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Current Employment

ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE, Rochester, New York
Assistant Professor of Economics, 2010 - present

Education

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, Fairfax, Virginia.
Ph.D. Economics, Defended November 2009
M.A. Economics, May 1999

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Arlington, Virginia.
J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2003

GROVE CITY COLLEGE, Grove City, Pennsylvania.
B.A. Economics, Minor in Business Administration, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 1997

Prior Experience

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, University Park, Pennsylvania.
Lecturer in Economics, 2007 – 2010

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY, Bowling Green, Ohio.
Instructor of Economics, 2006 - 2007

JONES DAY, Washington, D.C.
Associate, 2003 - 2006
Summer Associate, Summer 2002

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY, Fairfax & Arlington, Virginia.
Levy Fellow in Law and Liberty Teaching & Research Assistant, Fall 2000 - Spring 2003
Tutor for Economic Foundations of Legal Studies, Spring 2001 - Fall 2002
Instructor of Economics, Summer 1999 - Fall 2001

Courses Taught

Principles of Microeconomics
Principles of Macroeconomics
Survey of Economics
Intermediate Microeconomics
Labor Economics
Law and Economics
Public Sector Economics
MBA Foundations of Economics
PSU World Campus online classes: Principles of Macroeconomics and Labor Economics

Honors & Fellowships

Instrumental Faculty Member in the First Year Experience at Penn State, 2009
Selected by students from the freshmen class for honor awarded by Residence Life

George Mason Law Review, 2002 - 2003
Elected Symposium Editor by peers to develop all aspects of national antitrust symposium concluding with publication of presentations in Law Review

The Robert A. Levy Fellowship in Law and Liberty, 2000 - 2003
Fellowship grant covering all tuition and fees and providing annual stipend to encourage young scholars to enter the field of law and economics

Provost's High Potential Research Assistantship, 1997 - 2000
Scholarship & stipend for economics Ph.D. program

Presentations

"Binding Ulysses to the Mast: Credible Commitment in New York Disaster Relief Policy," presented at the New York State Economics Association Annual Conference, Albany, October 2014.

"The Classroom Time Management Spectrum," AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, Washington, D.C., May 2014.

"The Economics of Cooperation," invited presentation at Philosophy Day, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, November 2013.

"Micro Music: Using Short Song Clips in Powerpoint Slides," presented at the AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, Chicago, May 2013.

"Tiebout or not Tiebout: Vote with your Feet – without Leaving your Seat," presented at the Public Choice Society Meetings, New Orleans, March 2013.

"Markets as Connectors," presented at TEDx Allendale Columbia School, Rochester, February 2013.

"First Impressions: Portrayals of markets, individuals, and government in children's Literature," presented at the New York State Economics Association Annual Conference, Farmingdale, October 2012.

"First Impressions: Portrayals of markets, individuals, and government in children's Literature," presented at the Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas, April 2012.

"Order in the Academy: Rethinking the Organization of Higher Education," invited presentation at the St. John Fisher College First Friday Lecture Series, Rochester, November 2011.

"The Structure of Higher Education: Order in the Academy," presented at the Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas, April 2010.

"Micro Music: The Integration of Short Song Clips into the Lecture," presented at the Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas, April 2010.

"A Comment on 'The Gains from Self-Ownership and the Expansion of Women's Rights,'" with John Hasnas, presented at the Levy Fellow Workshop at George Mason University School of Law, November 2002.

"Class Production Experiments: Deriving Productivity, Cost, and Revenue Curves Using Generated Data," with G. Dirk Mateer, Published with papers from the Twelfth Annual Teaching Economics Conference, Robert Morris University, February 2001.

Publications

Kyle E. Brink and Clair Smith, "A Comparison of AACSB, ACBSP, and IACBE Accredited U.S. Business Programs: An Institutional Resource Perspective," *Business Education & Accreditation* V4:2, 2012, pp. 1-16.

Works In Progress

"The Structure of Higher Education: Order in the Academy," Expansion of dissertation chapter addressing questions of organization and maximization in higher education.

"Binding Ulysses to the Mast: Credible Commitment in New York Disaster Relief Policy," Working paper on the moral hazard problem in disaster relief, and efforts in New York to make a credible commitment and reduce repeat losses.

"First Impressions: Portrayals of markets, individuals, and government in children's Literature,"
Project to catalog and children's literature that contains references to markets and
government and link to state common core learning standards in economics.

"Micro Music: The Integration of Short Song Clips into the Large Lecture," Working paper on
innovative uses of song clips in the classroom.

"Tiebout or Not to Go: Vote with Your Feet -- Without Leaving Your Seat," Working paper on
funding and control of American public education.

Fields of Specialization and Areas of Interest

Law and Economics
Public Choice
Public Finance
Economics of Education
Teaching Economics

Professional Service

Board of Directors, New York State Economic Association, 2014 – present

Advisor to Economics Club, St. John Fisher College, Spring 2012 – present

Enrollment Management Faculty Committee, St. John Fisher College, Spring 2012 – present,
Committee Chair 2013 – present

Coordinator for the Liberty and Markets Lecture Series and Undergraduate Research
Opportunities, St. John Fisher College 2010 – present

Department Representative to Dean's working group for University Fellows Program (Penn
State), Spring 2008

Advisor to aspiring Paterno Liberal Arts Undergraduate Fellows in Economics (Penn State),
2008 - 2010

Coordinator for the Economic Lecture Series for Undergraduates (at Penn State), 2008 - 2010

Advisor for Koch Foundation REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) students,
2008 – 2010 (at Penn State) and similar program at St. John Fisher beginning in 2011

Advisor to Austrian Economics Society (at Penn State), 2008 – 2010

Informal advisor for students considering or applying to law school, 2007 - present

Judge for Bowling Green State University Mock Trial Team, 2006 - 2007