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Academic Positions

Chair, Department of Economics and Data Analytics
Campbell School of Business, Berry College, 2025-

Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure)
Campbell School of Business, Berry College, 2021-

Assistant Professor of Economics
Campbell School of Business, Berry College, 2015-2021

Affiliate Scholar
*The Knee Regulatory Research Center, West Virginia University (Formerly
Housed at St. Francis University), 2019-present*

Education

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
Ph.D. in Economics, August 2015

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
M.A. in Economics, May 2010

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
B.A. in Economics (Summa-cum-laude), May 2008

Publications (Student Co-Authors in Bold)

Edited Volumes

1. *Handbook on Public & Private Security* (co-edited with Simon Hakim and Erwin Blackstone) Springer. November 2023.
2. *Applications of Public Choice Theory to Public Policy* (co-edited with Jayme Lemke and Paul Dragos Aligica) Lexington Books. Forthcoming.

Refereed Journal Articles

3. "Neoliberal Ideology or Rent Seeking: What determines World Bank financing decisions?" *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*. Forthcoming.
4. "Should I Stay or Should I Go? The Effect of NIL on College Basketball Players Entering the NBA Draft" (with E. Frank Stephenson and **Cole McDaniel**) *Journal of Sports Economics*. 26 (2025), 543-561.
5. "Evaluation of Public Private Partnerships in Highways." (with Simon Hakim) *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 107, December 2024.
6. "Did the Wizards Help Washington Dodge Bullets?" (with E. Frank Stephenson), *Review of Sports Economics*, 5, March 2024.
7. "Dark Web Drug Markets and Cartel Crime." (with **Nicholas Farmer**) *Review of Law & Economics*, 19(3), 317-350. December 2023.
8. "Does the Ball Lie? Testing the Rasheed Wallace Hypothesis." (with **Corey Jenkins** and Javier Portillo) *Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports*, 18 (2), 87-95, August 2022.
9. "No Child Left in Foster Care." (with Simon Hakim and Erwin Blackstone), *The Independent Review*, 26 (3), Winter 2021/2022
10. "Reducing a Barrier to Entry: The 120/150 CPA Licensing Rule." (with E. Frank Stephenson), *Journal of Labor Research*, 41, 382-402. December 2020.
11. "Burglary Reduction and Improved Police Performance through Private Alarm Response." (with Simon Hakim and Erwin Blackstone) *International Review of Law and Economics*, 63, September 2020.
12. "(Pot) Heads in Beds: The Effect of Marijuana Legalization on Hotel Occupancy in Colorado and Washington." (with **Corey Rusko**, E. Frank Stephenson) *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*, 50 (1), 46-53. May 2020.
13. "The effects of growth in occupational licensing on intergenerational mobility." (with Edward Timmons, **Andrew Meehan**, and **Ilya Kukaev**) *Economics Bulletin*. June 2019.
14. "Assessing Growth in Occupational Licensing of Low-Income Occupations 1993-2012." (with Edward Timmons, **Andrew Meehan**, and **John Hazenstab**) *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*, 7(2), 178-218. June 2018.

15. "Does Private Security Affect Crime?: A test using state regulations as instruments." (with Bruce L Benson) *Applied Economics*, 49(48), 4911-4924. October 2017.
16. "A Regional, Market Oriented Governance for Disaster Management: A New Planning Approach." (with Simon Hakim and Erwin Blackstone) *Evaluation and Program Planning*, (64), 57-68. June 2017.
17. "Do Economies of Scale Exist in Private Protection? Evaluating Nozick's "Invisible Hand"." *Journal of Private Enterprise*, 32(2), 83-91. June 2017.
18. "The Impact of Licensing Requirements on Industrial Organization and Labor: Evidence from the US private security market." *International Review of Law and Economics*. 42, 113–121. June 2015.
19. "The Occupation of Regulators Influences Occupational Regulation: Evidence from the US private security industry." (with Bruce L Benson) *Public Choice*. 161(1), 97-117. January 2015.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

20. "The Overlooked Contributions of Private Enterprise to Fighting Crime" (with Erwin A. Blackstone and Simon Hakim) Forthcoming in *Oxford Handbook on Private Enterprise* (ed. Edward Stringham). Oxford University Press.
21. "Introduction to Applications of Public Choice Theory to Public Policy." (with Jayme Lemke and Paul Dragos Aligica). Forthcoming in *Applications of Public Choice Theory to Public Policy*.
22. "The Importance of Evidence Based Narratives in Public Choice." Forthcoming in *Applications of Public Choice Theory to Public Policy*.
23. "An Overview of Private Security and Policing in the United States." (with Simon Hakim and Erwin Blackstone) *Handbook on Public & Private Security*. Springer. November 2023.
24. "New Realities and New Solutions in Public and Private Policing" *Handbook on Public & Private Security*. Springer. November 2023.
25. "Predatory Public Finance and the Evolution of the War on Drugs." (with Bruce L. Benson) *For Your Own Good: Paternalism, Taxes, and Fiscal Discrimination in the Twenty-First Century* (ed. Adam Hoffer and Todd Nesbit) Mercatus Center. January 2018.

Peer Reviewed Policy Papers

26. “Improving Foster Care Outcomes for Children in West Virginia” (with Simon Hakim and Ryan Hanlon). *Cardinal Institute for West Virginia Policy*.
27. “Barriers to Mobility: Understanding the Relationship Between Growth in Occupational Licensing and Economic Mobility.” (with Ed Timmons and **Andrew Meehan**) Policy + Analysis. *The Archbridge Institute*. November 2017.
28. “Too Much License? A Closer Look at Occupational Licensing and Economic Mobility.” (with Ed Timmons, **Andrew Meehan**, and **John Hazenenstab**) Inquiry & Analysis. *The Archbridge Institute*. April 2018. (Cited by: *The Hill*, *Forbes*, *Reason*, *The Sacramento Bee*, *The Orange County Register*, *Washington Examiner*, and *Marginal Revolution*)

Op-Eds

29. “Reviving the American Dream is Going to Take Licensing Reform.” (with Edward Timmons) *The Hill*. April 19, 2018.

Working Projects/Under Review

“Traffic Stops, Crime, Civil Asset Forfeiture and Marijuana Decriminalization.” (With **Jake Weitkamp** and Jamie Sharpe)

“Arizona’s Certificate of Second Chance: Virtue signaling policy or real criminal justice reform?” (with **Abby Plants**).

“High Taxes, Hidden Harvests: Underground Marijuana Markets in Canada” (with **Kyle Lowe**)

“Distress with Distress: Financial Health of Higher Education Institutions affects Demand” (with Justin Heflin and Bryan C. McCannon)

“A Market-Oriented Model of Improving Child Adoption: An Empirical Investigation and Policy Implications” (with Simon Hakim)

Courses Taught

Principles of Microeconomics

Principles of Macroeconomics

Research Seminar in Economics Of Crime

Markets and Society (Combined Macro & Micro Principles Course)

Elements of Macroeconomics

Law & Economics

Public Economics

Environmental Economics

The Economics of Crime and Punishment

Principles of Environmental Economics

Junkyards and Sweatshops (Co-taught, student reading group)

Atlas Shrugged (Co-taught, student reading group)

Anarchy Unbound/Private Governance Colloquium (Co-taught, student reading group)

Freshman Seminar Course

Undergraduate Honors Theses Directed

“High Taxes, Hidden Harvests: Underground Marijuana Markets in Canada”
Kyle Lowe, 2024.

“Electoral Systems and the Political Composition of Legislatures.” **Gabriel Smith**, 2023.

“Georgia Traffic Stops and Marijuana Decriminalization.” **Jake Weitkamp**, 2022.

“Decriminalization of Prostitution: The Incentives Impacting Violent Crime and Disease.” **Emma Duke**, 2020.

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

Mont Pelerin Society Meetings

Neoliberal Ideology or Rent Seeking: What determines World Bank financing decisions? 2023

Mercatus Center at George Mason University Bastiat Fellowship Program

The Importance of Evidence Based Narratives in Public Choice. 2022

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Does the Ball Lie? Testing the Rasheed Wallace Hypothesis. 2022

Public and Private Security in the U.S.: Challenges and Policy Options. 2022

Southern Methodist University Bridwell Institute for Economic Freedom

Dark Web Drug Markets and Cartel Crime. 2021

Institute for Humane Studies Seminar

Occupational Licensing in a Post-Covid world. 2021

Institute for Humane Studies and Pacific Research Institute Entrepreneurship Seminar

Occupational Licensing, Entrepreneurship, and Intergenerational Mobility.
2020

**Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville/Center for the Study of Occupational
Regulation-St. Francis Occupational Licensing Conference.**

Let Them Earn from What They Earn: Increasing the effectiveness of prison
vocational training through occupational licensing reform. 2020

Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation Emerging Scholars Conference

Accounting for the Impact of the 120/150 CPA Licensing Rule. 2019

Western Carolina University Scaled Up Seminar

Burglary Reduction and Improved Police Performance Through Private
Alarm Response. 2019

Troy University

Burglary Reduction and Improved Police Performance Through Private
Alarm Response. 2018

State Policy Network Conference (IHS and Knee Center co-sponsored seminar)

Occupational Licensing and Intergenerational Mobility. 2018

Pennsylvania State University-Erie

Predatory Public Finance and the War on Drugs. 2018

Gannon University

Predatory Public Finance and the War on Drugs. 2018

George Mason University Graduate Student Paper Workshop

The Impact of Licensing Requirements on Industrial Organization and
Labor: Evidence from the US private security market. 2014

DeVoe Moore Center's Critical Issues Symposium

The Effects of Private Security on the U.S. Criminal Justice System: Recent Evidence. 2016

The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics of Liberty Colloquium

Rent Seeking and Regulatory Capture in the U.S. Private Security Industry. 2014

Southern Economic Association

Accounting for the Impact of the 120/150 CPA Licensing Rule. Washington D.C. 2018

Dark Web Drug Markets and Cartel Violence. Washington D.C. 2018

Public Provision of a Private Good: The Case of Police Response to Electronic Alarms. Tampa, FL 2017

Does Private Security Enhance Police Productivity? New Orleans, LA 2016

The Impact of Licensing Requirements on Industrial Organization and Labor: Evidence from the US private security market. Atlanta, GA 2014

Association of Private Enterprise Education

Neoliberal Ideology or Rent Seeking: What determines World Bank financing decisions. Cancun, Mexico 2023

Accounting for the Impact of the 120/150 CPA Licensing Rule. Nassau, Bahamas 2019

Private Security and Public Police Productivity. Maui, Hawaii 2017

Does Private Security Enhance Police Productivity? Las Vegas, NV 2016

Rent Seeking and Regulatory Capture in the U.S. Private Security Industry. Las Vegas, NV 2014

Public Choice Society

Ideas for Teaching Public Choice in Upper Level Economics Courses, Louisville, 2025

High Taxes, Hidden Harvests: Underground Marijuana Markets in Canada Louisville, 2025

Occupational Licensing Panel Session, Savannah GA 2021

Rent Seeking and Regulatory Capture in the U.S. Private Security Industry.
Charleston, SC 2014

Does Private Security Affect the Level of Crime?: A test using state
regulations as instruments. New Orleans, LA 2013

Referee Service

Economics Bulletin

Empirical Economics

Economics Letters

Econ Journal Watch

Contemporary Economic Policy (Multiple Reviews)

International Journal of Law, Crime, & Justice

Journal of Comparative Economics

Journal of Drug Issues (Multiple Reviews)

Journal of Economics and Finance Education (Multiple Reviews)

Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy

Journal of Experimental Criminology

Journal of Labor Research (Multiple Reviews)

Journal of Private Enterprise

Journal of Quantitative Criminology

Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy

Journal of Regional Science

Public Finance Review

Regulation and Governance

Review of Regional Research (Multiple Reviews)

*Utah State University Center for Growth and Opportunity Working Paper
Series*

Honors, Awards & Grants

Dorothy Englis Research Fellowship 2025-

Berry College Summer Research Stipend 2025

Mercatus Center at George Mason University Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship
Research Sequence Scholar 2022-2024

Mercatus Center at George Mason University Don Lavoie Fellowship
Scholar 2021-2024

Institute for Humane Studies and John Templeton Foundation Publication
Support Grant (Edited Volume) 2021-2022

Berry College Summer Research Stipend 2019

Campbell School of Business Outstanding Scholar Award 2017-2018

Archbridge Institute Grant Recipient 2017-2018

DeVoe Moore Dissertation Fellowship 2014-2015

Humane Studies Fellowship 2014-2015

Mercatus Center Visiting Dissertation Fellow 2014-2015

Koch Doctoral Fellow 2010-2014

Mercatus Center Adam Smith Fellow 2013-2014

Institute for Humane Studies Regulatory Studies Fellow 2012

Northern Michigan University Outstanding Senior in Economics 2008

Teaching-Related Training

Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, Atlanta, GA
2016

Program for Instructional Excellence Teaching Philosophy Workshop,
Florida State University, Department of Economics 2012, 2013, and 2014

Creative Teaching Ideas for Your Basic Economics Course Workshop, Gus
A. Stavros Center 2013 and 2014

Economics Teaching Workshop, Florida State University, Department of
Economics 2012