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## Academic Positions

2012- Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University  
2009-2012 Post-doctoral Fellow, Development Research Institute, New York University  
2008-2010 Assistant Professor of Economics, Appalachian State University  
2007-2008 F. A. Hayek Visiting Scholar, Mercatus Center, George Mason University  
2004-2007 Research Assistant, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University.

## Academic Affiliations

2012- New York University, Development Research Institute Adjunct Scholar  
2012- Foundation for Economic Education Board of Scholars  
2011-2012 New York University, Economics M.A. Program Adjunct Faculty  
2009-2012 New York University, Colloquium on Market Institutions and Economic Processes Visiting Fellow

## Editorial Duties

2013 *Studies in Emergent Order*, Guest Editor  
2012 *Journal of Socio-Economics*, Guest Editor

## Education

2008 Ph.D., West Virginia University  
2006 M.A., West Virginia University  
2004 B.B.A., Marshall University, *summa cum laude* and University Honors.

## Fellowships and Awards

2011 The Journal of Private Enterprise Best Paper Award  
2010-2012 Searle Foundation Post-doctoral Fellowship  
2010-2012 H.B. Earhart Foundation Post-doctoral Fellowship Support  
2009-2010 Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation Post-doctoral Fellowship  
2009 Templeton Fellow, Independent Institute Junior Faculty Paper Award  
2008 Harper Academic Research Graduate Student Essay Award  
2008 Summer Research Fellow, Mercatus Center, George Mason University  
2007 Donald Lavoie Memorial Award  
2007 Jon Vilasuso Publication Award  
2007 Jon Vilasuso Advanced Doctoral Student Award  
2007 F.A. Hayek Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies  
2005-2009 Young Scholars Fellow, Association of Private Enterprise Education

**Teaching Experience**

- 2012- Mississippi State University, Undergraduate Courses: Principles of Microeconomics, International Economic Development; Masters Courses: Economics for Managers; PhD Courses: Foundations of Microeconomic Theory
- 2011-2012 New York University, Graduate Courses: Africa in the World Economy, Economic Analysis of Politics
- 2008-9009 Appalachian State University, Undergraduate Courses: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics
- 2006-2007 West Virginia University, Undergraduate Courses: International Economics, Principles of Macroeconomics

**Journal Articles**

- “Foreign Aid and the Culture of Contracting.” (with Christopher Coyne). 2013. *Eastern Economic Journal*, forthcoming.
- “The Amplification Effect: Foreign Aid’s Impact on Political Institutions.” (with Peter Leeson and Nabamita Dutta). 2013. *Kyklos*, 66(2): 208-228.
- “Disentangling Institutional Determinants of Entrepreneurship.” 2013. *American Journal of Entrepreneurship*, 6(1): 40-66.
- “Discovering Law: Hayekian Competition in Medieval Iceland.” (with Carrie B. Kerekes). 2012. *Griffith Law Review*, 21(2): 432-447.
- “Introduction: Ideas Matter—The Relevance of Deirdre McCloskey’s Bourgeois Society.” 2012. *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 41(6): 747-748.
- “Dignity and Development.” 2012. *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 41(6): 763-771.
- “Elderly Migration and Education Spending: Intergenerational Conflict Revisited.” (with Mehmet Serkan Tosun and Pavel Yakovlev). 2012. *Public Budgeting and Finance*, 32(2): 25-39.
- “Trade Openness and Cultural Creative Destruction.” (with Christopher J. Coyne). 2012. *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*, 1(1): 22-49.
- “Think Tanks.” (with Peter Leeson and Matt Ryan). 2012. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 40(1): 62-77.
- “Securing Private Property: Formal versus Informal Institutions.” (with Carrie B. Kerekes). 2011. *Journal of Law and Economics*, 54(3): 537-572.
- “Civilizing Society.” 2011. *Journal of Private Enterprise*, 27(1): 99-120.  
(Winner of Association of Private Enterprise Education Best Paper Award)
- “Disagreement Between Direct and Overall Liberty: Even Less Troubling than Suggested?” 2011. *Reason Papers*, 33: 107-109.

- “Rhetoric versus Reality: The Best and Worst of Aid Agency Practices.” (with William Easterly). 2011. *World Development*, 39(11): 1930-1949.
- “Economic Freedom, Culture and Growth.” (with Rachel Mathers). 2011. *Public Choice*, 148(3-4): 313-335.
- “Cultural Context: The Productivity of Capitalism.” (with Rachel Mathers). 2011. *Kyklos*, 64(2): 231-252.
- “Propertyless in Peru, Even With a Government Land Title.” (with Carrie B. Kerekes). 2010. *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, 69(3): 1011-1033.
- “Exploring the Failure of Foreign Aid: The Role of Incentives and Information.” 2010. *Review of Austrian Economics*, 23(1): 17-33.
- “Anarchy and Development: An Application of the Theory of Second Best.” (with Peter T. Leeson). 2009. *Law and Development Review*, 2(1), 77-96.
- “Informal Institutions Rule: Institutional Arrangements and Economic Performance.” 2009. *Public Choice*, 139(3): 371-387.
- “The (Lack of) Impact of Government Land Titling: Case Study Evidence from Rural Peru.” (with Carrie B. Kerekes). 2008. *Revista de Economía y Derecho*, 5(20): 107-119.
- “Unveiling de Soto’s Mystery: Property Rights, Capital, and Development.” (with Carrie B. Kerekes). 2008. *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 4(3): 299-325.
- “Foreign Aid and Human Development: The Impact of Foreign Aid to the Health Sector.” 2008. *Southern Economic Journal*, 75(1) 188-207.
- “Is Codification of Informal Property Institutions Necessary for Economic Development?” (with Carrie B. Kerekes). 2006. *Journal for the New Europe*, 3(2): 27-57.

### **Book Chapters**

- “Can International Aid Improve Health?” (with Christopher J. Coyne), in Garrett Brown, Gavin Yamey and Sarah Wamala, eds., *The Handbook of Global Health Policy*, Wiley-Blackwell, May 2014, forthcoming.
- “Can’t We All Just Get Along? Fractionalization, Institutions, and Economic Consequences.” (with Peter T. Leeson) in Christopher J. Coyne and Rachel Mathers, eds., *The Handbook on the Political Economy of War*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2011.
- “The Two Sides of de Soto: Property Rights, Land Titling, and Development.” in Emily Chamlee-Wright, ed., *Annual Proceedings of the Wealth and Well-Being of Nations*, Volume 2 (Beloit College Press), 2009-2010.

“Retirees and Economic Development in West Virginia.” (with Mehmet Tosun, Arzu Sen, and Pavel Yakovlev), in Pavel E. Gordeev, ed., *Demographic Economics Research Perspectives*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Publishers, 2008.

“The Cultural Opposition to Capitalism: Mythbusting Through Our Past.” in Russell S. Sobel, ed., *Unleashing Capitalism: Why Prosperity Stops at the West Virginia State Line, and How to Fix It*. Morgantown, WV: Center for Economic Growth, The Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia, 2007.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of Timothy Besley and Torsten Persson, *Pillars of Prosperity: The Political Economics of Development Clusters*. 2012. *Public Choice*, 153(1/2): 253-255.

Review of Samia Waheed Altaf, *So Much Aid, So Little Development: Stories from Pakistan*. 2011. *Regional Studies*, 45(9): 1289-1290.

Review of Edward J. Lopez, ed. *The Pursuit of Justice: Law and Economics of Legal Institutions*. 2011. *Public Choice*, 146(1/2): 265-267.

Review of James T. Bennett, *Stifling Political Competition: How Government Has Rigged the System to Benefit Demopublicans and Exclude Third Parties*. 2009. *Public Choice*, 141(3): 527-529.

### **Policy Papers**

“Retirees and Economic Development in West Virginia.” (with Mehmet Serkan Tosun, Arzu Sen, and Pavel Yakovlev). May 2006.

### **Other Publications**

“Focus On West Virginia Internationally.” with George Hammond in *West Virginia Economic Outlook 2005*. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University, 2005.

“Focus On West Virginia County Performance.” with George Hammond in *West Virginia Economic Outlook 2005*. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University, 2005.

“Focus On West Virginia State Comparison.” in *West Virginia Economic Outlook 2005*. Morgantown, WV: Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University, 2005.

### **Working Papers**

“(Non?) Profits to the Rescue.” 2013. *Studies in Emergent Order*, Conditionally Accepted.

“Can Aid Buy Media Freedom?” (with Nabamita Dutta). 2012. Under Review.

“The Forging of Iron Cages: Determinants of International Incarceration Rates.” 2013. Under Review.

- “Culture and Contract Enforcement.” 2013. Revising.
- “Constraining Predation.” 2012. Revising.
- “The Punitive Consequences of Legal Origins.” (with Daniel J. D’Amico). 2013. Revising.
- “Culture and Development.” (with William Easterly). 2013. Work in Progress.
- “Culture and the Cost of Regulation.” (with Lewis Davis). 2013. Work in Progress.
- “Aid Donor Practices.” (with Liya Palagashvili). 2013. Work in Progress.
- “Losing Hearts and Minds.” (with Christopher J. Coyne). 2013. Work in Progress.
- “Efficient Private Governance in Medieval Iceland.” (with Carrie B. Kerekes). 2012. Work in Progress.
- “Think Tank Expenditures and Interest Group Activity: A Dynamic Panel Granger Causality Test.” (with Todd M. Nesbit and Joseph Palardy). 2012. Work in Progress.
- “Do States Promote Development?” (with Adam Martin) 2011. Work in Progress.
- “Putting Geography in Its Place: Exchange, Culture, and Development.” 2009. Work in Progress.
- “UFOs.” (with Peter Leeson). 2008. Work in Progress.

### **Field Research**

- 2007            Research on Land Titling in Cusco, Peru, July-August 2007  
(Funded by Mercatus Center, Global Prosperity Initiative)

### **Grant Projects**

- Speaker Series and Student Development, August 2013-August 2014  
(Funded by Charles G. Koch Foundation)
- Speaker Series and Undergraduate Student Development, August 2012-May 2013  
(Funded by Charles G. Koch Foundation)
- Graduate Student Mentorship Program, January 2009 to May 2010  
(Funded by Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation)
- Evaluation of the School Aid Formula for the State of West Virginia, July 2005 to July 2007  
(Funded by the West Virginia State Legislature)
- A Comprehensive Analysis of WV State Road Fund and Policy Options, July 2006 to July 2007  
(Funded by West Virginia State Legislature)
- West Virginia Tax Modernization Project, July 2006 to October 2006  
(Funded by the West Virginia State Legislature)
- Retirees and Economic Development in West Virginia, December 2004 to May 2006  
(Funded by the Bernard McDonough Foundation)

**Invited Academic Presentations**

- 2013 Beloit College, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Miller Upton Forum, The Wealth and Well-Being of Nations
- 2013 Foundation for Economic Education, Atlanta, GA
- 2013 Institute for Humane Studies at Loyola University Chicago
- 2013 Union College, Faculty Research Presentation
- 2013 Samford University, Brock School of Business Economics Lecture Series
- 2013 Michigan State University, James Madison College Koch Lecture Series
- 2012 Troy University, The Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy Lecture Series
- 2012 Foundation for Economic Education, Irvington, NY
- 2012 Institute for Humane Studies at Bryn Mawr College
- 2012 Florida Gulf Coast University, Economics Lecture Series
- 2012 Providence College, Providence, RI, Koch Lecture Series
- 2012 George Mason University, Economic Liberty Lecture Series
- 2012 San Jose State University, Koch Lecture Series
- 2011 Loyola University New Orleans, Koch Lecture Series
- 2011 Florida Gulf Coast University, Economic Development Lecture Series
- 2011 Delaware State University, Koch Lecture Series
- 2011 Institute for Liberal Studies at McGill University
- 2011 Institute for Humane Studies at Mary Washington University
- 2010 Institute for Humane Studies at Chapman University
- 2010 World Affairs Conference, Upper Canada College, Toronto, Canada
- 2010 Beloit College, Koch Student Research Colloquium Forum
- 2010 Utah State University, Economics Department Faculty Seminar
- 2010 Aid Transparency and Development Finance: Lessons from AidData, Oxford, UK
- 2009 Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Koch Lecture Series
- 2009 Suffolk University, Economics Department Faculty Seminar
- 2008 George Mason University, Graduate Student Paper Workshop
- 2006 Mises Seminar, Instituto Brueno Leoni, Sestri Levante, Italy

**Conference Presentations and Participation**

- 2013 Financial Management Association, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Maui, HI
- 2013 Public Choice Society Meetings, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 Southern Economic Association Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 Liberty and Social Order in Ludwig von Mises' *Human Action*, Liberty Fund, Hermosa Beach, CA
- 2012 Economy, Culture and Historical Origins of Capitalism, Liberty Fund, Indianapolis, IN
- 2012 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 Law, Liberty, Property, and Resistance in the Writings of John Locke, Liberty Fund, Tucson, AZ
- 2011 Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 Collaborating for a Free Society, Charles G. Koch Foundation, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 Academic Entrepreneurship Workshop, Institute for Humane Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2011 Cato Institute Freedom Index Seminar, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 International Society for New Institutional Economics, Stanford University, CA
- 2011 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Nassau, Bahamas
- 2010 Southern Economic Association Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 2010 Testing the Limits of Spontaneous Order, Liberty Fund, Seattle, WA

- 2010 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, NV
- 2009 Southern Economic Association Conference, San Antonio, TX
- 2009 BB&T Democratic Irrationality: Ancient and Modern, UVA, Charlottesville, VA
- 2009 Liberty and Responsibility in Adam Smith, Liberty Fund, Holland, MI
- 2009 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Guatemala City, Guatemala
- 2009 Creative Teaching Ideas Workshop, Gus A. Stavros Center, Tampa, FL
- 2008 Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2008 New Theories of Democratic Failure, Liberty Fund, Indianapolis, IN
- 2008 Austrian Economics, Foundation of Economic Education, NY
- 2008 Social Change Workshop, Institute for Human Studies, Brown University
- 2008 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, NV
- 2008 Public Choice Society Meetings, San Antonio, TX
- 2007 Southern Economic Association Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2007 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Cancun, Mexico
- 2006 Southern Economic Association Conference, Charleston, SC
- 2006 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, NV
- 2005 National Tax Association Conference, Miami, Florida
- 2005 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Orlando, FL

### **Referee and Reviewer**

*Advances in Austrian Economics, American Journal of Economics and Sociology, American Journal of Political Science, Asia-Pacific Development Journal, Cambridge Journal of Economics, Constitutional Political Economy, Development Policy Review, Eastern European Economics, Economics and Politics, Economic Systems, European Economics and Business, European Economic Review, The European Journal of Development Research, European Journal of Economic and Political Studies, Global Journal of Business, Global Journal of History and Culture, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of International Development, Journal of Private Enterprise, Kyklos, Libertarian Papers, Management and Accounting, National Science Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities, Public Choice, Publish What you Fund, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Review of Austrian Economics, Review of Economics and Institutions, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Social Science Quarterly, Southern Economic Journal, World Development*

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