chair, Standing Committee (2019-2023).**

I served as secretary to the Institute's Voting Membership, the Board of Trustees and its Investment, Audit, Plan Review, Compensation, and Gift Acceptance Committees. I was also responsible for leading the Standing Committee in its recruitment of Voting Members and Trustees. I worked with the Trustees' Chair to maintain communication between the Institute's management team and the Voting Members.

### **Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy, Adams-Bibby Chair of Free Enterprise (2015-present) and Executive Director (2015-2017)**

As Executive Director, I was responsible for fundraising and donor relations. With the help and consultation of my faculty, I organized the Center's speaker series, workshops, and colloquia. I also led the Center's outreach efforts, including many meetings with and speaking engagements with community organizations, along with radio and television appearances. As the Adams-Bibby Chair, I write for both academic and non-academic audiences, direct student colloquia, and continue to engage in Center outreach, including frequent public lectures.

### **Chair, Department of Economics and Finance, Troy University (2015-2016)**

As Department Chair, I was responsible for annual reviews of faculty, course scheduling, student academic success, accreditation reporting for both SACSCOC and AACSB, and program reporting for the Alabama Council on Higher Education.

### **SACSCOC Director, Office of the Provost, Western Carolina University (2014-2015)**

Working out of the Provost's Office, I led the University's reaffirmation efforts to maintain SACSCOC regional accreditation. This included organizing and overseeing faculty-led committees for the University's Quality Enhancement Plan, Program Assessment, and the review of Faculty Academic Qualifications. I also led the non-academic programs' assessment efforts. The position required frequent communication and collaboration with faculty and staff in nearly every part of the University.

### **Chair, Collegial Review Council, Western Carolina University (2012-2014)**

I led the group of faculty responsible for reviewing and updating policies on faculty tenure, promotion and re-appointment. We worked with the College Deans and the Provost's Office to refine the review processes.

## Journal Articles

- (Forthcoming) “Employment Effects from Minimum Wage Indexing: Establishment Evidence from Oregon Restaurants” (with Gary Wagner and Alicia Plemmons), forthcoming in *Economic Inquiry*.
- (2022) “Estimating the Effect of Rent-Seeking on Income Distribution: An Analysis of U.S. States and Counties” (with Vitor Melo), *Public Choice* 192: 99-114.
- (2020) “COVID-19 Case Growth vs. Outcomes: Comparing Regions in the United States”, *Journal of Private Enterprise* 35(4): 29-41.
- (2019) “Alabama Prisons: Challenges and Opportunities for Reform” (with Laura Dove and Courtney Joslin), *Faulkner Law Review* 10(2): 197-294.
- (2017) “Do Piketty and Saez Misstate Income Inequality? Critiquing the Critiques” (with George Mechling and Ron Konecny), *Review of Political Economy* 29(1): 30-46.
- (2014) “Education, Intelligence, and Attitude Extremity” (with Michael Makowsky) *Public Opinion Quarterly* 78(4): 832-58.
- (2013) “Using Economics Blogs to Teach Economic Principles” (with James Ullmer) *Mountain Rise* 8(1).
- (2012) “Positive vs. Normative Economics: What’s the Connection?” (with Bryan Caplan) *Public Choice* 150(1): 241-61.
- (2011) “Minimum Wage and Unemployment Rates: A Study of Contiguous Counties” (with Debra Burke and Joseph Long) *Gonzaga Law Review* 46(3): 661-686.
- (2010) “Ideas, Funding, and Positions: The Elements of a Successful Intellectual Movement”, *Journal of Private Enterprise* 26(1): 67-71.
- (2010) “Intelligence Makes People Think Like Economists: Evidence from the General Social Survey” (with Bryan Caplan), *Intelligence* 38(6): 636-47.
- (2009) “Economic Bias and Ideology: Evidence from the General Social Survey”, *Journal of Private Enterprise* 25(1): 37-49.
- (2007) “Conservatives and Liberals on Economics: Expected Differences, Surprising Similarities”, *Critical Review* 19(1): 47-64.

## Book Chapters

- (2020) “The Measurement of Income Distribution and the Measurement of Inequality: A Critical Analysis” in *Capitalism and Inequality*, G.P. Manish and Stephen C. Miller (editors), Abingdon, UK: Routledge.
- (2010) “Price: The Ultimate Heuristic”, in *The Handbook of Contemporary Austrian Economics*, Peter Boettke (editor), Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

## Books Edited

- (2020) *Capitalism and Inequality*, edited with G.P. Manish. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.

## Works in Progress

- “Elasticity of Covid Cases, Deaths, and Hospitalizations: New Estimates from March 2020 Forward” (with Edward Lopez and Craig Richardson)
- “How Much Did U.S. Inequality Really Increase Since the 1980s? A Synthetic Control Approach” (with Vincent Geloso, Phillip Magness, and Michael Makovi)
- “Church Teaching on Economics: A Comparative Systems Approach”

## Book Reviews, Educational, and Policy Publications

- “The American Economic Association Awards Bad Economics” (with Phillip Magness) *The National Review*. May 10, 2023.
- “Economic Development Deals are a Curse, Not a Blessing” *The American Institute for Economic Research*. March 24, 2023.
- “State Board Report has Flaws that Diminish its Usefulness in Funding Debate” (with Jason Jewell), *Idaho Ed News*, March 1, 2022.
- Review of *Love, Money, and Parenting* by Matthias Doepke and Fabrizio Zilibatti. *Economic Record* 97(318): 453-455.
- “Nursing Homes and Covid Fatalities: The Empirical Relationship”, *The American Institute for Economic Research*. December 2, 2020.
- “An Experiment in Self-Governance” (with David Hebert) *The American Institute for Economic Research*. September 4, 2020.
- “Lockdowns and Mask Mandates Do Not Lead to Reduced COVID Transmission Rates or Deaths, New Study Suggests”, *The American Institute for Economic Research*. August 26, 2020.
- “Don’t Let Hospitalization Trends Blind You to the Numbers Themselves”, *The American Institute for Economic Research*. July 3, 2020.
- “What Spike? Hospitalization Data Show No Indication of a Second Wave”, *The American Institute for Economic Research*. June 16, 2020.
- “We Would Not Be Better Off With Medicare for All”, *The American Institute for Economic Research*. April 22, 2020 (with David Hebert).
- “What Does the Growing Number of Coronavirus Cases Really Mean?”, *The American Institute for Economic Research*. March 28, 2020.
- “The 1% Pay 37% of Income Taxes”, *The American Institute for Economic Research*. March 20, 2020 (with Phillip W. Magness).
- “The U.S. Coronavirus Death Rate is Falling, and Germany’s Moreso”, *The American Institute for Economic Research*. March 19, 2020.
- “The IRS Proves the Left’s Favorite Economists Wrong”, *Wall Street Journal*, March 13, 2020 print edition, p. A15 (with Phillip W. Magness).
- “Oh the Places They’ll Go: An Economist’s Guide to Happier, More Relaxed Parenting”, *Reason* magazine, June 2019: 18-22 (cover article).
- “Civil Asset Forfeiture Undermines Free Enterprise and Human Dignity”, *The American Institute for Economic Research*. January 27, 2018.

“Governor’s Prison Proposal Would Likely Cost More than Projected” (with Laura Dove), *AL.com* April 26, 2016.

“Alabama Must Keep the Ball Rolling on Prison Reform” (with Laura Dove), *AL.com* February 19, 2016.

“Alabama’s Income Tax is Inhibiting Economic Growth” (with Daniel Smith), *Yellowhammer News*. January 20, 2016.

“To Be Rather Than to Seem: Fiscal Responsibility and the Political Economy of North Carolina” (with Zachary Gochenour) *Mercatus Research Series*, January 19, 2016.

“2016 Could Be a Breakout Year for Alabama’s Economy” (with Daniel Smith), *AL.com*. December 28, 2015.

“Hunting Plays a Vital Role in Preservation of Big Game and Endangered Species” (with Daniel Smith), *Yellowhammer News*. August 13, 2015.

“5 Retirement Systems of Alabama Myths and the Truth They Don’t Want You to Know”, *Yellowhammer News*. September 10, 2015.

Review of *Democracy and Political Ignorance: Why Smaller Government is Smarter* by Ilya Somin, March 2014, in *Public Choice*.

Review of *Fault Lines: How Hidden Fractures Still Threaten the World Economy*, by Raghuram G. Rajan, November 7, 2010, in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.

Review of *The Science of Success*, by Charles G. Koch, March 22, 2009 in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.

Review of *Greenspan’s Bubbles*, by William A. Fleckenstein, February 19, 2008 in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.

Review of *The Undercover Economist*, by Tim Harford, March 19th, 2007 in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.

"Do Middlemen Earn Their Profits?" FEE Today, August 17, 2004 . Foundation for Economic Education.

"The Growth of Bandwidth Markets: Regulate or Get Out of the Way?" *Research Reports*, June 28, 2004. American Institute for Economic Research. Great Barrington, MA.

"Does Saving Lives = Saving Costs?" *Research Reports*, August 11, 2003. American Institute for Economic Research. Great Barrington, MA.