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Education

Ph.D., Saint Louis University, February 1999. Dissertation: "The Internal Organization of Firms and Implicit Labor Contracting"

London School of Economics, Summer 1995, macroeconomic and microeconomic theory

M.A., Economics, Saint Louis University, May 1994

Bachelor of Journalism, University of Missouri – Columbia, May 1981

Professional Experience

Academic:

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 2007 – Present, Associate Professor of Economics
2001 – 2007, Assistant Professor of Economics

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, 2000 – 2001, Visiting Assistant Professor

Saint Louis University, 1998 – 2000, Visiting Assistant Professor; 1996 – 1998, Instructor

University of Missouri, St. Louis, 1998, Instructor

St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, 1994 – 1995, Instructor

Private Industry:

Maritz Canada, Toronto, Ontario, 1992 – 1993, Director of Marketing

Maritz Performance Improvement Company, St. Louis, 1984 – 1992. Program Director, Creative Director, Director of Operations Analysis, Product Manager

Executive Director, Beta Sigma Psi national fraternity, 1981 – 1983

Teaching and Research Activity

Courses Taught:

Principles of Economics, Economics of Social Issues

Intermediate Microeconomics

Managerial Economics (Economics for Technical Managers, Engineering Management program)

Industrial Organization

International Trade and Globalization

Rhetoric of Economic Thought (History of Economic Thought)

Senior Seminar in Economics

Research Interests:

Measurement of, demand for, and influence on economic performance of public and social capital

Economic performance and incentives in business organizations

Information technology, productivity, and income distribution

History of economic thought – 20th century methodological debates

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

“Social Capital and Economic Performance in the American States,” *Social Science Quarterly* 86:4 (December 2005), with Terrence Casey

“Public Capital and Small Firm Performance,” *Atlantic Economic Journal* 32:1 (March 2004), with Richard Green

“Wisconsin’s Welfare Reforms: A Game Theoretic Perspective,” *Forum for Social Economics*, 28:1 (Autumn 1998), with Kathy Lund-Dean

Research Presentations:

“Value-Free Economics in Management and Engineering Education,” Presentation at “Lionel Robbins’s *Essay on the Nature and Significance of Economic Science* -- 75th anniversary conference,” London School of Economics, December 2007

“Protectionist Pressures and the Nature of Trade Expansion,” Midwestern Economics Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 2007

“Social Capital and Economic Performance – An Empirical Analysis,” Western Economics Association International, Vancouver, British Columbia, July 2004

“The Relationship between Consumer Sentiment and Stock Prices,” Western Economics Association International, Denver, Colorado, July 2003 (with Dale Bremmer)

“The Asymmetric Impact of Oil Prices on Gasoline Prices,” Western Economics Association International, Seattle, Washington, July 2002 (with Dale Bremmer)

“Public Capital and Small Firm Performance,” International Atlantic Economics Society Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2001

“Optimal Incentives in Hierarchical Organizations,” International Atlantic Economics Society Conference, Montreal, October 1999

“Information Technology and the Size-Wage Effect,” Missouri Valley Economics Association, St. Louis, February 1997

Work in Progress:

“Information Technology, Fragmented Production, and Income Inequality”

“New Questions Concerning Public Capital”

“Models of Capitalism and Economic Performance in a New Era of Globalization,” (with Terrence Casey)

Popular Press:

“How do we measure up?” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, November 21, 2007

“The recession of 2008,” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, August 15, 2007

“Let’s be energy self-sufficient!” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, April 18, 2007

“Should we do more than the minimum?” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, November 15, 2006

“Take some time off – if it’s worthwhile,” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, August 16, 2006

“Agents of fortune” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, May 17, 2005

“America’s chronic crisis,” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, February 15, 2006

“Letting the windfall profits bandwagon pass,” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, November 16, 2005

“A different perspective on our progress,” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, August 17, 2005

“Do you speak Chinese?” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, April 20, 2005

“The dollar is falling! The dollar is falling!” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, February 16, 2005

“Rough terrain in the economic landscape,” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, November 16, 2004

“Why I’m glad my car doesn’t run on coffee,” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, July 21, 2004

“Not losing sleep during a jobless recovery,” *Terre Haute Tribune-Star Progress Monthly*, February 18, 2004

Miscellaneous Research and Publications:

Contributor, “What Indiana Makes, Makes Indiana: Analysis of Indiana Manufacturing.” Central Indiana Corporate Partnership and Indiana Manufacturers Association, November 2004

Grant, “Public Capital and Small Firm Performance,” The Kauffman Foundation for Entrepreneurial Leadership, March 2000 (with Richard Green)

Principal Investigator, “Economic Impact Study for Saint Louis University,” Spring 1996

Service Activity

Departmental Service:

Departmental search committees for Economics (4 times, 2001 – 2002, 2002-2003, 2005 – 2006, and 2006 – 2007)

Departmental search committee for Philosophy (2003 – 2004)

Departmental search committee for Department Head (2003 – 2004)

Departmental subcommittee on grants and proposals (2002 – 2003)

Departmental subcommittee on curriculum review (2 times, 2004 – 2005 and 2005 – 2006)

Departmental subcommittee on department majors (2006 – 2007)

Panel member, HSS issues forum, October 2001, “Current World Situation”

Panel member, HSS issues forum, October 2002, “9/11 – One Year Later”

Panel member, HSS issues forum, September 2005, “Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina”

Department webmaster (2003 – 2004)

Reader, engineering management integrated project of Markus Schillo, "Analysis of the Deregulation Process in California and its Impact on the Economy"

Reader, engineering management integrated project of Stephan Reggelin, "E-Commerce and Businesses: Changes in Logistics and Transport"

Reader, engineering management integrated project of Brent Weigel, "PLATform Systems, Inc."

Institutional Service:

Institute Visual and Performing Arts Committee (3 years, 2001 – 2004)

Institute Safety, Security, Hazardous Waste & Traffic Committee (2002 – 2003)

Institute Employee Relations Committee (2003 – 2004, 2006 – 2007)

Institute Human Resources Advisory Committee (2004 – 2005)

Institute Faculty Teller (2004 – 2006)

Community Service:

Member of Board, Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra, 2005 to present

Member of Board, United Campus Ministries, 2003 – 2004

Professional Affiliations and Honors

Member, American Economics Association

Member, Midwest Economics Association

Outstanding Teaching Award, SLU Graduate Student Association, May 1998

Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society, 1997