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Education

University of Maryland, College Park, MD, B.A., Economics and History, 1983
(Ira Byram Scholarship)
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, Ph.D., Economics, 1990

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee, Department of History, and
Urban Studies Programs, 1988-1991.
Assistant Professor, Wake Forest University, Department of Economics, 1991-96
Associate Professor, Wake Forest University, Department of Economics, 1996-2004
Professor, Wake Forest University, Department of Economics, 2004-
Chair, Wake Forest University, Department of Economics, 2006-2013

Independent Review: Editor, 2022-present, Co-editor and Managing Editor, 2013-2021

EH.Net (Online Economic History Services)

Director, 2003-2008
Associate Director, 1996-2003
Book Review Editor, 1996-2021
Online Encyclopedia of Economic and Business History, Editor, 2001-2010

Political Economy in the Carolinas: Senior Editor, 2020-2022

Classical Liberals of the Carolinas, Board of Directors, 2023-

Awards

Winner, 1990, Allen Nevins Prize, for the Outstanding Dissertation in American Economic
History. Dissertation Title: "The Shortening of the American Work Week: An
Economic and Historical Analysis of Its Context, Causes and Consequences."
(Prize is awarded annually by the Economic History Association.)
Finalist, International Economic History Association, Dissertation Prize, 1994.
Winner, Jonathan Hughes Prize for Excellence in Teaching Economic History, 1999
(awarded annually by the Economic History Association).
Wake Forest Center for Entrepreneurship and Wake Forest Entrepreneurship Society,
Service Leadership Award, 2009-2010
Project We Care Winston-Salem, North Ward Volunteer of the Year, 2019
Lifetime Member of the Economic History Association, in recognition for EH.Net service.

Publications – Books

- Historical Perspectives on the American Economy: Selected Readings*, editor, with Dianne Betts, Cambridge University Press, New York, 1995.
- Public Choice Interpretations of American Economic History*, editor, with Jac C. Heckelman and John C. Moorhouse, Kluwer Academic Press, 1999.
- EH.Net Encyclopedia of Economic and Business History*, editor, 2001-2010. This online encyclopedia contains articles with a combined length of more than 1500 printed pages. [http://www.eh.net/encyclopedia/.](http://www.eh.net/encyclopedia/))
- The Handbook of Modern Economic History*, editor with Randall Parker, Routledge, 2012.
- The Handbook of Major Events in Economic History*, editor with Randall Parker, Routledge, 2013.
- The Economic Crisis in Retrospect: Explanations by Great Economists*, editor with Page West, Edward Elgar, 2013.
- Future: Economic Peril or Prosperity?* editor (with Michael Munger and Christopher Coyne), The Independent Institute, 2016.
- Pope Francis and the Caring Society*, editor, The Independent Institute, 2017.
- In All Fairness: Liberty, Equality, and the Quest for Human Dignity*, editor (with Michael Munger and Christopher Coyne), The Independent Institute, 2019. (2020 International Book Award Winner in Social Change; 2020 Next Generation Indie Book Award Finalist in Social Justice; 2020 National Indie Excellence Award Finalist in Social/Political Change)
- Is Social Justice Just?* editor (with Michael Munger and Christopher Coyne), The Independent Institute, 2023.
Winner (Social Change) and Finalist (Current Events), 2023 Best Book Award by American Book Fest; Winner 2024 Montaigne Medal (Eric Hoffer Book Award).
- Underappreciated Economists*, editor, The Independent Institute, forthcoming.

Publications – Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

- “Winning the Eight-Hour Day, 1909-1919,” *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 50, no. 2, June 1990.
- “Fraternalism, Paternalism, the Family, and the Market: Insurance a Century Ago,” *Social Science History*, with David Buffum, Vol. 21, no. 1, Spring, 1991.
- “The Urbanization Deflator of the GNP, 1919-1984: Comment,” *Southern Economic Journal*, Vol. 51, no. 4, April 1991.
- “The Shortening of the American Work Week: An Economic and Historical Analysis of Its Context, Causes and Consequences,” *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 51, no. 2, June 1991, also published in *Proceedings of the 11th International Economic History Congress: Recent Doctoral Research in Economic History*, Universita Bocconi, 1994.
- “A Quantitative History of the Journal of Economic History and the Cliometric Revolution,” *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 51, no. 2, June 1991.
- “Using Historical State Bureau of Labor Statistics Reports in Teaching,” *Historical Methods*, Vol. 25, no. 3, Summer 1992.
- “Where Is There Consensus among American Economic Historians? The Results of a

- Survey on Forty Propositions," *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 55, no. 1, March 1995. (Reprinted in John W. Malsberger, editor, *The American Economic History Reader: Documents and Readings*, Routledge, 2008.)
- "Fear and Lathing in the Michigan Furniture Industry: Employee-Based Discrimination a Century Ago," with David Buffum, *Economic Inquiry*, Vol. 33, no. 2, April 1995.
- "The Historical Standard of Living among Polish- and Slovak-Americans: Evidence from Fraternal Insurance Records," in John Komlos, editor, *The Biological Standard of Living on Three Continents: Further Essays in Anthropometric History*, Westview Press, 1995.
- "Changes in Attitudes among College Economics Students about the Fairness of Markets," *Journal of Economic Education*, Vol. 26, no. 4, Fall 1995.
- "Retirement, History of" in Lois Vitt and Jurg Seigenthaler, editors, *Encyclopedia of Financial Gerontology*, Greenwood Publishing Group, Westport, CT, 1996.
- "Consensus and Disagreement among American Economic Historians," *Social Epistemology*, Vol. 10, no. 1, Spring 1996. Reprinted in Raymond McInnis, editor, *Discourse Synthesis: Studies in Historical and Contemporary Social Epistemology*, Praeger, 2001.
- "Political Business Cycles before the Great Depression," with Jac Heckelman, *Economics Letters*, Vol. 51, May 1996.
- "Social Gerontological Models of Retirement and Employment of Older Persons," with Charles Longino, in William Crown, editor, *Handbook on Employment and the Elderly*, Greenwood Press, Westport, CT, 1996.
- "Is There Consensus among American Labor Economists: Survey Results on Forty Propositions," *Journal of Labor Research*, Vol. 17, no. 4, Fall 1996.
- "What Should Lawyers Know about Economics?" with Andrew Morriss and John Moorhouse, *Journal of Legal Education*, Vol. 47, no. 4, December 1997.
- "Law & Economics and Tort Law: A Survey of Scholarly Opinion," with Andrew Morriss and John Moorhouse, *Albany Law Review*, Vol. 62, December 1998.
- "Economic History Online," with Debra Morner and Samuel Williamson, *Memoria e Ricerca*, special issue "Internet and History," January-June, 1999.
- "Economics and the Law: Where Is There Consensus?" with Andrew Morriss and John Moorhouse, *The American Economist*, Vol. 43, No. 2, Fall 1999.
- "Introduction," (with Jac Heckelman, and John Moorhouse) in Jac Heckelman, John Moorhouse, and Robert Whaples (eds.) *Public Choice Interpretations of American Economic History*, Kluwer Academic Press, 1999.
- "Anthropometrics," (with John Komlos) in Peter N. Stearns (editor) *The Encyclopedia of European Social History, 1350 to 2000*, Scribners, 2001.
- "The Supply and Demand of Economic History: Recent Trends in the *Journal of Economic History*," *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 62, No. 2, June 2002.
- "If I Had a Hammer: Mancur Olson as an Economic Historian," in Jac Heckelman and Dennis Coates, editors, *Collective Choice: Essays in Honor of Mancur Olson*, Springer-Verlag, 2003, pp. 143-64.
- "Are Public Choice Scholars Different?" (with Jac Heckelman), *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 36, no. 4, October 2003.
- "An Economic History of Retirement," in Lois Vitt, editor, *Encyclopedia of Retirement*

- and Finance*, Greenwood Publishing Group, Westport, CT, 2003.
- “Public Choice Economics: Where Is There Consensus?” (with Jac Heckelman), *The American Economist*, 49 (1), Spring 2005.
- “The Costs of Critical Commentary in Economics Journals,” *Econ Journal Watch*, 3 (2), May 2006, 275-82.
- “Do Economists Differ from Political Scientists on Public Choice: Evidence from a Survey” (with Jac Heckelman), *Korean Journal of Public Choice* 1 (1), July 2006: 35-41.
- “Collapse? The ‘Dismal’ Science Doesn’t Think So: Economists’ Views of the Future,” *The Independent Review*, 11 (2), Fall 2006.
- “Do Economists Agree on Anything?” *The Economists’ Voice*, 3 (9), November 2006.
- “Time to Eliminate the Penny from the U.S. Coinage System: New Evidence,” *Eastern Economic Journal*, 33 (1), Winter 2007.
- “The Policy Views of American Economic Association Members: The Results of a New Survey,” *Econ Journal Watch*, 6 (3): September 2009. (Over 23,000 downloads, see <https://econjwatch.org/readership-statistics>.)
- “Is Economic History a Neglected Field of Study?” and “Rejoinder,” in *Historically Speaking*, 11 (2), April 2010, pp. 17-20, 27.
- “Economic History and Cliometrics,” (with Louis Cain) in Robert Whaples and Randall Parker, editors, *The Handbook of Modern Economic History* (Routledge), 2012.
- “Economic History and Entrepreneurship,” in Robert Whaples and Randall Parker, editors, *The Handbook of Modern Economic History* (Routledge), 2012.
- “Ten Economic Lessons from *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*,” *The Independent Review*, 18 (3), Winter 2014.
- “Are Disagreements among Male and Female Economists Marginal at Best? A Survey of AEA Members and Their Views on Economics and Economic Policy” (with Ann Mari May and Mary McGarvey), *Contemporary Economic Policy* (January 2014).
- “Were Andrew Jackson’s Policies ‘Good for the Economy?’” *The Independent Review*, 18 (4), Spring 2014.
- “Symposium on Successful Presidential Economic Policies,” *The Independent Review*, 18 (4), Spring 2014.
- “Skeptical Thoughts on Taxpayer Funded Basic Income Guarantees,” *The Independent Review*, 19 (4), Spring 2015.
- “The Future of the Economy: An Introduction” *The Independent Review*, 20 (3), Winter 2016.
- “The Economics of Pope Francis: An Introduction,” *The Independent Review*, 20 (3), Winter 2017. (Summarized for CREDO’s *On the Margin* – May 2017.)
- “New Thinking on Egalitarianism,” *The Independent Review*, 22 (1), Summer 2017.
- “The One-Hundredth Anniversary of the Russian Revolution,” *The Independent Review*, 21 (2), Fall 2017.
- “Symposium on Immigration: An Introduction,” *The Independent Review*, 22 (3), Winter 2018.
- “The Road to Crony Capitalism: An Introduction,” *The Independent Review*, 23 (3), Winter 2019.

- “New Thinking about Social Justice,” *The Independent Review*, 24 (1), Summer 2019.
- “Why Didn’t Galbraith Convince Us That America Is an Affluent Society?” *The Independent Review*, 24 (4): Spring 2020: 579-92.
- “Classical Liberalism and the History of Economics in the Carolinas,” *Political Economy in the Carolinas*, 3: 2020. Part of a symposium I edited.
- “The Political Economy of Joseph Conrad,” *The Independent Review*, 25 (2): Winter 2020/21: 411-424.
- “Introduction: The Political Economy of Great Works of Literature,” *The Independent Review*, 25 (2): Winter 2020/21.
- “Where Do the Poorest Americans Stand in the Income Distribution among All People Ever Born?” *The Independent Review*, 27 (1): Summer 2022.
- “The Wisdom of David Theroux,” *The Independent Review*, 27 (1): Summer 2022.
- “National Founders and Founding Choices,” *The Independent Review*, 27(3): Winter 2022/23: 461-67.
- “The Future of Higher Education,” *The Independent Review*, 27(3): Winter 2022/23: 325-33.
- “Social Justice, Antiracism, and Public Policy” in *Is Social Justice Just?* edited by Robert Whaples, Michael Munger and Christopher Coyne, The Independent Institute.
- “Julian Simon: Irreplaceable Economist, Irreplaceable Man,” *The Independent Review*, 28(2): Fall 2023: 271-80.
- “Underappreciated Economists,” *The Independent Review*, 28(2): Fall 2023: 177-78.
- “A Vision of a Productive Free Society: Murray Rothbard’s *For a New Liberty*,” *The Independent Review*, 28(4): Spring 2024.
- “Mancur Olson: Understanding the Logic of Collective Action” and “Gary Becker: The Economic Way of Looking at Behavior,” in *Great Minds of the Market*, Oakland, CA: The Independent Institute, forthcoming.
- “Reconsidering Inequality: Limitations and Opportunities” in *The Legacy of Robert Higgs*, edited by Christopher Coyne, forthcoming 2024.
- “Thorstein Veblen: The Drive for Status,” in Robert Whaples, editor, *Underappreciated Economists*, forthcoming.

Other Professional Activities

BB&T/Truist Banking School

- Summer Program, 1998-2022

Business Library Review

- Associate Editor, 1996-2001

Clometric Society (1985-present)

- Undergraduate Paper Prize Committee, 1995-97 (Chair, 1995)
- Board of Trustees, 2009-2013 (Chair, 2013)

CREDO (Catholic Research Economists Discussion Organization)

- Advisory Board Member, 2020-

Economic History Association (1985-present)

- Member, Membership Committee, 1990-1992
- Member, Teaching Committee, 1990-92

- Coordinator, Syllabus Exchange Program, 1990-1993
- Member, Committee on Research in Economic History, 1993-96, 2005-08
- Member, Committee on Data Bases, 1995-1998
- Member, Local Arrangements Committee, 1998

Foundation for Teaching Economics

- Professor in the Economic Forces in American History and Economic Forces for Leaders program, 2004-present

Intercollegiate Studies Institute

- Principles of Liberty Program, 2015

Independent Institute

- Research Fellow, 2007-
- Editor, *The Independent Review*, 2013-

Political Economy in the Carolinas

- Editorial Board Member, 2017-

Social Science History Association

- Economic History, Network Co-Chair, 1993-96
- Member, President's Book Award Committee, 2002-2004
- Member, Rockefeller Travel Award Selection Committee, 2005-2007

Book Reviews (almost four hundred)

- *American Economist*
- *American Studies*
- *Books and Culture*
- *Business History*
- *Business History Review*
- *Business Library Review*
- *Choice: Current Reviews of Academic Books*
- EH.Net
- *Enterprise and Society*
- *Faith and Economics*
- H-Catholic
- *The Historian*
- *History: Reviews of New Books*
- *Humane Studies Review*
- H-USA
- *The Independent Review*
- *Journal of Economic History*
- *Journal of Economic Literature*
- *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*
- *Journal of Southern History*
- *Modern Age*
- *Political Economy in the Carolinas*
- *Review of Political Economy*
- *Reviews in American History*

- *The Reviewer*
- *Southern Business and Economic Journal*
- *Southern Economic Journal*

Refereeing

- *American Economist*
- *Australian Economic History Review*
- *Clometrica*
- *Eastern Economic Journal*
- *Econ Journal Watch*
- *Economic History Review*
- *Economic Inquiry*
- *Economics and Human Biology*
- *Enterprise and Society*
- *Explorations in Economic History*
- *Gerontologist*
- *Historical Methods*
- *History of Economic Ideas*
- *History of Political Economy*
- *The Independent Review*
- *International Journal of Developmental Issues*
- *International Journal of Environment and Sustainable Development*
- *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*
- *Journal of Business, Economics and Industry*
- *Journal of Economic Education*
- *Journal of Economic History*
- *Journal of Gerontology: Social Science*
- *Journal of Institutional Economics*
- *Labor History*
- *Libertarian Papers*
- *Public Choice*
- *Review of Political Economy*
- *Southern Economic Journal*
- *Southern History*
- *Social Science History*
- *Social Science Quarterly*
- *Social Sciences*
- *Work-Family Encyclopedia*

Other

- Coach/Advisor, Wake Forest University Quiz Bowl Team, 1992-present

Courses Taught

Wake Forest

ACP 101, Academic Competition Preparation
Economics 150, Introduction to Economics
Economics 205, Intermediate Microeconomics I
Economics 235, Labor Economics
Economics 241, Natural Resource Economics
Economics 261, American Economic Development
Economics 266/ESE 371, Economics of Entrepreneurship
Economics 262: History of Economic Thought
Economics 270, Current Economic Issues
First Year Seminar: American Immigration
First Year Seminar: The Role of Government in the Economy
First Year Seminar: The Economics of War in America
First Year Seminar: The Future of Humanity
First Year Seminar: Entrepreneurs in American History
Sustainability 702: Sustainable Organization Management
BEM 380: Roots of Political Economy

University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee

History 200, Historical Roots of Contemporary Issues: America's Economic Dilemmas
History 350, Britain and the Industrial Revolution
History 437, American Economic History, from the Seventeenth Century to 1865
History 438, American Economic History since the Civil War
History 595, Quantitative Analysis of Historical Data
Urban Studies Programs 982, Methods of Research and Analysis for Urban Social Institutions II