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Curriculum Vitae

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Department of Economics & Business
Virginia Military Institute
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EMPLOYMENT

Virginia Military Institute:

2016– Professor of Economics
2010–2016 Associate Professor of Economics
2006–2010 Assistant Professor of Economics

University of California–Davis:

2004–2006 Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow in Economics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics

2004 *University of Arizona*

B.A. in Economics, Mathematics Minor, Honors & Business Fellow, *Magna Cum Laude*

1999 *Elon College*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Virginia Military Institute

Principles of Microeconomics; Introductory Econometrics;
Principles of Macroeconomics; Statistics; Public Finance;
Intermediate Microeconomic Theory; Labor Economics;
Development of Economic Thought; Money & Banking
International Economics; U.S. Economic History;
Quantitative Tools for Economics & Business;
Analysis of Environmental Issues

University of California–Davis

American Economic History; World Economic History;
Principles of Microeconomics

University of Arizona

Principles of Economics; Labor Economics; Public Finance
Microeconomic Theory (TA); Econometrics (TA)

FIELDS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Economic History; Labor Economics; Political Economy;
Applied Microeconomics; Applied Econometrics; Behavioral Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

“Does Serious Gaming Improve Classroom Engagement and Learning Outcomes? The Case of Tax Bingo” (2019) *Accounting Instructor’s Report*, (with Kathy Simms, J. Donahue, and P. Maxwell).

“To Be a Blood Donor or Not to Be? Investigating Institutional and Student Characteristics at a Military College.” (2019) *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, (with Bing Jiang).

“An Interdisciplinary Living Laboratory Approach to Investigate College Food Waste Co-composting with Additional On-site Organic Waste Feedstocks.” (2019) *International Journal of Environment and Waste Management*, (with Anne Alerding et al).

“Concrete Measures: The Rise of Public Housing and Changes in Young Single Motherhood in the U.S.” (2018) *Journal of Population Economics*, (with Katie Shester & Chris Handy).

“Going Pro in Something Other Than Sports,” with Leah Schubel. (2017) *Virginia Economic Journal*, 21(1): 39-50.

“Struggle for Regulatory Power between States and the US Federal Government: The Case of Workers’ Compensation Insurance 1930-2000.” (2015) *Journal of Economics and Political Economy*, 2(3): 351-373.

“Correlates of Tanning Facility Densities in North Carolina.” with Julianne Treme. (2013) *North Carolina Medical Journal*, 74(2): 105-110.

“Demand for Graduate Business Programs in the US, 1989-2007.” with Rhys Williams. (2012) *Virginia Economic Journal*, 17(1): 1-10.

“Social Insurance and Truncated Benefits: Measuring the Impacts of Workers’ Compensation.” (2012) *Economics Research International*, Volume 2012, Article ID 652056, 21 pages.

“Press Pass: Payoffs to Media Exposure Among National Football League (NFL) Wide Receivers.” with Julianne Treme. (2011) *Journal of Sports Economics* 12(3): 370-390.

“A Patchwork Safety Net: A Survey of Cliometric Studies of Income Maintenance Programs in the United States in the First Half of the Twentieth Century.” with Price Fishback, Jonathan Fox, and Brendan Livingston. (2010) *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 24(5): 895-940.

PUBLICATIONS (*Continued*)

“Civilization and the Evolution of Short-Sighted Agents.” with Atin Basuchoudhary and Troy Siemers. (2010) *Virginia Economic Journal*, 15(1): 11-33.

“Lifting the Curse of Dimensionality: Measures of the Labor Legislation Climate in the States During the Progressive Era.” with Price Fishback and Rebecca Holmes. (2009) *Labor History*, 50(3): 313-346.

“Widely Received: Payoffs to Player Attributes in the NFL.” with Julianne Treme. (2009) *Economics Bulletin*, 29(3): 1640-1652.

Chapters in Edited Volumes:

“The Public Safety Net,” with Jonathan Fox, Brendan Livingston, and Price Fishback. (2018) In *The Oxford Handbook of American Economic History*. Edited by Louis Cain, Price Fishback, and Paul Rhode.

“State Regulatory Laws,” with Price Fishback. (2013) In *The Oxford encyclopedia of American Business, Labor, and Economic history*. 2nd Edition. New York: Oxford University Press.

“Workers Compensation: The Role and Impacts of Government.” In *Governing America: Major Decisions of Federal, State, and Local Government*. (2011) Edited by Quirk, Paul J., and William Cunion. New York: Facts on File.

“Measuring the Intensity of State Labor Regulation During the Progressive Era,” with Price Fishback and Rebecca Holmes. (2008) In *Quantitative Economic History: The Good of Counting*. Edited by Joshua L. Rosenbloom. Routledge Press. New York.

Book Reviews, Interviews & Other Published Works:

Review of Chad Pearson’s, *Reform or Repression: Organizing America’s Anti-Union Movement*. (2017) *Journal of Economic History*, 77(2): 617-618.

Local News Interview: “*The Rockbridge Report – Raising Minimum Wage Raises Questions*.” (March 20, 2014).

Radio Interview: “Secrets of the NFL Draft” broadcast on *With Good Reason*, Virginia’s Statewide Public Radio Program. (January 29, 2011).

Review of Kathleen Mapes’, *Sweet Tyranny: Migrant Labor, Industrial Agriculture, and Imperial Politics*. EH.Net, (January 14, 2010).

PUBLICATIONS (*Continued*)

Local News Interview: “*The Arizona Republic – Workers’ Compensation*” by Chad Graham. Archived (May 18, 2007).

White Paper: “Workers’ Compensation Problems in Horse Racing.” (with Price Fishback) for National HBPA (November, 2002).

WORKING PAPERS

“The Impact of Progressive Era Labor Regulations on Annual Earnings and Employment in Manufacturing in the United States, 1904-1919,” (with Price Fishback and Rebecca Holmes), *under review*.

“Migration Creation, Diversion, and Retention: New Deal Grants and Migration: 1935-1940,” NBER Working Paper #13491 (with Todd Sorensen, Price Fishback, and Shawn Kantor)

“On The Possibility That American College Graduates Are Not Human Capitalists.” IDEAS working paper (with Gregory Lilly).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Economics and the Placement of Public Housing in Virginia”

“Inflation Indexing and Government Benefits”

“Leadership, Cooperation, and Altruism,” (with Bing Jiang)

“Animal Adoption,” (with Julianne Treme)

“Strategy in Women’s Tennis,” (with Julianne Treme)

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPERVISED

Rhys Williams (MBA Demand)^{◇◇◇}

Stephen Cary (Local Economic Impacts)

Leah Schubel (Labor Market Outcomes for NCAA Athletes)

Michael Coppelino (Weightlifting and Nutrition)

Ally Van Valen (Game Theory and Flu Vaccinations)

Brandon Goodwyn (Cost–Benefit Analysis of Composting)

Renee Reives (Cost–Benefit Analysis of Automated Lighting Systems)[◇]

William Hubbard (Commercial Real Estate)[◇]

Victor Kolle (Generational Differences in Financial Risk Preferences)^{◇◇}

Rives Worsham (Public Funding for Private Sports Stadiums)^{◇◇}

^{◇◇◇} *Hinman '26* Award; ^{◇◇} *Institute* Honors; ^{◇◇} *Philpott* Award; [◇] *Departmental* Honors

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

2019	Economic History Association [†]	Atlanta, GA	September 13-15
	American Accounting Association [†]	San Francisco, CA	August 14
	AACSB Standards Seminar [‡]	Tampa, FL	April 3-5
2018	Western Economics Association*	Vancouver, Canada	June 26-29
	Life & Legacy of Douglass North [‡]	Arlington, VA	March 2-3
	Virginia Association of Economists*	Radford, VA	April 6-7
2017	Virginia Association of Economists*	Richmond, VA	March 16-17
2016	Southern Economics Association [†]	Washington, DC	November 19-21
	Commonwealth Analytics and Humanities Summit [‡]	Williamsburg, VA	October 17-18
	Virginia Association of Economists [‡]	Lexington, VA	March 31-April 1
2015	Southern Economics Association*	New Orleans, LA	November 20-22
	Economic History Association [†]	Nashville, TN	September 11-13
	World Economic History Congress [†]	Kyoto, Japan	August 3-7
	Eastern Economics Association [†]	New York, NY	February 26-March 1
2014	Southern Economics Association [†]	Atlanta, GA	November 22-24
	William & Mary Economics Seminar*	Williamsburg, VA	September 26
	Innovation in Pedagogy [‡]	Charlottesville, VA	May 6
	Association of Private Enterprise Education [†]	Las Vegas, NV	April 13-15
	International Atlantic Economics Association*	Madrid, Spain	April 2-5
	Virginia Association of Economists*	Roanoke, VA	March 20-21
	W&L-VMI Seminar [†]	Lexington, VA	January 17
2013	Teaching Economics (UNCW) [‡]	Wilmington, NC	October 12
	Economic History Association*	Washington, DC	September 20-22
	Appalachian Spring History & Economics Conference*	Boone, NC	April 20

*Presenter; †Presented by Co-Author; ‡Discussant or Attendee

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS (*continued*)

2012	Southern Economics Association* Virginia Association of Economists*	New Orleans, LA Virginia Beach, VA	November 16-18 March 15-16
2011	Appalachian Spring History & Economics Conference*	Boone, NC	April 30
2010	Washington DC-Area Economic History Seminar* Western Economics Association*	Washington, DC Portland, OR	October 8 June 29-July 3
2009	Southern Economics Association† UC-Merced Graduate Seminar* Economic History Association* Teaching Innovations Program‡ Cliometrics Conference‡	San Antonio, TX Merced, CA Tucson, AZ Chicago, IL Gettysburg, PA	November 21-23 November 9 September 11-13 June 10-12 June 5-7
2008	Southern Economics Association* American University Graduate Economic History Seminar* Economics Teaching Workshop‡ World Congress of Cliometrics‡ Appalachian Spring History & Economics Conference* Eastern Economics Association†	Washington, DC Washington, DC UNC-Wilmington, NC Edinburgh, Scotland Boone, NC Boston, MA	November 20-23 October 22 October 11 July 17-20 April 26 March 7-9
2007	Hawaii International Conference on Business*	Honolulu, HI	May 24-27
2006	Southern Economic Association* AACSB Conference‡ Cliometric Society at ASSA*	Charleston, SC Minneapolis, MN Boston, MA	November 18-20 October 17-19 January 6-8
2005	All UC-Group in Economic History*	San Francisco, CA	October 1
2004	International Society for New Institutional Economics* International Applied Business Research Conference† Cliometric Society at ASSA*	Tucson, AZ Puerto Rico San Diego, CA	September 30 March 15-19 January 3-5

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS (*continued*)

2003	Economic History Association*	Nashville, TN	September 19-21
	Third Annual Summer School in Economic History*	Venice, Italy	September 1-7
2000	Western Economics Association*	Vancouver, Canada	July 1-3

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2020	Ayres Faculty Development Leave, VMI (<i>Spring semester</i>)
2019	Grant-in-aid of Research, VMI [\$2,200]
2016	Omicron Delta Epsilon (<i>ODE</i>) Chapter Grant [\$1,500]
2015	Charles S. Koch Foundation Grant [\$8,000]
2013	Charles S. Koch Foundation Grant [\$5,000]
2013	Jessie Ball duPont Summer Seminar Faculty Scholar
2013	Grant-in-aid of Research, VMI [\$3,100]
2012	Summer Undergraduate Research Initiative (SURI) Stipend, VMI
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2009	Grant-in-aid of Research, VMI [\$3,210]
2008	Wilbur S. Hinman, Jr. '26 Research Award, VMI
2008	Grant-in-aid of Research, VMI [\$2,502]
2007	Summer Undergraduate Research Initiative (SURI) Stipend, VMI
2007	Grant-in-aid of Research, VMI [\$1,250]
2006	John Heinz Dissertation Award - <i>Best Dissertation on Social Insurance</i>
2002	National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant [\$10,000]
2002	Elmer J. Brown Memorial Scholarship
2002	3rd-year paper award, co-recipient, University of Arizona
2001	George W. Coleman Scholarship, University of Arizona
2000	Graduate College Travel Grant, University of Arizona
2000	Baird-Harvill Graduate Fellowship, University of Arizona
1999	Baird-Harvill Graduate Fellowship, University of Arizona
1999	Pi Gamma Mu Graduate Scholarship

SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE

2020	Committee for Tenure & Promotion Appeals (Ad Hoc)
2019–	Club Sport Advisor & Coach: Marathon Club
2018–2019	Participant, Emerging Leaders Program
2018–2019	Faculty Handbook Committee
2018–	Judge, COMAP’s Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling
2017–	Scheduling Coordinator, Department of Economics & Business
2017–	Liaison, Quality Enhancement Plan Steering Committee
2016–2019	Environmental Studies Minor Feasibility Study Committee
2015–	Assistant IG and Assistant Title IX Coordinator
2014–	Faculty Facilitator for the Bystander Intervention Program
2013–	Faculty Advisor for the Class of 2017
2013–2014	VMI’s Official Representative for <i>ICPSR</i> :
2011–2014	Faculty Defense Advocate for the Honor Court
2011–2013	VMI Center for Undergraduate Research (VCUR) Committee
2009–	Athletic Appeals Committee
2008–2014	Club Sport Advisor & Coach: Marathon Club
2006–2011	Undergraduate Research Initiative (URI) Committee
2006–2008	Club Sport Advisor & Coach: Ultimate Team
2006–2007	Assistant Officer-in-Charge (AOC) in Barracks

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

2021–	Member, Economics Adjunct Faculty Search Committee
2021–	Co-Chair, AACSB, Resources, Curriculum & Assessment Committee
2020–	Senior Faculty Mentor for Steve Landgraf
2019–2020	Member, Economics New Faculty Search Committee
2018–2019	Chair, Economics New Faculty Search Committee
2018–	Liaison, Building Renovation Committee
2017–	Member, AACSB Accreditation Executive Committee
2015–	Faculty Mentor, <i>ODE</i> the Economics Honor Society
2015–2021	Chair, AACSB Academic and Professional Engagement Committee
2015–2017	Senior Faculty Mentor for Ben Grannan
2012–	Organizer, VMI Research Colloquium (<i>with Washington & Lee University</i>)
2012–2013	Chair, Economics New Faculty Search Committee
2013–2015	AACSB, Strategic Management Committee
2010–2020	Chair, AACSB, Critical Thinking Goal Assessment Team
2010–2011	Member, Economics New Faculty Search Committee
2006–2013	AACSB, Assessment Committee
2006–2007	Committee for Evaluating the Economics Minor (Ad Hoc)
2006	Committee for Evaluating Departmental Statistical Software (Ad Hoc)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2020– Member, Committee on Education, Economic History Association
2019– Delegate, National Economic Education Delegation
2018 External Reviewer, *Hampden-Sydney College*
2016–2017 Judge for *College Fed Challenge*
2015–2018 Editorial Board Member for *Journal of Undergraduate Insights*
& Criticism in Economics
2015–2016 President: *Virginia Association of Economists*
2012–2017 Elected Member, Board of Directors: *Virginia Association of Economists*
2002– Referee (peer-reviewer) for the following publications:

Choice; Economic Inquiry; Economics Bulletin; European Review of Economic History; Explorations in Economic History; EH.Net; History Research; Journal of Economic History; Journal of Media Economics; Journal of Public Economic Theory; Journal of Research in International Business and Management; Journal of Sports Economics; Journal of Scientific Research and Reports; The Independent Review; Virginia Social Sciences Journal

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2020–2021 President, Lylburn-Downing Middle School PTA
2020 Economic Consultant, Estimating Damages
2018–2019 Liaison, Timber Framers Pavilion Project & FTX
2018–2019 Treasurer, Waddell Elementary PTA
2016– Volunteer, Roots & Shoots Inter-Generational Community Garden
2014–2015 Volunteer, Rockbridge United Youth Soccer
2013–2015 Treasurer, Rockbridge Food Cooperative, Inc.
2012–2015 Board Member, Rockbridge Food Cooperative, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association
Cliometric Society
Economic History Association
Southern Economic Association
Virginia Association of Economists

HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Omicron Delta Epsilon ... *Economics*
Kappa Mu Epsilon ... *Mathematics*
Pi Gamma Mu ... *Social Sciences*
Phi Kappa Phi ... *Interdisciplinary*