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COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM VITAE

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1. EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy	Economics	George Mason University	(Fields: Public Choice and Industrial Organization)
Master of Arts	Economics	George Mason University	
Bachelor of Science	Economics	Texas A&M University	(Minor: Statistics and Business Analysis)

2. AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Institutional Economics, Public Choice Economics, Law & Economics, Economics of Ideas, Non-Market Entrepreneurship

3. APPOINTMENTS

Permanent

Professor of Economics and BB&T Distinguished Professor of Capitalism, School of Economics, Management & Project Management, College of Business, Western Carolina University, 2012-present

Executive Director and Past President, The Public Choice Society, 2014-present

Director and Founder, Center for the Study of Free Enterprise at Western Carolina University, 2015-2022

Associate Professor of Law & Economics, San José State University, 2007-2012 (promoted to full professor)

Assistant Professor of Law & Economics, 2005-2007

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of North Texas, 1998-2005

Manager, Public Policy Programs, Mercatus Center, 1994-1996

Professional Staff Member, Joint Economic Committee, US Congress, 1993-1994

Visiting

Visiting Scholar, Social Philosophy & Policy Center, Bowling Green State University, Summer 2010

Scholar in Residence, Liberty Fund, Inc., 2007-2008

Visiting Scholar, Center for Study of Public Choice, Summer 2001

Earhart Post Doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, George Mason University, 1997-1998

4. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

President, The Public Choice Society (2012-2014)

Features Editor, *EconLib: The Library of Economics and Liberty*, Liberty Fund, 2023-present

Nominating Committee, Mont Pelerin Society (2020 – Present)

Voting Member (2020 – Present) and Member of the Standing Committee (2022—Present),

Fellow, Public Choice and Public Policy Project, American Institute for Economic Research, 2021-present

Research Fellow, The Independent Institute, 2006-present

Member of the Board of Directors, North Carolina Council on Economics Education (2016 – Present)

President (2020-22) and Board Member (2022-2025), Classical Liberals in the Carolinas

President, Association of Private Enterprise Education (2010-11) (Director 2014-present; Of Counsel 2012-14; Past President 2011-12; Vice President 2009-10; Director 2006-09)

Editorial Board, *The Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy*, 2024-present

Associate Editor, *Journal of New Finance*, 2020-present

Associate Editor, *Journal of Entrepreneurship & Public Policy*, 2010-2023

Co-Editor for Economics, *Journal of Economics and Finance Education*, 2009-2012

Editorial Advisory Board, *American Journal of Entrepreneurship*, 2008-2014

Editorial Board, *Political Economy in the Carolinas*, 2017-2023

Member, American Economic Association; Association of Private Enterprise Education; Mont Pelerin Society; Society for Development of Austrian Economics; Southern Economic Association; The Public Choice Society

Adjunct Program Officer, Economics Discipline, Institute for Humane Studies, 2014-2015

Program Officer, Academic Programs, Institute for Humane Studies, 2008-2009

Research Advisory Board, Pacific Research Institute, 2008

5. PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Books (3)

Peter T. Calcano and Edward J. López, *Deficit as Policy: Widening the Scope of Debt-Finance in the United States, 1792-Present*, (under review) [[Ch.1 on SSRN](#)][[Ch. 3 on SSRN](#)] [Other chapters available on request]

Deficit as Policy is a new micro-political-economic history of expanding scope of government in the United States. Drawing on institutional economics, it attributes 21st Century fiscal challenges to shifts of fiscal norms in the 19th Century that were institutionalized and later became entrenched during the 20th Century. Formal legislative attempts in recent decades to instill fiscal discipline face a problem of institutional misalignment, creating tension between two directions for fiscal policy moving forward. One referee describes *Deficit as Policy* as having “definitely an interesting perspective”. Another says, “the authors are competent, and the writing thus far seems tight, well organized, and cogent”.

Wayne A. Leighton and Edward J. López, *Madmen, Intellectuals and Academic Scribblers: The Economic Engine of Political Change*, Stanford University Press, 2013 [[Amazon link](#)]

Written for general audiences, *Madmen* offers an intuitive history of political-economic ideas followed by a new framework for understanding political change as a tension between ideas vs. interests in shaping institutions. *Madmen* was reviewed in numerous blogs, popular outlets including *Barron's* and *Forbes*, and academic journals including *Public Choice*, *Review of Austrian Economics*, *Independent Review*, *Journal of Entrepreneurship & Public Policy*, and more. *Madmen* was the topic of academic panel discussions at Western Carolina University's Free Enterprise Speaker Series (November 2012), The Cato Institute (January 2013), The Public Choice Society annual meetings (March 2013), Association of Private Enterprise Education annual meetings (April 2013 and April 2014), and more. Book presentations have been made at dozens of events across the United States and internationally. A Chinese translation of *Madmen* was published by China Financial Publishing House, May 2016.

Edward J. López (editor), *The Pursuit of Justice: Law and Economics of Legal Institutions*, Foreword by Robert D. Tollison, © Palgrave Macmillan and The Independent Institute, 2010. Also in e-book: [[DOI link](#)]

Pursuit is an edited volume of 11 original papers and editor's introduction that analyze key decision-makers in the legal system, including judges, prosecutors, forensics experts, and others. Institutional arrangements can improve the incentive structures of key decision-makers, improving justice. *Pursuit* was reviewed in academic journals *Public Choice* (2011); *Regulation* (Winter 2010-2011, pp.46-49); and *Laissez-Faire* (2012). *Pursuit* was the topic of a book panel before a paid live audience with Internet streaming. Co-panelists: Professor David D. Friedman (Santa Clara University) and Chief Judge Alex Kozinski (Ninth District Federal Court), Date: December 9, 2010, Oakland, CA [[Video link](#)].

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (31)

Journal Articles in Preparation for Submission: (2)

Joseph Duty, Kevin Lavery, and Edward J. López, “The Four Persons of Homo Economicus: A Unifying Concept of Methodological Individualism over Strict Rationality” [PDF available on request]

Edward J. López, “Informal Institutions and Public Choice: Problems of Origination, Formalization, and Alignment” [PDF available on request]

Journal Articles in Circulation Under Peer Review: (4)

Edward J. López and Meg Tuszynski, “Economic Freedom and Gender Inequality: Enabling and Constraining Institutions” [[Preprint PDF link](#)]

Edward J. López, Stephen C. Miller and Craig J. Richardson, “Using Elasticity to Track infectious Disease Outbreaks: Evidence from Covid” [[Preprint PDF link](#)]

Edward J. López, Jonathan Murphy, and Justin Pace, “The Long-Term Impact of *Kelo v. City of New London*: Comparing State Legislative and Judicial Responses” [[Preprint PDF link](#)]

Peter T. Calcagno and Edward J. López, “An Institutional Mechanism for the Growth of Government: Scale as a Function of Scope” [[Preprint PDF link](#)]

Journal Articles Published or Forthcoming: (25)

Edward J. López, “Exchange Opportunities Between Think Tanks and Academia: Allocation versus Symbiosis in the Intellectual Structure of Production,” *Political Economy in the Carolinas*, V.4, Summer 2021 [[SSRN link](#)]

Nicolás Cachanosky and Edward J. López, “Rediscovering Buchanan’s Rediscovery: Non-market Exchange Versus Antiseptic Allocation,” *Public Choice* 183:1, pp.461-477, May 2020, DOI: [[DOI link](#)]

Peter T. Calcagno and Edward J. López, “Informal Norms Trump Formal Constraints: The Evolution of Fiscal Policy Institutions in the United States,” *Journal of Institutional Economics* 13:1 (Nobel Laureate Douglass C. North Memorial Issue), March 2017, pp.211-242, DOI: [[DOI link](#)]

Edward J. López and J. R. Clark, “The Problem with the Holdout Problem,” *Review of Law & Economics* 9(2), September 2013, pp.151-167 [[DOI link](#)]

Peter T. Calcagno and Edward J. López, “Divided We Vote,” *Public Choice* 151, January 2012, pp.517-536 [[SSRN link](#)]

Edward J. López and David J. Molina, “Third-Degree Price Discrimination: Apology Not Necessary,” *Atlantic Economic Journal* 38:4, December 2010, pp.383-397 [[DOI link](#)]

Edward J. López, “Who Will Deregulate the Deregulators?” *Public Choice* 142:3/4, March 2010, pp.379-84

Edward J. López, R. Todd Jewell and Noel D. Campbell, “Pass a Law, Any Law, Fast! State Legislative Responses to the *Kelo* Backlash,” *Review of Law & Economics* 5:1, May 2009, pp.101-135

Noel D. Campbell and Edward J. López, “Paying Teachers to Earn Advanced Degrees: Evidence on Student Performance in Georgia,” *The Journal of Private Enterprise*, 29:1, Fall 2008, pp.33-49

Edward J. López and Carlos D. Ramírez, “Mr. Smith and the Economy: The Influence of Economic Conditions on Individual Legislator Voting,” *Public Choice* 136:1, July 2008, pp.1-17

R. Kenneth Godwin, Edward J. López, and Barry J. Seldon, “Allocating Lobbying Resources between Private and Collective Rents,” *Political Research Quarterly* 61:2, June 2008, pp.345-59

Noel D. Campbell, Edward J. López and Tammy Rogers, “Incumbent Deviations from Constituents: Further Tests,” *Journal of Political Science*, 31, 2008, pp.33-53

Edward J. López, “Congressional Trends to Tax and Spend,” *Open Journal of Political Science* 1, Winter 2008, pp.38-43

Edward J. López and R. Todd Jewell, “Strategic Institutional Choice: Voters, States, and Congressional Term Limits,” *Public Choice* 132:1-2, July 2007, pp.137-57

Edward J. López and Sasha M. Totah, “*Kelo* and its Discontents: The Worst (or Best?) Thing to Happen to Property Rights,” *The Independent Review*, XI:3, Winter 2007, pp.397-416

- R. Kenneth Godwin, Edward J. López, Barry J. Seldon, “Incorporating Policymaker Costs and Political Competition into Rent-Seeking Games,” *Southern Economic Journal* 73:1, July 2006, pp.37-54
- Edward J. López and Carlos D. Ramírez, “Party Polarization and the Business Cycle in the United States,” *Public Choice* 121:3-4, December 2004, pp.413-430
- Edward J. López and Daniel Sutter, “Ignorance in Congressional Voting? Evidence from Policy Reversal on the Endangered Species Act,” *Social Science Quarterly* 85:4, December 2004, pp.891-912
- Edward J. López and Noel D. Campbell, “Do Legislators Pay to Deviate From Constituents?” *Eastern Economic Journal* 30:3, Summer 2004, pp.349-63
- Edward J. López, “Term Limits: Causes and Consequences,” *Public Choice* 114:1-2, January 2003, pp.1-56
- Edward J. López, “Congressional Voting on Term Limits,” *Public Choice* 112:3-4, Sept. 2002, pp.405-431
- Edward J. López, “The Legislator as Political Entrepreneur: Investment in Political Capital,” *Review of Austrian Economics* 15:2-3, Summer 2002, pp.211-228
- Peter J. Boettke and Edward J. López, “Austrian Economics and Public Choice,” *Review of Austrian Economics* 15:2-3, Summer 2002, pp.111-119
- Wayne A. Leighton and Edward J. López, “Committee Assignments and the Cost of Party Loyalty,” *Political Research Quarterly* 55:1, March 2002, pp. 59-90
- Edward J. López, “New Anti-Merger Theories: A Critique,” *Cato Journal* 20:3, Winter 2001, pp.359-378

Book Chapters Contributed (12)

- Peter T. Calcagno and Edward J. López, “Public Finance,” in William F. Shughart II and Ryan Yonk (Editors) *A Research Agenda for Public Choice*, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Press, forthcoming.
- Edward J. López, “Individual Sovereignty and Coproduction of Knowledge Governance,” in Erwin Dekker and Pavel Kuchar (Editors) *Governing Markets as Knowledge Commons*, Cambridge University Press, 2022, [[SSRN link](#)]
- James L. Caton and Edward J. López, “The Cognitive Dimension of Institutions,” in Andres Marroquín and Nikolai Wenzel (Editors) *UFM Companion to Douglass North*, 2020 [[SSRN link](#)]
- Edward J. López and W. Robert Nelson, “The Endowment Effect in a Public Good Experiment” in Joshua C. Hall (Editor), *Explorations in Public Sector Economics: Essays by Prominent Economists*, Springer 2016
- Edward J. López, “Making Property Rights Stronger in Tennessee: Limiting Discretionary Powers of Eminent Domain,” in J. R. Clark (editor), *Freedom and Prosperity in Tennessee*, 2012
- Edward J. López, “Property Takings in Developed Versus Developing Countries: Economics, Politics and the Limits of the Holdout Problem,” in Emily Chamlee-Wright (editor) *The Annual Proceedings of The Wealth and Well-Being of Nations*, vol.2, 2011
- Edward J. López, “An Introduction to The Pursuit of Justice,” in Edward J. López (editor), *The Pursuit of Justice: Law and Economics of Legal Systems*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010
- Tom Means, Edward Peter Stringham and Edward J. López, “Below-Market Housing Mandates as Takings: Measuring Their Impact,” in Bruce Benson (editor) *Property Rights: Eminent Domain and Regulatory Takings Re-examined*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010
- Edward J. López, “The Law and Economics of Property and Contract,” in Russell S. Sobel (editor) *The Rule of Law*, Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia, 2009
- Edward J. López, Carrie B. Kerekes and George H. Johnson, “Make Property Rights More Secure: Limit Eminent Domain,” in Russell S. Sobel (editor) *Unleashing Capitalism*, Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia, 2007
- Edward J. López, “Term Limits,” *The Encyclopedia of Public Choice*, C. K. Rowley and F. Schneider (editors), Kluwer Academic Press, 2004, vol.2, pp.553-554

Edward J. López, “Campaign Finance,” *The Encyclopedia of Public Choice*, C. K. Rowley and F. Schneider (editors), Kluwer Academic Press, 2004, vol.2, pp.62-66

Editor of Journal Symposia, with Introductions (4)

Edward J. López (guest editor of special issue), *Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Public Choice Society*, *Public Choice* 163:1-2, pp.1-222, April 2015 (14 commissioned plenary papers)

Joshua C. Hall and Edward J. López (co-editors of special issue), *Symposium on Ways of Teaching Public Choice*, *Journal of Economics and Finance Education* 14:2, pp.1-92, Fall 2015 (eight peer-reviewed articles)

Joshua C. Hall and Edward J. López (co-editors of special issue), *Symposium on Teaching Austrian Economics*, *Journal of Economics and Finance Education* 10:1, Summer 2011 (seven peer-reviewed articles)

Peter J. Boettke (co-editor) and Edward J. López (guest co-editor of special issue), *Special Issue on Austrian and Public Choice Economics*, *Review of Austrian Economics* 15:2-3, Summer 2002 (nine peer-reviewed articles)

Policy Analysis Papers (6)

Edward J. López and Patricia Kravtin, “Advancing Pole Attachment Policies to Accelerate National Broadband Buildout,” (Consists of a national-level study and five state-level studies: Florida, Kentucky, Missouri, Texas, Wisconsin.), Connect the Future, December 1, 2021 [[Web link](#)]

Edward J. López and Patricia Kravtin, “Utility Pole Policy: A Cost-Effective Prescription to Achieve Full Broadband Expansion in North Carolina,” North Carolina Cable Telecommunications Association, August 2021 [[Web link](#)]

Emma Blair Fedison and Edward J. Lopez, “North Carolina’s Prospects for COVID-19 Economic Recovery: Top-Down and Bottom-Up Assessments,” *CSFE Issue Briefs* 3:3, February 2021 [[Web link](#)]

Edward J. Lopez, Stephen Miller, and Craig Richardson, “Hot Zone States in April vs. June: Impact of Spiking Cases on Hospitalizations, Deaths, and Recoveries,” *CSFE Issue Briefs* 3:1, Summer 2020 [[Web link](#)]

Peter T. Calcagno and Edward J. López, “The Evolution of Federal Budget Rules and the Effects on Fiscal Policy: How Informal Norms Have Trumped Formal Constraints,” Mercatus Center Working Paper, November 12, 2015, pp.1-62 [[Web link](#)]

Tom Means, Edward P. Stringham and Edward J. López, “Below-Market Housing Mandates as Takings: Measuring Their Impact,” *Policy Report*, The Independent Institute, November 2007, pp.1-24 [[Web link](#)]

Essays and Book Reviews (10)

Review, *The Call of the Tribe* by Mario Vargas Llosa, *The Independent Review*, V.29, N.1, Summer 2024 [[Web link](#)]

“I, Vaccine: How to Appreciate the Beautifully Simple,” *EconLog*, December 22, 2020 [[Web link](#)]

“Socialism from the Bottom Up: Where Lawson and Powell Meet Hayek and Buchanan,” review essay of *Socialism Sucks: Two Economists Drink Their Way Through the Unfree World* by Robert A. Lawson and Benjamin W. Powell (2019 Regnery Press), *Library of Economics and Liberty* [[Web link](#)]

“Director’s Welcome: What are Free Enterprise Principles?” *CSFE Director’s Blog*, Sep 10, 2018 [[Web link](#)]

Review, *Morality and Power: On Ethics, Economics, and Public Policy* by Mike Berry, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2018, *Journal of Markets & Morality*, 21:2, 2018, 419-421 [[Web link](#)]

Review, *Elgar Companion to Public Choice 2nd Edition* by Michael Reksulak, Laura Razzolini and William F. Shughart II (eds.) Edward Elgar Publishing, *Public Choice*, 161:3-4, 2014, 541-6 [[Web link](#)]

Review, *Republic, Lost: How Money Corrupts Congress—And a Plan to Stop It*, by Lawrence Lessig, New York: Twelve, 2011, *Library of Law and Liberty* [[Web link](#)]

Review, *Understanding Democracy: An Introduction to Public Choice*, by J. Patrick Gunning, Taiwan: Nomad Press, 2003, *Public Choice*, 127:1, 2007, pp.249-50 [[Web link](#)]

Review, *Economic Policy under Uncertainty*, P. Mooslechner, H. Schuberth, and M. Schurz (editors), Edward Elgar Press, 2004, *Journal of Markets and Morality*, 8:2 (Fall 2005), pp.564-66

Review, *The Political Economy of Democratic Institutions*, by Peter Moser, The Locke Institute Series, Edward Elgar, 2000, *Public Choice* 109:1-2, 2001, pp.203-5

Blogging

Co-Blogger and Co-Founder, www.PoliticalEntrepreneurs.com, 2012-2019

Occasional Blogger, EconLog (Library of Economics and Liberty www.econlib.org)

Director's Blog, Center for the Study of Free Enterprise, 2018-2022

Guest Blogger, Marginal Revolution (Tyler Cowen and Alex Tabarrok), December 2012 [[Web link](#)]

Co-Blogger, Division of Labor, 2008-2012

Popular and Opinion-Editorial Articles (31) sole-authored except as noted

"Internet for all Won't Happen Without Real Pole Access Reform from the FCC," Broadband Breakfast / Connect the Future, December 13, 2023 [[Web link](#)]

"Recent Trends and Persistent Disparities in Teenage Labor Force Participation," American Institute for Economic Research, September 6, 2023, (with WCU economics undergraduate, Kevin Lavery) [[Web link](#)]

"The Fed's Share of Public Debt: Worsening Withdrawal Symptoms," *EconLog*, July 18, 2022 (with Peter T. Calcagno) [[Web link](#)]

"Washington's Budget Deficits: Size and Composition Matter," *American Institute for Economic Research*, July 4, 2022 (with Peter T. Calcagno) [[Web link](#)]

"Want to Understand the Inflation Problem? Look to Harvey Road, not Pennsylvania Avenue," *American Institute for Economic Research*, June 24, 2022 (with Peter T. Calcagno) [[Web link](#)]

"Outdated Utility Pole Rules May Threaten NH's Broadband Expansion Plans," *New Hampshire Business Review*, March 31, 2022 [[Web link](#)]

"Wisconsin Needs Pole Rules," *AgUpdate*, March 2, 2022 [[Web link](#)]

"Broadband investment would mean billions to NC, but there's a holdup: Utility Poles," *WRAL TechWire*, August 26, 2021 [[Web link](#)]

"Utility Poles: Key to Achieving Full Broadband Access in North Carolina," *Asheville Citizen Times*, August 1, 2021 [[Web link](#)]

"Which Party is Better for the Economy?" Ask the Experts, *WalletHub*, Oct 7, 2020 [[Web link](#)]

"There's Something Interesting Happening with North Carolina's Case Numbers," *CSFE Director's Blog*, July 26, 2020 [[Web link](#)]

"Why are Recoveries Increasing in the Sunbelt, Especially in North Carolina?" *CSFE Director's Blog*, July 13, 2020 [[Web link](#)]

"Do Spikes in COVID-19 Cases Lead to Spikes in Deaths?" *CSFE Director's Blog*, July 10, 2020 [[Web link](#)]

"What Does a Dip in Positive Cases Mean for North Carolina?" *CSFE Director's Blog*, June 16, 2020 [[Web link](#)]

"What Does a Spike in Positive Cases Mean for North Carolina?" *CSFE Director's Blog*, June 5 2020 [[Web link](#)]

"North Carolina's Economy Depends on Immigrant Workers," *Raleigh News & Observer*, Mar 12, 2019 (with Benjamin Powell) [[Web link](#)]

"Appointed Judges Would Serve North Carolina Better" *Asheville Citizen-Times*, Oct 2, 2017 [[Web link](#)]

"Tracing the Roots of Today's Fiscal Policy: How Systematic Deficits Got Their Start", Mercatus Center Charts & Data Visualization, July 19, 2016 (with Peter T. Calcagno) [[Web link](#)]

- “Free Enterprise Gives People the Freedom to Flourish,” *Smoky Mountain News* (Waynesville, NC), Oct. 14, 2015 [[Web link](#)]
- “Ten Years After Kelo, Eminent Domain Blunders Continue,” *Forbes*, June 23, 2015 [[Web link](#)]
- “Washington’s Bipartisan Crack-up Foretells a Turn toward Economic Freedom,” *Forbes*, November 24, 2013 (with Wayne A. Leighton) [[Web link](#)]
- “Subtracting Eminent Domain from the Economic Development Equation,” *The Enterpriser*, 2012
- “Should We Copyright Fashion Designs?” *The Freeman*, December 2010 [[Web link](#)]
- “Is the Decline of Newspapers a Market Failure?” *The Freeman*, October 2010 [[Web link](#)]
- “The Decline of Newspapers is a Market Success,” *Info Tech & Telecom News*, July 7, 2010 [[Web link](#)]
- “Will the Real Eminent Domain Reform Please Stand Up?” *Commentary*, Independent Institute, May 29, 2008 [[Web link](#)]
- “Taking the E.D. out of Economic Development,” *North County Times* (San Diego, CA), June 25, 2006 [[Web link](#)]
- “Dear New York: Are Term Limits Worth It?” *The American Enterprise*, Jan. 3, 2002 [[Web link](#)]
- “Mad Scramble at 30,000 Feet,” *The Freeman*, vol.50, no.2, February 2000, pp.42-44
- “Breaking up Antitrust,” *The Freeman*, vol.47, no.1, January 1997, pp.23-26
- “Your Future Health Plan,” *The Wall Street Journal*, October 13, 1993, p.A24

7. ADDITIONAL SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Peer Reviewer for Refereed Journals (33)

<i>Advances in Austrian Economics</i>	<i>Journal of Economics and Finance Education</i>
<i>American Journal of Entrepreneurship</i>	<i>Journal of Entrepreneurship & Public Policy</i>
<i>Applied Research in Quality of Life</i>	<i>Journal of Institutional Economics</i>
<i>Berkeley E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy</i>	<i>Journal of Politics</i>
<i>Constitutional Political Economy</i>	<i>Journal of Private Enterprise</i>
<i>Econ Journal Watch</i>	<i>Journal of Theoretical Politics</i>
<i>Economics Letters</i>	<i>Managerial and Decision Economics</i>
<i>Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis</i>	<i>The Open Journal of Political Science</i>
<i>Electoral Studies</i>	<i>Political Research Quarterly</i>
<i>Environmental and Resource Economics</i>	<i>Public Finance Review</i>
<i>European Journal of Law & Economics</i>	<i>Public Administration Review</i>
<i>European Journal of Political Economy</i>	<i>Public Choice</i>
<i>The Independent Review</i>	<i>Regulation & Governance</i>
<i>International Tax and Public Finance</i>	<i>Review of Austrian Economics</i>
<i>Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization</i>	<i>Southern Economic Journal</i>
<i>Government and Opposition</i>	<i>Southern Journal of Entrepreneurship</i>
	<i>State Politics and Policy Quarterly</i>

Peer Reviewer for Academic Publishers and Foundations (10)

EBSCO Information Services
Oxford University Press
Stanford University Press
Cambridge University Press
Springer Science & Business Books
John Templeton Foundation
Earhart Foundation
Institute for Humane Studies

Employment Policies Institute
Mineta Transportation Institute

External Reviewer for Academic Personnel Decisions (7)

Berry College, Department of Economics, for promotion to full professor with tenure, 2021
Gustavus Adolphus College, Department of Economics, for promotion to associate professor with tenure, 2019
North Dakota State University, Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics, for promotion to full professor, 2019
Indiana University, Kelley School of Business, for promotion to clinical associate professor with tenure, 2017
College of Charleston, Department of Economics, for promotion to associate professor with tenure, 2017
Utah State University, Office of Research and School of Graduate Studies, for selection of university-wide career research award, 2013
Duquesne University, Division of Economics and Quantitative Sciences, promotion to associate professor with tenure, 2012

Invited Research Presentations to Faculty (37) to economics departments except as noted

Deficit as Policy: Widening the Scope of Debt-Financed Spending in the United States, 1792-Present
Entangled Political Economy Network, January 2025
Creighton University, Institute for Economic Inquiry, June 2023

Explaining the Modern Budget Era Problem and its Consequences
American Institute for Economic Research, July 26, 2022 (with Peter T. Calcano)

Formalizing Informal Institutions: Problems of Coalition, Change, and Alignment
University of Washington, Political Economy Forum, October 19, 2022
Empirical Political Economy Research Network (EPERN), January 19, 2021
New York University, Department of Economics Colloquium on Market Process, March 27, 2017

Informal Norms Trump Formal Constraints: Lessons from the Fiscal History of the United States
Troy University, Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy, October 15, 2014

Ideas and Interests: Explaining Political Change
Texas Tech University, Free Market Institute, Templeton Mini-Conference on the Origins of Economic Freedom, Keynote Paper, September 12, 2014

Testing Democracy in Deficit: Keynesian Economics in a Buchanan World
San Jose State University, Friday Workshop, November 15, 2013
Utah State University, Lunch Workshop, October 8, 2013

Political Entrepreneurship and Political Change
North Carolina State University, Austrian Economics Colloquium, February 15, 2013

The Problem with the Holdout Problem
Utah State University, October 8, 2013
College of Charleston, February 7, 2013
George Mason University, PPE Workshop, November 18, 2011
University at Buffalo (Department of Political Science), September 26, 2011
Francisco Marroquín University, November 12, 2010
Bowling Green State University (Social Philosophy & Policy Center), July 14, 2010

The Holdout Problem as a Guide to Public Policy
University of Wisconsin La Crosse, February 23, 2010

The (Ab)Use of Takings for Economic Development
University of Missouri St. Louis, April 28, 2009

Divided We Vote

University of Dayton, April 22, 2009

Pass a Law, Any Law, Fast! State Legislative Responses to the *Ke/o* Backlash

Rhodes College, January 10, 2008

College of Charleston, November 9, 2007

San José State University, March 19, 2007

West Virginia University, October 13, 2006

Who Will Deregulate the Deregulators?

Clemson University, (*Festschrift* conference for Robert D. Tollison) November 8, 2007

Law Without Romance: Public Choice and Legal Institutions

West Virginia University, September 21, 2007

Strategic Institutional Choice: Voters, States, and Congressional Term Limits

San José State University, March 7, 2005

Government Accountability Office, February 2005

Hampden-Sydney College, February 2005

What Endowment Effect? A Public Good Experiment

University of Texas at Arlington, November 14, 2003

Policy Reversal: Senate Voting on the Endangered Species Act

University of Texas at Arlington, April 18, 2003

Committee Assignments and the Cost of Legislative Loyalty

University of Oklahoma, November 12, 1999

The Political Economy of Congressional Term Limits

Baylor University, February 1998

University of North Texas, February 1998

Center for Study of Public Choice (George Mason University) November 5, 1997

Participation at Academic Conferences

Perennial presenter at annual meetings of:

Public Choice Society

Association of Private Enterprise Education

Southern Economic Association

One or more presentations at annual meetings of:

American Economic Association / Allied Social Sciences Association

European Public Choice Society

Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism

Gulf Coast Economics Association

International Atlantic Economic Association

Mont Pelerin Society

Society for Development of Austrian Economics

Western Economic Association

Select conference presentations:

“An Institutional Theory of the Growth of Government,” Public Choice Society, March 2025

“Helping Community Helps Your Campus: How Two University Centers are Creating Impact,” American Council on Education, Livestreamed from Western Carolina University, Bardo Arts Center Performance Hall, May 19, 2021

“Elasticity Approach to Measuring Sensitivity of COVID Deaths and Hospitalizations to Lagged Cases”

Institute for Humane Studies, research webinar, June 2, 2021

Association of Private Enterprise Education, April 9, 2021

“Formalizing Informal Institutions: Problems of Coalition, Change, and Alignment”

Public Choice Society, March 11, 2021

“Exchange Opportunities Between Think Tanks and Academia: Symbiosis in the Intellectual Structure of Production,”

Mont Pelerin Society General Meetings, Miami FL, September 2016

“Knut Wicksell and Vilfredo Pareto in Public Choice Thought (Discussant)” American Economic Association, History of Economics Society, San Francisco, January 4, 2016

“Gordon Tullock: Personal Remembrances,” George Mason University Department of Economics Memorial Conference, Arlington VA, October, 2015

“The Economics and Politics of Copyright” BB&T Moral Foundations of Capitalism Conference, Clemson University, May 2015

“Gordon Tullock: Field-Impacting Scholar” Association of Private Enterprise Education, Cancun, April 2015

“Incorporating Ideas and their Communication into Political Economy” Association of Private Enterprise Education, Cancun, April 2015

“The Evolution of Federal Budget Rules and the Effects on Fiscal Policy: How Informal Norms Trump Formal Constraints,” Public Choice Society, San Antonio, March 2015

“Euphemism in Politics: Comments on *The Power of Glamour* by Virginia Postrel,” Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, April 2014

“The Domain of Public Choice and the Future of the Public Choice Society,” Presidential Address, 51st Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, March 8, 2014

“Comments on *Out of Poverty: Sweatshops in a Global Economy* by Benjamin W. Powell,” Southern Economic Association, Tampa, November 2013

“The Old Time Fiscal Religion in the Aftermath of Keynes,” Moral Foundations of Capitalism Conference, Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism, May 29, 2013.

“The Importance of the History of Economic Thought” Association of Private Enterprise Education, April 2013

“The Problem With the Holdout Problem” Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC, November 2011

“Ranking Terminal Masters Programs and the Classical Liberal Niche,” Association of Private Enterprise Education, April 2011

“Brief, Renewable, and Private: A Better Fashion Copyright,” Association of Private Enterprise Education, April 2010

“Of Human Action and Human Design: Adaptive Entrepreneurship and the Marketization of Fashion,” Southern Economic Association, Society for the Development of Austrian Economics, November 2008

“Divided We Vote: Why Do Voters Support Divided Government?”

Public Choice Society, March 2009

Southern Economic Association, November 2009

“Pass a Law, Any Law, Fast! State Legislative Responses to the Kelo Backlash,” International Atlantic Economic Association, Montreal, QC, Canada, October 2008

“Strategic Institutional Choice: Voters, States, and Congressional Term Limits,” European Public Choice Society, Turku, Finland, April 2006

“The Endowment Effect in a Public Good Experiment,” European Public Choice Society, Turku, Finland, April 2006

Select sessions organized and chaired:

Ayn Rand vs. John Steinbeck, Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2016

Adapting Socratic Discussion Format to the University Classroom, Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2016

Economic Action Depends on the Language of Ideas, Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2015

The Austrian Economists go to Business School, Association of Private Enterprise Education, April 2014

Ways of Teaching Public Choice, Association of Private Enterprise Education, April 2013

Academics Writing for Public Audiences: Panel Discussion of Academics and Practitioners, Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, April 2010

Law Without Romance: Symposium of papers in *The Pursuit of Justice*, Southern Economic Association, 2007

Regular participant at Liberty Fund conferences

Attendee at Mont Pelerin Society General Meetings

Member: September 2012, Prague; September 2014, Hong Kong; September 2017, Miami; October 2018, Spain

Guest Member: November 2006, Guatemala City

Visiting Graduate Student Workshop in Experimental Economics, Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science, 2001

Salvatori Fellow, *Foundations of American Liberty*, Salvatori Center for Appreciation of the Founding Fathers, The Heritage Foundation, June 6-16, 1999

Academic Conferences Directed and Led

Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, 2012-present

Annual Scaled-Up Seminar, workshop of economics researchers within driving distance of WCU, 2017-present

Director, “Institutional Change in Open Societies,” Liberty Fund Colloquium (16 participants), March 5-6, 2025

Program Chair (President), The 51st Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society (315 participants, 72 concurrent sessions, 6 plenary presentations), Charleston, SC, March 6-9, 2014

Discussion Leader, “*Justice at a Distance* by Loren Lomasky and Fernando Tesón,” (16 participants), Mercatus Center Manuscript Conference, June 5-7, 2013

Program Chair (President), The Public Choice Society at 50 Years (275 participants, 64 concurrent sessions, 16 plenary presentations), New Orleans, March 7-10, 2013

Discussion Leader, “*The Limits of Liberty* by James M. Buchanan,” Liberty Fund Colloquium (16 participants), March 31, 2012, Las Vegas, NV

Program Chair (Vice President), “Visible and Invisible Hands in the Market: Assessing the New Interventionism,” Annual Meetings of the Association of Private Enterprise Education (390 participants, 72 concurrent sessions, 4 plenary sessions), April 11-13, 2010, Las Vegas, NV

Director, “Mechanism Design and Hayek’s Challenge to Economics,” Liberty Fund Colloquium (16 participants), October 22-25, 2009, La Jolla, CA

Discussion Leader, “Externalities, Liberty, and the Role of the State,” Liberty Fund Colloquium (16 participants), September 24-27, 2009, Vervins-en-Thiérache, France

Director and Discussion Leader, “Liberty and Equality in Fashion Design,” Liberty Fund Socratic Seminar (16 participants), January 29, 2008

Director and Discussion Leader, “New Theories of Democratic Failure,” Liberty Fund Socratic Seminar (16 participants), October 30-November 1, 2008

Public Lectures to Business, Community, and Student Groups (100)

Economic Gains of Further Broadband Expansion

Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC), June 2024

What Counts as Economic Progress?

Classical Liberals in the Carolinas, August 5, 2023

To Quickly Deliver Broadband Internet, Support Quick FCC Action on Utility Poles

Connect the Future, Capitol Hill Briefing (Webinar), Co-panelist, November 30, 2022

New Wires on Old Poles: Will the FCC Change Rules for Attachments?

Broadband Breakfast, Live national webinar, Co-panelist, April 27, 2022

Rural Broadband Infrastructure: Making Every Dollar Count

Connect the Future, Capitol Hill Briefing (Webinar), Co-panelist, October 28, 2021

Dispatches from Econ 101 to the Pandemic

Coastal Carolina University, October 21, 2021

Classical Liberals in the Carolinas (Presidential Address), October 14, 2021

North Carolina's Prospects for Long Term Economic Growth and Prosperity

WCU "Western Wednesdays" Alumni Association, April 28, 2021

Sylva (NC) Rotary Club, April 1, 2021

North Carolina General Assembly, House Committee on Regulatory Reform, March 10, 2021

John Locke Foundation, panel discussion, March 1, 2021

Adaptive Imitation as Entrepreneurship

Adam Smith Week, College of Charleston, March 19, 2021

Campaign Finance in America: Why So "Small"?

Berry College, March 5, 2019

Mercer University, February 21, 2019

St. Lawrence University, Canton NY, October 29, 2018

Design Copyists: Are They Parasites or Innovators?

Coastal Carolina University, September 28, 2017

St. John's University, March 27, 2017

The Ohio State University, November 11, 2016

Christopher Newport University, September 6, 2016

Radical Ideas for Radical Times (Closing Dinner Talk), Classical Liberals in the Carolinas, Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte, NC), January 9, 2016

Hayek's The Constitution of Liberty and Why I am Not a Conservative

Institute for Humane Studies and Students for Liberty, Regional Conference, College of Charleston, Nov. 14, 2015

Prospects for Pro-Market Reform: A View from 1962

Bastiat Society of Indianapolis, February 24, 2016

Friedman Lecture, Milton Friedman Legacy Day, John Locke Foundation, Raleigh NC, July 31, 2015

Ideas vs. Interests in Political Change: Exchange Opportunities Between Think Tanks and Academia (Keynote Address), Institute for Humane Studies and Mercatus Center, Advanced Policy Seminar, May 29, 2015

The Rules of Sports and the Rule of Law, Sports as Controlled Laboratory of Ideas, and Sports Leagues as Rules of Private Governance (three lectures) Foundation for Economic Education, Chapman University, June 25-27, 2015

Lessons from the Fiscal History of the United States—Comment on Nobel Laureate Thomas Sargent

Burkett Miller Distinguished Lecture Series, Scott L. Probasco, Jr. Chair of Free Enterprise, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, October 6, 2014

The Economics and Politics of Copyright

Institute for Humane Studies, Weekend Exploring Governments, Markets & Liberty, College of Charleston, Feb. 6, 2015

Bottom-Up Politics: Being Agents of Beneficial Change

Florida Southern College, Politics-Law-Economics Lecture Series, February 24, 2015

Institute for Humane Studies, Weekend Exploring Governments, Markets & Liberty, College of Charleston, Feb. 7, 2015

Providence College, Department of Economics Lecture Series, October 27, 2014

Stonehill College, Department of Economics Lecture Series, October 28, 2014

North American Regional Conference, Students for Liberty, Harvard University, October 25, 2014

Samford University, Economics Lecture Series, October 16, 2014

Troy University, Manuel Johnson Center for Political Economy, October 15, 2014

Hampden-Sidney College, April 24, 2014

San José State University, Provocative Lecture Series, November 14, 2013

Madmen, Intellectuals, and Academic Scribblers

Mercatus Center Graduate Student Programs, March 21, 2014

Kenyon College, October 2, 2013

Ohio State University, October 3, 2013

Piedmont Economics Club, Greenville, SC, April 9, 2013
Bastiat Society of Charlotte (NC), March 27, 2013
Johnson and Wales University, Charlotte, NC, March 27, 2013
Charleston Southern University, North Charleston, SC, March 26, 2013
Bastiat Society, Charleston, SC, February 6, 2013
Columbia (SC) Economics Club, February 6, 2013
Foundation for Economic Education Winter Freedom Academy, Naples FL, February 2, 2013
University of Toronto (Institute for Liberal Studies Day Seminar), January 19, 2013
Cato Institute, Book Forum, January 17, 2013
Western Carolina University, Free Enterprise Speaker Series, November 29, 2012

Fashion Copyright? In Defense of Innovative Copyists

Florida Atlantic University, Undergraduate Speaker Series, February 23, 2015
Wake Forest University College of Business, November 19, 2014
Mercatus Center Graduate Student Programs, March 22, 2014
Ohio State University, October 3, 2013
Metropolitan State College of Denver, March 28, 2012
San José State University, Phi Alpha Theta, November 23, 2010
Francisco Marroquín University, November 11, 2010
College of Charleston, October 26, 2010

Is Making a Profit Morally Defensible?

Winthrop University, February 20, 2014
Mont Hamilton Society, San José, Calif., November 14, 2013
Western Carolina University, Civil Discussions Series, April 24, 2013

Fiscal cliffs, election tsunamis and other political events that impact the economic climate in the coming year

North American Millers Association, Annual Meeting, October 25-27, 2012

Two Madmen, an Intellectual, and an Academic Scribbler Walk Into a Bar...

Campbell University, Politics, Law, and Economics Lecture Series, September 23, 2013
Leadership Highlands (business group), Highlands, NC, November 7, 2012
Rhodes College, Political Economy Program, October 5, 2012
SMU Cox School of Business, O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, September 14, 2012

Keynes vs. Hayek: Who is Winning?

University of Calgary, Institute for Liberal Studies, October 1, 2011

The Rule of Law: How is it Measured and How Does it Matter?

University of Lethbridge, Institute for Liberal Studies, Lethbridge, Alberta, September 30, 2011

Competition & Entrepreneurship; Regulation & Intervention; Business Cycles; Public Choice (four lectures over four days)

Foundation for Economic Education, June 13-17, 2011

Is the U.S. Justice System Broken? (panel with David D. Friedman and Chief Judge Alex Kozinski discussing *The Pursuit of Justice*), The Independent Institute, December 9, 2010

Market Failure vs. Government Failure (panel with Dan Hausman, Professor of Philosophy)

University of Wisconsin - Madison, February 22, 2010

Fashion and Freedom: The Case for Design Knock-offs

St. John Fisher College, February 21, 2011
Loyola College of New Orleans, October 28, 2010
Pennsylvania State University, University Lecture Series, November 9, 2009

Public Choice as a Lens for Viewing Social Change

Brown University, Institute for Humane Studies Social Change Workshop, June 15, 2009

The (Ab)Use of Takings for Economic Development

Smith Center for Private Enterprise, Cal State East Bay, March 7, 2012

Loyola College of New Orleans, October 13, 2011

Berry College, October 25, 2010

University of South Alabama, Mitchell College of Business, March 5, 2010

Beloit College, Upton Forum Lecture Series, October 9, 2009

Brown University, Institute for Humane Studies Social Change Workshop, June 15, 2009

Liberty, Public Choice, and the Realities of Politics (keynote address)

Fraser Institute, Liberty and Public Choice Conference, Montreal, QC, May 8, 2009

Why is Good Economics Often Not Good Politics?

McGill University Faculty Club, Montreal, QC, May 7, 2009

Guaranteeing a Basic Income? (roundtable)

University of Virginia, Institute for Practical Ethics, November 6-8 2008

Campaign Finance: On the Contrary

Metropolitan State College, Exploring Economic Freedom Series, October 24, 2008

Kelo and its Discontents (debate with Wesley Horton, Counsel for Respondent before U. S. Supreme Court in *Kelo v. City of New London*) Trinity College, September 11, 2008

Beyond “Incentives Matter”: Institutions and Ideas in the New Economics of Politics

The Bastiat Society, Charleston, SC, June 7, 2008

Global Capitalism and the Rent Seeking Society

Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, May 8, 2008

Incentives, Institutions, Ideas, and Information

Hillsdale College, April 15, 2008

Is Free Trade Fair?

Rhodes College, January 10, 2008

California State University East Bay, May 7, 2007

Innovation, Monopoly, and Antitrust

The Independent Institute, August 9, 2007

What is Political Capital?

Francisco Marroquín University, May 19, 2005

Term Limits in Congress

Texas Christian University, October 29, 1998

Baylor University, February 1998

Economics and Politics of Antitrust Enforcement

Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, Summer Fellows Program, June 1998

Media Interviews and Citations (50)

Trade Press Interview, “Draft FCC Pole Attachment FNPRM Gets Industry Backing,” *Communications Daily*, March 8, 2022 [[Web link](#)]

TV interview, “East Fork Pottery Raising Minimum Pay,” WLOS News 13, February 22, 2022 [[Web link](#)]

Newspaper Editorial Citation, “Op-ed: Report says onerous pole attachment regulations significantly harm broadband growth,” *The Center Square*, December 8, 2021 [[Web link](#)]

Trade Press Citation, “Pole Access Delays Cost Americans Millions Per Month, Report Claims,” *Optics* (Fiber Broadband Association), December 2, 2021 [[Web link](#)]

Newsprint Interview, “Broadband Expansion ‘Critical’ to Economy,” *Sylva Herald*, September 15, 2021 [[Web link](#)]

- Radio and Newsprint Interview, “Study: Market Control of Utility Poles Holds Back Broadband Expansion in NC,” *WUNC North Carolina Public Radio*, September 2, 2021 [[Web link](#)]
- Newsprint Citation, “Utility pole regulations hurt broadband growth in North Carolina, study warns,” *Chatham Journal Newspaper*, August 26, 2021 [[Web link](#)]
- Newsprint Citation, “Utility pole regulations hurt broadband growth in North Carolina, study warns,” *Carolina Coast Online*, August 25, 2021 [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, “NC ranks high when it comes to COVID-19 restrictions,” ABC News WLOS, July 25, 2020 [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, “Some brews may be harder to find because of aluminum can shortage,” WMYA News WLOS, July 21, 2020 [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, “Several Asheville chain restaurants close for good,” ABC News WLOS, July 6, 2020 [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, “Small businesses continue shutting down under weight of pandemic’s impact,” ABC News WLOS, June 22, 2020 [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, “Positive U.S. jobs report brings optimism to Asheville economy,” ABC News WLOS, June 8, 2020 [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, “COVID-19 impacts for hundreds of layoffs at Canton ConMet plant,” ABC News WLOS, May 1, 2020 [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, “Economics expert says some businesses will not survive coronavirus hit,” ABC News 13 WLOS, March 25, 2020 [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, “Ripple effect corporate-owned stores are having in the mountains,” News 13 Investigates WLOS, February 6, 2020 [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, “2 employees file lawsuit on behalf of thousands losing jobs as Earth Fare closes,” ABC News 13 WLOS, February 7, 2020 [[Web link](#)]
- Newsprint interview, “Home Prices Continue to Rebound,” *Franklin Press* (NC), September 24, 2019 [[Web link](#)]
- Podcast Interview, “Political Change with Edward Lopez” on *The Economics Detective*, July 19, 2019 [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, “Voters are ignorant and politicians are selfish,” Matt Kibbe on Blaze TV, July 2019 [[Web link](#)]
- Feature, “The State of Manufacturing 2019: A Report” *Capital at Play*, January 2019, pp.3851 [[Web link](#)]
- News Editorial, “Capitol Politico”, La Opinión de César Tinoco, *El Nacional* (Venezuela), 12 Noviembre 2017 [[Web link](#)]
- Newsprint interview, Greg Keenan, “Canada’s secret NAFTA weapon: The country’s most potent tool in negotiations may be private-sector companies employing thousands,” *Toronto Globe & Mail*, July 8, 2017 [[Web link](#)]
- Newsprint editorial, Christian Bjørnskov, “Obama og Bush gjorde Trump mere magtfuld” (“Obama and Bush made Trump more Powerful”), *Børsen* (Copenhagen’s daily financial paper), March 2, 2017 [[Web link](#)]
- Podcast interview (60 minutes), “Political Entrepreneurship and the Madmen in Authority,” Social Change Podcast with Matt Needham on iTunes, October 31, 2016
- Newsprint interview, Virginia Daffron, “Asheville leaders and organizations weigh in on bond choice,” *Mountain Xpress*, October 21, 2016 [[Web link](#)]
- Radio interview (live), Budget deficits and debt, Ed Dean Show, November 17, 2015
- Radio interview (live satellite), Budget deficits and debt, POTUS Radio Sirius/XM 124, November 16, 2015
- TV interview (local news), Shoppers beware of variable pricing, WLOS Asheville, November 24, 2015 [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, Economies and Social Change, “Free to Exchange Episode 11,” PBS affiliate KTTZ TV (Lubbock, Texas) and Free Market Institute at Texas Tech University, aired January 26, 2015. 12-minute interview with host Benjamin Powell, Ph.D. [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, Intellectual Property in Fashion and Music, “Free to Exchange Episode 9,” PBS affiliate KTTZ TV (Lubbock, Texas) and Free Market Institute at Texas Tech University, aired January 26, 2015. 12-minute interview with host Benjamin Powell, Ph.D. [[Web link](#)]
- TV interview, The War Against the Little Guy, “Stossel,” Fox Business Network, May 16, 2013 [[Web link](#)]
- Newsprint interview, Jon Ostendorff, “Businesses Wary of Minimum Wage Hike,” Asheville Citizen Times, February 13, 2013 [[Web link](#)]
- Television “The January Jobs Report,” (live on-set TV interview), NBC Bay Area, February 3, 2012
- “How Effective is the Spare the Air Program?” (taped TV interview) NBC Universal, January 11, 2012 [[Web link](#)]
- “Bay Area Expert Discusses Economic Freedom,” (live on-set TV interview), NBC Bay Area, September 20, 2011 [[Web link](#)]
- “Bay Area Expert Analyzes Jobs Bill,” (live on-set TV interview), NBC Bay Area, September 12, 2011 [[Web link](#)]

Newsprint interview, Jeff Cianci, “Pot Clubs and Medical Card Holders Feel the Grind of San Jose City Hall,” *Spartan Daily*, Sep. 19, 2011 [[Web link](#)]
Newsprint interview, Bruce Walker, “Blogger Seeks Shield Law Protection in Jersey Supreme Court,” *Info Tech & Telcomm News*, March 3, 2011 [[Web link](#)]
Podcast interview (60 minutes), *The Pursuit of Justice: Law and Economics of Legal Institutions*, The Independent Institute, December 6, 2010 [[Web link](#)]
Live webinar interview (45 minutes with callers), Economic Development Takings, Foundation for Economic Education, Idea Room, October 6, 2010 [[Web link](#)]
Podcast interview (20 minutes) discussing *The Pursuit of Justice: Law and Economics of Legal Institutions*, Kosmos, Sep. 7, 2010 [[Web link](#)]
Newsprint interview, Bruce Walker, “Connecticut AG Conducts E-book Price Fixing Investigation,” *Info Tech & Telcomm News*, August 18, 2010 [[Web link](#)]
Podcast interview (20-minutes), Is the Decline of Newspapers a Market Failure? *Info Tech & Telcomm News*, June 29, 2010 [[Web link](#)]
Radio interview (one-hour with callers), Securing property rights and eminent domain, KVOI AM radio, Tucson, AZ, July 21, 2008
Owen McShane, “It’s Who You Are, Not Where You Are,” *National Business Review* (New Zealand), November 30, 2007 (citing 2007 *Policy Report* with Tom Means & Ed Stringham)
TV interview (local news), Energy prices and obesity, NBC 11, San Jose, May 4, 2006
TV interview (local news), Housing prices, *Noticiero 48 Bay Area Telemundo*, Oct. 11, 2005
Chris Sulentrop, “America’s New Political Capital,” *Slate*, Nov. 30, 2004 (citing 2002 *Review of Austrian Economics* article on political entrepreneurship) [[Web link](#)]
Film interview, Monopoly and Competition, *Choices and Change*, PBS and Dallas Community College District, Spring 2000 (interviewed for principles of economics courses on video)

8. SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Campus Service, Western Carolina University (2012-present)

Director, BB&T Moral Foundations of Capitalism Programs, 2012-present
Member, WCU University Collegial Review (Promotion & Tenure) Committee, 2024-present
Member, WCU Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Award Committee, 2023-2025
Member, EMPM Department Collegial Review (Promotion & Tenure) Committee, 2021-23
WCU Scholarships Committee, Applicant Reviewer, 2022-23
WCU Academic Hearings Review Committee, 2022-23
Director, Center for the Study of Free Enterprise, 2015-2022 (Founding Director)
Member, Dean’s Advisory Committee, College of Business, 2016-17 to 2018-19
Member of Search Committee, Director of Sponsored Research, 2019
Member of Search Committee, Ellingberg Distinguished Professor of Business Innovation, 2018
Member, Implementation Advisory Board, Center for the Study of Free Enterprise, 2016
Member, University Collegial Review Council, 2014-15
Member, Department Collegial Review Committee, 2015-16
Convener (Chair), Council of Distinguished Professors, 2013-2015
Chair of Search Committee, Gimelstob-Landry Distinguished Professor, 2014-15, 2015-16
Chair of Search Committee, Associate/Full Professor of Economics, 2015-16
Member of Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Economics, 2015-16
Member of Search Committee, Vice Chancellor of Development & Alumni Engagement, 2015-16
Member of Search Committee, Vice Chancellor of Administration & Finance, 2014-15
Faculty Adviser, Economics Club / Free Enterprise Club, 2012-2016
Faculty Adviser, Young Americans for Liberty, 2014-2015
Member, Chancellor’s Honorary Doctorate Recommendation Committee, 2012-13
Member, Economic Inequality Task Force, 2015-16

Member, College of Business Curriculum Committee, 2012-2014

Professional Service (in addition to 5. above)

Member of Selection Committee, Young Scholars Program, Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2010-present
(one of four judges to award travel funds for attending annual conference)

Co-Founder and Judge, Elinor and Vincent Ostrom Prize of the Public Choice Society, 2015-present (awarded each year to the best combined paper & presentation by a graduate student)

Founder and Chair of Selection Committee, Student Fellows Program of the Public Choice Society, 2015-present (raise funds and convene selection committee to award travel funds for doctoral students attending annual conference)

Reviewer, Humane Studies Fellowship Program, 2010, 2012 (one of several judges to award \$800,000 in research funds to graduate students in humanities and social sciences)

9. TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Courses Taught (1995-present)

			Cumulative Sections Taught
Graduate Courses			
MBA 625	Applied Business Economics	WCU	2
Econ 205B	Workshop in Policy Analysis	SJSU	1
Econ 200	Law & Economics	SJSU	5
Econ 232	Public Finance	SJSU	2
Econ 5150	Empirical Public Economics	UNT	2
Econ 5150	Public Finance	UNT	8
Econ 5030	Microeconomic Analysis	UNT	5
Econ 5000	Economic Concepts (MBA)	UNT	6
Econ 5160	Public Choice Economics	UNT	1
Undergraduate Courses			
Econ 305	Public Finance	WCU	1
Econ 344	Ethics of Capitalism	WCU	12
Econ 321	Intermediate Microeconomics	WCU	5
Econ 231	Principles of Microeconomics	WCU	16
Econ 232	Principles of Macroeconomics	WCU	14
Econ 1B	Principles of Microeconomics	SJSU	5
Econ 1A	Principles of Macroeconomics	SJSU	5
Econ 2A	Principles of Macro—Online Lab	SJSU	4
Econ 132	Public Finance	SJSU	2
Econ 140	Economics in Culture, Race, & Gender	SJSU	1
Econ 141	Law & Economics	SJSU	2
Econ 4150	Public Finance	UNT	8
Econ 3550	Intermediate Micro Theory	UNT	11
Econ 1100	Principles of Microeconomics	UNT	3
Econ 340	Mathematical Economics	GMU	1
Econ 311	Intermediate Macroeconomics	GMU	2
Econ 104	Contemporary Macro Principles	GMU	3
New Courses Developed			Date Developed
Econ 344	Ethics of Capitalism	WCU	Spring 2013
Econ 140	Economics in Culture, Race, & Gender	SJSU	Winter 2010
Econ 5150	Empirical Public Economics	UNT	Fall 2003
Econ 5550	Law & Economics (graduate)	UNT	Fall 2003

Econ 4550	Law & Economics (undergrad)	UNT	Fall 2003
Econ 5160	Public Choice Economics	UNT	Spring 2000

Theses and Dissertations

- Robert Dixon Crouch, “The Effects of the U.S.-E.U. Doctrine of Cooperation on Antitrust Enforcement,” MA Thesis, San Jose State University, Department of Economics, Fall 2011 (Chair)
- Tu Tran, “An Examination of the Hypothesis on the Spontaneous Emergence of Markets,” MA Thesis, San Jose State University, Department of Economics, Spring 2008 (Edward Peter Stringham, Chair)
- Carrie B. Kerekes, “Property Rights, Investment, and Economic Development,” Doctoral Dissertation, West Virginia University, Department of Economics, 2007-08 (Russell S. Sobel, Chair)
- James R. Wollscheid, “Essays on Political Economy of Environmental Policy,” Doctoral Dissertation, Southern Methodist University, Department of Economics, Spring 2005 (Per G. Fredriksson, Chair)
- Adam Dean, “The Paradox of Creativity and Business in Feature Hollywood Filmmaking: The Relationship Between Motion Picture Production and Budgeting,” Masters Thesis, University of North Texas, Department of Radio, Television & Film, Spring 2005 (Alan Albarran, Chair)

10. GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Awards

Received:

- Faculty Excellence Award, Honors College Board of Directors, Western Carolina University, 2018-19
- Kent-Aronoff Service Award, Association of Private Enterprise Education, April 2017
- Excellence in Research Award, College of Business, Western Carolina University, 2014-15
- Distinguished Scholar Award, Association of Private Enterprise Education, April 2014
- Most Valuable Player Award, Department of Economics, San Jose State University, April 2012

Finalist:

- University Scholar Award, Western Carolina University, 2018
- Paul A. Reid Distinguished Service Award, Western Carolina University, 2015, 2018
- Board of Governors Creative & Innovative Teaching Award, College of Business, 2017
- Austin D. Warburton Award for Merit, College of Social Sciences, San Jose State University, 2012
- President’s Scholar Award, San Jose State University, 2011

Nominated:

- Student-Nominated Teacher of the Year Award, Western Carolina University, 2018-19
- Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Award, Western Carolina University, 2017-18
- First Year Experience Advocate (student-nominated), Western Carolina University, 2015
- Outstanding Alumnus Award, Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University, 2013

Research Grants Received (Principal Investigator except as noted)

- Scaled-Up Seminar and Regional Research Network, John William Pope Foundation, February 2024-25 (resulted in research workshop and peer-reviewed publications)
- Becoming a Hub and Platform for High-Impact Research, John William Pope Foundation, February 2021-22 (resulted in mini-conference and ensuing peer-reviewed publications)
- COVID-19 Impact and Recovery, UNC Policy Collaboratory, August 2020 (resulted in final report and policy studies)
- Supplemental COVID-19 Impact and Recovery, UNC Policy Collaboratory, Feb 2021 (resulted in final report & policy study)
- The Evolution of Federal Budget Rules and the Effects on Fiscal Policy, Mercatus Center, Sponsored Research, 2014-15 (co-investigator/author with Peter T. Calcano) (resulted in journal article and policy studies)
- Copycats: The Law, Economics, and Entrepreneurship of Fashion Design
- Fellowship Research Grant, Earhart Foundation, 2012
- Law Without Romance: Public Choice and the Legal System (resulted in book, *The Pursuit of Justice*)
- Fellowship Research Grant, Earhart Foundation, 2007
- The Endowment Effect, Framing, and Public Good Provision (resulted in book chapter)

Russell Sage Foundation Behavioral Economics Roundtable Small Grants Program, Spring 2002 (co-investigator with W. Robert Nelson, University at Buffalo)

Research into the Rationality and Social Costs of Rent Seeking (resulted in two journal articles)

Fellowship Research Grant, Earhart Foundation, Summer 2001

3 Professional Development and Research Grants (competitive, resulted in three journal articles)

San Jose State University (various years)

4 Faculty Research Grants (competitive, resulted in four journal articles), University of North Texas (various years)

Research Fellowships Received

Visiting Fellow, American Institute for Economic Research, Summer 2022 and Summer 2023

3 Faculty Summer Research Fellowships (competitive), University of North Texas (various years)

Public Choice and Social Change, H.B. Earhart Post Doctoral Fellowship, Atlas Economic Research Institute, 1997-98

University Graduate Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, George Mason University, Summer 1997

The Political Economy of Congressional Term Limits, H.B. Earhart Dissertation Fellowship, Atlas Economic Research Institute, 1996-97

Graduate Research Assistantship, Center for Market Processes, 1994 to 1997

F.A. Hayek Fund for Scholars Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies at GMU, 1996, Jan 1997, Mar 1997

Visiting Student Fellow, Department of Economics, New York University, Fall 1996

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