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**Curriculum Vitae, May 2017**

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**Research and Teaching Interests**

*Primary Fields:* Public Economics, Labor Economics

*Special Interests:* Economics of Education, Economics of Crime, Health Economics

**Publications**

“Classroom Diversity and Academic Performance,” *Economic Inquiry*, forthcoming.

“Effects of State Contraceptive Insurance Mandates” with Anca Grecu, *Economics and Human Biology*, February 2017, 24: 30-42.

“Knowledge Decay Between Semesters,” with Rey Hernández and Kurt Rotthoff, *Economics of Education Review*, February 2016, 50: 63-74.

“Religiosity and State Welfare,” with Rey Hernández, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, August 2014, 104: 37-51.

Discussed in “Study: Catholic sex-abuse scandals boosted Democratic rolls,” *Washington Examiner*, July 1, 2013. <http://washingtonexaminer.com/article/2532565>

“Sexual Violence Against Women and Labor Market Outcomes,” with Joe Sabia and Jeff DeSimone. *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*. May 2013, 103(3): 274-278.

“Catholic Schools, Competition, and Public School Quality,” with Juliana F. Carratini, Sean E. Mulholland, and Rachel B. Sederberg. *Economics Letters*, 117(1), October 2012, 334-336.

“Negative Publicity and Catholic Schools,” with Rey Hernández, *Economic Inquiry*, 50(1), January 2012, 143-152.

“Recess, Physical Education, and Elementary School Student Outcomes,” with Hillary Morgan and Kurt Rotthoff (invited), *Economics of Education Review*, 30(5), October 2011, 889-900.

“More Choice, Less Crime,” with Rey Hernández, *Education Finance and Policy*, 6(2), Spring 2011.

“A Comparative Look at Private and Public Schools’ Class Size Determinants,” with Sean E. Mulholland, *Education Economics*, 18(4), December 2010, 435-454.

“Social Host Liability and Under-aged Drunk-driving Accidents” *Journal of Health Economics*, 29(2), March 2010, 241-249.

Quoted on the topic “Fewer teens drink at parties in communities with ‘social host laws’” Reuters, October 29, 2014. <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2014/10/29/fewer-teens-drink-at-parties-in-communities-with-social-host-laws.html>

Summarized for the New York Times's *Room for Debate* on June 17, 2010 as "Making Hosts Responsible": [roomfordebate.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/06/17/should-parents-be-jailed-when-kids-drink/?\\_r=0#angela](http://roomfordebate.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/06/17/should-parents-be-jailed-when-kids-drink/?_r=0#angela)

"What do Economists Know about Crime?" with Jeff Miron and Garrett Summers, in *The Economics of Crime: Lessons for & from Latin America*, Rafael Di Tella, Sebastian Edwards, and Ernesto Schargrotsky, eds., Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010. Also NBER WP#13759, January 2008.

"Teacher Attitudes and Teacher Knowledge in Economic Education," with Dennis Placone, *Journal of Economics and Economic Education Research*, 9(3), 2008, 15-28.

"Course Scheduling and Academic Performance," with Rey Hernández, *Economics of Education Review*, December 2008, 27, 646-654.

Discussed in "Late to Rise Seems to Make Students Wise," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Tuesday, December 16, 2008, Today's News, by David Glenn.

<http://chronicle.com/daily/2008/12/8694n.htm>

Discussed in "Sleepy youths have science on side," *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, December 29, 2008, by Maureen Downey.

<http://www.ajc.com/search/content/opinion/stories/2008/12/29/learned.html>

Discussed in "No More 8 a.m. Classes," *InsideHigherEd.com*, February 17, 2016

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2016/02/17/university-decides-eliminate-8-am-classes>

"Transfer College Quality and Student Performance," with Rey Hernández, *Eastern Economic Journal*, 34(2), April 2008, 172-189. Also, CHERI working paper #98

Discussed in "Tough Questions for Transfer Students," *Inside Higher Education*, December 4, 2006 by Paul D. Thacker (<http://insidehighered.com/news/2006/12/04/outcome>)

"The Effect of Alcohol Prohibition on Alcohol Consumption: Evidence from Drunkenness Arrests," with Mireille Jacobson and Jeffrey A. Miron, *Economics Letters*, February 2005, 86(2), 279-294.

Reprinted in John H. Cawley and Donald S. Kenkel, eds., *The Economics of Health Behaviours*, June 2008.

"Does Cream-Skimming Curdle the Milk? A Study of Peer Effects," *Economics of Education Review*, February 2005, 19-28.

"Do Parents Value Changes in Test Scores? High Stakes Testing in Texas," *Contributions to Economic Analysis and Policy*, Vol. 3: No. 1, Article 10, 2004.

"Alcohol Prohibition and Cirrhosis," with Jeffrey Miron, *American Law and Economics Review*, Fall 2004, Vol. 6(2), 285-318. Also NBER WP#9681, May 2003.

## **Working Papers and Work in Progress**

"Ride-sharing, vehicle crashes, and crime" with Sean Mulholland (revision requested)

Discussed in Hult, John, "Could Uber cut DUI arrests in Sioux Falls?" June 5, 2016, *Argus Leader*, <http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2016/06/02/could-uber-cut-dui-arrests-sioux-falls/85248578/>

Discussed on Ballotpedia, "Verbatim fact check: Do ridesharing services reduce drunk driving and related fatalities." February 15, 2017.

[https://ballotpedia.org/Verbatim\\_fact\\_check:\\_Do\\_ridesharing\\_services\\_reduce\\_drunk\\_driving\\_and\\_related\\_fatalities%3F](https://ballotpedia.org/Verbatim_fact_check:_Do_ridesharing_services_reduce_drunk_driving_and_related_fatalities%3F)

"Class Size, Learning, and Knowledge Decay," with Rey Hernandez and Kurt Rotthoff (under review)

"The Effects of Marijuana Liberalization: Evidence from Monitoring the Future," with Jeff Miron and Sietse Goffard (under review)

"The Interstate Highway System and Educational Attainment," with Rey Hernandez

"The Interstate Highway System and Birth and Death Rates," with Rey Hernandez

"Trends in Socio-Economic Status and Academic Achievement"

"A Comment on the Donohue and Levitt (2006) Reply to Foote and Goetz (2005)" with Jeff Miron

"The Effects of Schooling on Parental Time in Education Production," with Jeff DeSimone

### **Professional experience and activities**

Current: Gimelstob-Landry Distinguished Professor of Regional Economic Development, Western Carolina University  
Editorial Board member, *Eastern Economic Journal* (2013-current)  
Editorial Board member, *Economics of Education Review* (2014-current)

Previous: Associate Professor (2012-2016; with tenure 2014-2016), Providence College  
Assistant Professor (2010-2012), Providence College  
Associate Director, Center for Teaching Excellence, Providence College (2013-2016)  
Visiting Lecturer in Economics, Wellesley College (2009-2010)  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Mercer University (2007-2009)  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Clemson University (2002-2007)

### **Education**

Ph.D. in Economics, Boston University, 2003  
M.A. in Political Economy, Boston University, 2000  
B.A. in Economics and Spanish, University of Virginia, 1996, *with distinction*

### **Fellowships, Awards, and Grants**

Excellence in Research Award, WCU College of Business, Spring 2017  
Summer Research Grant from WCU's Center for the Study of Free Enterprise, Summer 2017  
Grant from Charles Koch Foundation for Spring 2011 Guest Speakers. Renewed for 2011-2016 school years.

Grant from Wellesley's Mildred McAfee Horton Faculty Award Fund, 2009-2010, for "Medical conferences and deaths," \$3,000  
Clemson's National Scholars Program Award of Distinction (for student mentoring), 2007  
Clemson's College of Business and Behavioral Science, Summer Mini-Grant, 2006, \$3,000  
National Council on Economic Education (co-PI Dennis Placone), 2005-2006, \$24,999  
Clemson University Department of Economics Research Grant Seed Money, 2005, \$2,000  
Voted Fourth Best Assistant Professor in the *Tiger's* Reader's Poll, Fall 2003

## Research Presentations

2017-2018: Lilly Conference on Teaching in Asheville, NC (scheduled); Southern Economic Association in Tampa, FL (scheduled)  
2016-2017: Southern Economic Association in Washington, DC; Eastern Economic Association in New York, NY; Association of Private Enterprise and Education in HI  
2015-2016: discussant at Southern Economics Association in New Orleans, LA; Eastern Economic Association in Washington, D.C.; IHS & Texas Public Policy Foundation Conference on the Economics of Education; guest lecturer in DWC Colloquium "Hooked: The Stories Behind Drug Use In Western Culture"  
2014-2015: Southern Economics Association in Atlanta, GA; discussant and chair at ASSA meetings in Boston, MA.  
2013-2014: University of Colorado-Denver; Southern Economic Association in Tampa, FL; Public Choice Society Meetings, Charleston, SC; West Virginia University; IHS & Mercatus Center Conference on "Healthcare Policy and the Regulatory State".  
2012-2013: SEA, New Orleans, LA; National Bureau of Economic Research conference on Religion and Culture, Eastern Economic Association, New York, NY  
2011-2012: Association of Education Finance and Policy, Boston, MA; Eastern Economic Association, Boston, MA; Seton Hall University guest lecturer in "Economics and Liberty" class; "School Choice" presentation to the Free State Project, discussant at SEA, Washington DC  
2010-2011: SEA, Atlanta, GA  
2009-2010: SEA, San Antonio, TX; Wellesley College brown bag seminar; Seton Hall University guest lecturer in "Economics and Liberty" class; discussant at IZA's second annual conference on the economics of risky behaviors, Stone Mountain, GA.  
2008-2009: Latin American meeting of the Econometric Society/Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
2007-2008: SEA, New Orleans, LA (2); ASSA, New Orleans, LA  
2006-2007: SEA, Charleston, SC (2); Lafayette College; Wake Forest University; Drew University; Fairfield University; Cornell College; Clemson School of Education; Mercer University; University of Colorado – Denver; AEFA, Baltimore, MD  
2005-2006: APPAM, Washington, D.C.; SEA, Washington, D.C. (2); Rutgers University – Camden; Baruch College (CUNY); Clemson University Brown Bag Lunch  
2004-2005: University of Georgia; Clemson University Brown Bag Lunch; Appalachian State University; Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, LA (2); ASSA Meetings, Philadelphia, PA; University of South Florida; AEFA, Louisville, KY  
2003-2004: Clemson University Brown Bag Lunch; SEA, San Antonio, TX; Clemson University; University of South Carolina; AEFA, Salt Lake City, UT; AERA, San Diego, CA  
2002-2003: Appalachian State University  
2001-2002: Clemson University; Santa Clara University; UC-San Diego; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Louisiana State University; University of Guelph; CNA Corporation.

## Other Writing

“Dose of Reality: The Effect of State Marijuana Legalizations” with Sietse Goffard and Jeffrey Miron. September 2016. Cato Policy Analysis No. 799:

<https://object.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/pubs/pdf/pa799.pdf>

Discussed in Bagri, Neha Thirani. “What Happens to Marijuana Use when States Legalize it?” September 28, 2016, *Quartz*. <http://qz.com/794153/what-happens-to-marijuana-use-when-states-legalize-it/>

Discussed in NORML. “Report: Marijuana Legalization Has Had “Minimal” Adverse Impact On Health” September 29, 2016, *The Daily Chronic*.

<http://www.thedailychronic.net/2016/62797/report-marijuana-legalization-minimal-adverse-impact-health/>

Our Op-Ed in the *Boston Herald*, “Experience Shows Little Impact on Safety,” October 24, 2016.

[http://www.bostonherald.com/opinion/op\\_ed/2016/10/dills\\_goffard\\_and\\_miron\\_experience\\_shows\\_little\\_impact\\_on\\_safety](http://www.bostonherald.com/opinion/op_ed/2016/10/dills_goffard_and_miron_experience_shows_little_impact_on_safety)

Our blog post for Cato, “Common Myths About Marijuana Legalization,” November 4, 2016. <https://www.cato.org/blog/common-myths-about-marijuana-legalization>

“Government Policy and Tuition in Higher Education” with Rey Hernandez and Nathan Hale. Dec. 2013. White paper for the Mercatus Center: <http://mercatus.org/publication/government-policy-and-tuition-higher-education>

Testimony in Support of the Marijuana Regulation, Control, and Taxation Act (S510/H 5777), April 2015

“Embrace the ‘green economy’” op-ed for Providence Business News, Feb. 22-28, 2016, p. 29.

## Professional service

### Referee

2016-current: *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Primary Prevention*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, Institute for Humane Studies

2010-2016: *Journal of Sports Economics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Economic Bulletin*, *Education Finance and Policy*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Labor Research*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Journal of School Choice*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, MIT Press, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Social Science Journal*, *Education Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Housing Economics*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *American Law and Economics Review*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Mackinac Center for Public Policy

2009-2010: *Education Economics*, Springer Books, *Journal of Population Economics*, *The B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy*

2007-2009: *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Journal of School Choice*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, *Economic Inquiry*

2002-2007: *American Economic Review*, *The B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Labour Economics*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Public Choice*

External Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion (Seton Hall University, Wake Forest University, Fairfield University)

Speaking Engagements:

“Gender Wage Gaps,” Christopher Newport University, January 2017  
 “Prohibitions,” Berry College, October 2016  
 Koch Summer Fellows Program on School Choice, July 2014  
 “Baptists and Bootleggers” Clemson University, October 2013  
 Students for Liberty Northeast Regional Conference, Fall 2012  
 “School Choice” Liberty Forum, February 2012, February 2016  
 Higher Education and the 2012 Election, College Board’s Institute on Financial Aid, Fall 2012  
 2008 Financial Crisis, First Presbyterian Day School, October 2008  
 CSWEP Mentoring Program  
 Mentor for CeMENT Regional Workshop, November 2015  
 Mentor for AEA breakfast meeting, January 2015  
 Faculty Member, Foundation for Economic Education, Summer 2014  
 Taught Learn Liberty Academy program “War on Drugs: America’s Longest War” Feb-March 2013  
 Faculty Member, Institute for Humane Studies  
 “Freedom, Tolerance, and Civil Society” June 2007, June 2008  
 “Liberty and Society” March 2009  
 “Liberty in Education” July 2010  
 “Liberty and Current Issues” Summer 2012  
 Research Committee Member, Georgia Council on Economic Education, 2008-2009  
 Faculty Member, Foundation for Teaching Economics, *Economics for Leaders*, July 2008  
 BB&T Economics Summer Camp for High School Students (2005, 2006, 2007)  
 Rhode Island Center for Freedom & Prosperity: School Choice Essay Contest Judge, Summer 2013;  
 Prepared estimates for proposed RI school tax voucher (2013-2014).  
 Consulting for Providence Children’s Museum salary estimates, Summer 2012.  
 Consulting for TheRackesGroup predicting South Carolina teacher retirements, Summer 2007

## Department and College Service

### Western Carolina University

University Curriculum Committee (2017-2018)  
 Department Collegial Review Committee (2016-2018)  
 Workforce Education Advisory Group at Southwestern Community College (2016-2017)

### Providence College

#### College-wide:

First Year Experience Committee, Fall 2015  
 Center for Engaged Learning (CEL) Advisory Committee, 2013-2016  
 Academic Advisor Committee, 2012-2016  
 Undeclared Student Advisor, 2011-2016  
 Chair, Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) Advisory Group, Fall 2013  
 CCC Social Science and Fine Arts Sub-committee, 2012  
 MAPS evaluator (Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, then became part of CTE duties)  
 Book Groups (then became part of CTE duties):  
 Co-discussion leader, CEL student-faculty book group, Fall 2013: *What the Best College Students Do*.  
 Discussion leader for CTE book group, Fall 2011  
 Participant, Student Engagement Seminar, 2010-2011

### Economics Department

Search committee, 2012-2014, 2015-2016.  
 Organized economics book club with student, Jacob O’Neill, 2012-2013, con’t 2013-2014

Peer teaching evaluator, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016  
Capstone committee, 2012  
Revived departmental newsletter, 2010-2016, incorporating into departmental website  
Departmental Core Curriculum Committee, 2010-2016  
*Successfully prepared proposals for ECN 101 and ECN 102 to fulfill Social Science requirement, for ECN 424 to fulfill the Civic Engagement proficiency, for new capstone course to fulfill Writing II and Oral Communications proficiencies*  
Faculty mentor for internship students  
Arman Organisian (with Jeffries Fall 2012); Michael Cirrotti (with RI Center for Freedom and Prosperity, Spring 2013); Greg McQuaid (with Capital Good Fund, Fall 2012); Steven Costa (with Mohegan Sun, Summer 2012)  
Faculty member for independent studies  
Michael Cirrotti (Spring 2014; Econometric Models); George Copley and Michael Nowosadko (Fall 2015, Stadiums and Trade)

#### Mercer University

Co-Chair, SSBE Faculty Committee, 2008-2009  
Participating Faculty Member, Center for the Teaching of America's Western Foundations (AIM Fund grant recipient for 2008-2009)  
Presentation for prospective students, Spring 2009

#### Clemson University:

"2020 Plan" ad hoc committee (Fall 2004)  
Econometrics Comprehensive Committee (Spring 2003-Spring 2006)  
Faculty Recruiting Committee (2004-2005)  
Faculty Advisor for the Club Water Polo Team (Spring 2004-Spring 2007)  
Faculty Advisor for Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity (Fall 2004-Fall 2005)

### **Workshops & Professional Development**

Participant, LEAD: WNC (Fall 2016)  
Participant, Homegrown Leaders training (Fall 2016)  
Participant, IHS workshop on academic leadership (Fall 2015)  
Invited Participant, Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) colloquium "What So Proudly We Hail: American Civic Education through Literature" (2015)  
Participant, DWC faculty book group (Spring 2013: *Democracy in America*; Fall 2013: Newton's *Principia*; Spring 2014: Xenophon; Summer 2014: *The Magic Mountain*; Fall 2015: *The Five Books of Moses*; Spring 2016: *The Debate on the Constitution*; Summer 2016: *Middlemarch*)  
Participant, CTE faculty book group (Spring 2016: Carol Dweck's *Mindset*)  
Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Colloquia and Socratic Seminars  
"Free Market Environmentalism" (2003)  
"Liberty, Responsibility, and Bioethics" (2005)  
"Responsibility and Liberty in Deirdre McCloskey's *The Bourgeois Virtues*" (2007)  
"Rights, Responsibilities, and Freedom: The Contributions of Armen A. Alchian" (2007)

### **Community Service**

French-American School of Rhode Island, FASRI Fund parent co-chair for Maternelle (2013-2015)

**References:** Susan Averett, Lafayette College; Rey Hernandez-Julian, Metropolitan State University of Denver; Jeffrey A. Miron, Harvard University

**Courses Taught:**

Principles of Microeconomics  
Microeconomics (Honors Principles)  
Principles of Macroeconomics  
Econometrics  
Advanced Econometrics  
Economics of Education (BA, MA/BA, and PhD level)  
Economics Senior Capstone  
Labor Economics  
Labor Economics for Non-Majors  
Health Economics  
Managerial Economics  
Intermediate Microeconomics  
Economics of Less-Developed Regions  
Seminar on Markets and Morality  
Business Quantitative Analysis  
Law and Economics  
DWC Colloquium on “Stickin’ it to the Man: Struggles among Capital, Labor, and Government”  
MBA Applied Microeconomic Analysis  
MBA Applied Data Analysis