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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary Fields: Economic Growth, Resource and Environmental Economics, Labor Economics
Special Interests: International Trade, Applied Econometrics, Economics of Race

POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Professor of Economics, Mercer University, Macon, GA (Fall 2007 – Present)
Member, Mercer University Earth and Environmental Science Program
Assistant Professor of Economics, Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA (Fall 2005 – Spring 2007)
Member, Moravian College Environmental Studies Program (Fall 2005 – Spring 2007)
Assistant Professor of Economics, Auburn University-Montgomery, AL (Summer 2004 - Summer 2005)
Graduate Instructor, Clemson University, Clemson, SC (Fall 2001 - Summer 2003)
Adjunct Professor, Anderson College (now Anderson University), Anderson, SC (Fall 2002 - Spring 2003)

EDUCATION

Clemson University
Ph.D. in Applied Economics, May 2004
Primary Advisor: Professor Robert Tamura
Dissertation Title: “Essays in Applied Microeconomics: Education and Environmental Resources”
Clemson University
M.A. in Economics, May 2001
B.S. in Economics, *cum laude*, Fall 1997

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Does the Introduction of Independent Redistricting Reduce Congressional Partisanship?” 2009. (with David G. Oedel, Allen K. Lynch, and Neil T. Edwards) (forthcoming: *Villanova Law Review*, Volume 54)
“Education and Income of the States of the United States: 1840-2000,” *Journal of Economic Growth*, 12:2 June, 2007. p.101-158 (Print). (with Scott L. Baier, Robert Tamura, and Chad Turner)

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

“The Peculiarities of Public and Private Production: Within School Sorting of Pupils,” (with Angela K. Dills)
“Hate Fuel: On the Relationship Between Local Government Policy and Hate Group Activity”
(*Resubmitted*)
“How Important are Human Capital, Physical Capital, and Total Factor Productivity for Determining Economic Growth in the States of the United States, 1840 – 2000” (with Robert Tamura and Chad Turner)
(*Revision Requested*)

WORKING PAPERS

- “Explaining Productivity Differences: the Importance of Black — White Schooling Differences” (with Scott Baier, Robert Tamura, and Chad Turner)
- “Does Economic Freedom Lead to Selective Migration By Race?” (with Reynaldo Hernandez-Julian)
- “Policies and Migration between U.S. States” (with Reynaldo Hernandez-Julian)
- “On the Economies of Scale of Private Land Conservation”
- “Hate Source: Are Hate Groups a Complement or Substitute For Hate Crimes?”
- “The Faculty Flutie Factor: Does Athletic Performance Affect a University’s US News and World Report Peer Assessment Score?” (with Aleksandar (Sasha) Tomic and Samuel N. Sholander)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Land Trusts: The Growth of the Non-Profit Land Conservancy Movement,” (Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, Montana) in *Incentives and Conservation: The Next Generation of Environmentalists*, edited by Daniel K. Benjamin. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2004.
- “Racial Identity and Economics,” in *21st Century Economics: A Reference Handbook*, edited by Rhonda Free. Sage Publishing. 2009. (Under Contract).

OTHER WORKS

- “Multidisciplinarity: Educational Eddies on the Path to Multidimensional Innovation,” in *Defining and Promoting Multidisciplinarity: Comparing and Integrating Differing Perspectives in Liberal Education Courses*, Moravian College Faculty Workshop, Moravian College, Bethlehem PA, 2006.

PRESENTATIONS

- Allied Social Science Association Meetings: San Francisco, California, January 3, 2009
National Economic Association (NEA)
Organizer (with Reynaldo Hernandez-Julian) and Chair: “Institutions and Race: Education, Marriage, Mobs, and Migration”
- Downtown Lions Club of Macon, Macon, Georgia, October 16, 2008
The Current Economic Turbulence
- Southern Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana November, 19, 2007
On the Economies of Scale of Private Land Conservation
- Mercer University: A Conversation on Energy by *ConocoPhillips*, September, 6, 2007
Panel Member
- Western Economic Association Meetings, Seattle, Washington, June 29, 2007
Discussant: *Workers Response to Payments: A Classroom Experiment*, by Linda Ghent

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Moravian College Discussion on the Environment, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, September 20, 2006
Panel Member: *An Inconvenient Truth: Honest Talk about the Real Issue of Global Warming*

Eastern Economic Association Meetings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 24, 2006
How Important are Human Capital, Physical Capital, and Total Factor Productivity for Determining Economic Growth in the States of the United States, 1840 – 2000

Moravian College Leadership Center, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, October 4, 2005
Presenter and Panel Member: *Hurricane Katrina: Short- and Long-Term Implications*

Southern Economic Association Meetings, Washington, DC, November, 20, 2005
Macon State College – Middle Georgia Economic Seminar Series, Macon, Georgia, June 20, 2005
Midwest Economic Association Meetings, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 12, 2005
Eastern Economic Association Meetings, New York City, New York, March 4, 2005
Hate Fuel: Determinants of Fringe Group Formation

Midwest Macroeconomic Meetings, Ames, Iowa, May, 2004
Income and Education of the States of the United States: 1840-2000

Moravian College, March 1, 2004
Land Trusts: The Growth of the Non-Profit Land Conservancy Movement

Auburn University, February 27, 2004
Auburn University-Montgomery, February 17, 2004
Disruption, Class Size, and Teacher Quality: the Quality of Educational Production from 1880-2000

American Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Montreal, Quebec, July, 2003
Organized Symposium, Moderator: William Park, Univ. of Tennessee:
The Role of Private Land Trusts in Protection of Agricultural and Open Space Land

Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meetings, Orlando, Florida, February, 2002
Organized Symposium, Moderator: William M. Park, Univ. of Tennessee:
What Role for Land Trusts in Protection of Agricultural and Open Space Land in the Southern Region?

Southern Economic Association Conference, Tampa Bay, Florida, November, 2001
In Trusts We Trust?

INTERVIEWS

WMGT Television: Poverty Rates on the Rise, by Liz Foster, August, 27, 2008

WMAZ Television: Mortgages and the Housing Market, by Marilyn Peguero, September, 21, 2007

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2004-2005 New Faculty Grants-In-Aid, Auburn University Montgomery: *Do Southern Employers Discriminate on the Basis of Names?* (\$2,872)

2003-2004 Earhart Fellowship

2001 Property and Environment Research Center Fellow (PERC), Bozeman, Montana

1999-2000 Liberty Foundation Fellowship, John E. Walker Dept. of Economics, Clemson University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mercer University: PMBA (Savannah) – Global Macroeconomics (Summer 2008); Economics of Identity-Ind.Study (Fall 2008); Principles of Economics (Fall 2008); Intermediate Microeconomics (Spring 2008); Business Quantitative Methods (Spring 2008); Principles of Macroeconomics (Fall 2008, Spring 2008 (2 Sec.)); MBA - Global Macroeconomic Environment (Summer 2007); International Economics (Fall 2008, Fall 2007); Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (Fall 2007); MBA - Applied Microeconomic Analysis (Fall 2007); PMBA (Henry) - Global Economics (Fall 2007)

Moravian College - Environmental Economics (Spring 2007); Natural Resource Management (Fall 2006); Introduction to Environmental Studies (Fall 2005); Principles of Economics (Fall 2005 (2 Sec.), Spring 2006 (2 Sec.), Fall 2006 (2 Sec.), Spring 2007 (2 Sec.)); Labor Economics (Spring 2006)

Auburn University-Montgomery: Principles of Macroeconomics (Summer 2004, Fall 2004); Issues in Global Trade and Finance (Fall 2004, Spring 2005 (2 Sec.)); MBA – Survey of Micro and Macroeconomics (Fall 2004); Intermediate Microeconomics (Spring 2005); Labor Economics (Summer 2005)

Clemson University: Principles of Macroeconomics (Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Fall 2002, Spring 2003); International Economics (Summer 2002, Summer 2003); Economics of Labor (Spring 2002)

Anderson College (University): Principles of Microeconomics (Spring 2003), Economic Concepts (Fall 2002)

RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Property and Environment Research Center and Liberty Fund. “Self-Interest, Incentives, and the Environment: A Colloquium.” Nine Quarter Circle Ranch. Gallatin Gateway, Montana. June 22-24, 2008.

Certificate of Achievement, January 5, 2008

The Committee on Economics Education of the American Economic Association,
Successful implementation of interactive teaching strategies in a program peer reviewed and supported by the National Science Foundation.

Teaching Innovation Program (TIP) Phase 2, American Economic Association May 2006 – May 2007

Experiments Mentor: Denise Hazlett, Whitman College

Discussions Mentor: Michael Salemi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Phase Two of TIP is participation in two on-line modules on active teaching. This phase includes mentoring and advice from faculty experts in economics, as instructors prepare learning exercises for their own courses and teach using their newly created materials.

Teaching Innovation Program (TIP) Phase 1, American Economic Association, May 2006, Chicago, Illinois

Phase One is participation in a three day seminar introducing instructors to interactive learning strategies for undergraduate instruction. Participants develop plans for implementing these strategies in their classes.

COLLEGE COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

Mercer University

Student Organizations

Managed Academic Pathways to Success First Year Studies Advisor 2008
Faculty Advisor – Phi Delta Theta 2007 -

Faculty Committees and Service

House of Delegates Stetson Business School Representative
Economics Faculty Search Committee 2007 – 2008

Moravian College

Student Organizations

Accessibility Awareness Association: Faculty Advisor, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007
Environmental Coalition: Assistant Advisor 2005 - 2006; Faculty Advisor, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007
Omicron Delta Epsilon: Interim Faculty Advisor, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007
Learning Community: *Desire and Happiness*, Developer and Faculty Facilitator, Fall 2006
LeaderShape© Cluster Facilitator: Moravian College LeaderShape, Valley Forge, PA, May 2006

Faculty Committees and Service

Economics Faculty Search Committee 2005 - 2006
Moravian Academic Plan (MAP) Untenured Faculty Committee 2005 - 2006
International Studies Council 2005-2006
Homecoming Economics and Business Brunch Presenter 2005
Science Open House: Environmental Science Representative 2005, 2006
Open House Economics and Business Representative 2005

Auburn University Montgomery

Student Organizations

Student Orientation (AUM Quest) Faculty Mentor 2004
AUM Economics Club Assistant Advisor 2004 - 2005

Faculty Committees and Service

AUM Economics Department Scholarship Committee Members 2004 - 2005
AUM Economics Department Assessment/Curriculum Committee Member 2004 - 2005

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA, Member 2004 –
Intown Macon Neighborhood Association, Member 2007-
Board Member 2008-

HONORS ADVISEE

William Marx, “The Winner’s Curse and other Phenomena of eBay Internet Auctions,” December 2006

MEMBERSHIP

American Economic Association
Association of Environmental & Resource Economists
Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession
Eastern Economic Association
National Economic Association
Southern Economics Association
The Association of Private Enterprise Education

REFERENCES

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