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Employment

University of Chicago, Becker Center, Visiting Professor of Economics, 2009-.

George Mason University, BB&T Professor for the Study of Capitalism, 2007-.

West Virginia University, Assistant Professor of Economics, 2005-2007.

Other Affiliations

Distinguished Scholar, Center for the Study of Political Economy at Hampden-Sydney College, 2008-.

Research Fellow, The Independent Institute, 2008-.

Executive Committee, Society for the Development of Austrian Economics, 2007-.

Board of Scholars, Virginia Institute for Public Policy, 2007-.

Senior Scholar, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2006-.

Associate Editor, *Review of Austrian Economics*, 2005-.

Adjunct Scholar, Mackinac Center for Public Policy, 1997-.

Education

London School of Economics, F.A. Hayek Fellow, 2005.

George Mason University, Ph.D., 2005.

Harvard University, Visiting Fellow, 2004.

Hillsdale College, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2001.

Awards and Fellowships

FEE Prize, Best Article in Austrian Economics given to “An-*arrgh*-chy: The Law and Economics of Pirate Organization” (*Journal of Political Economy*), 2008.

Earhart Foundation Research Grant for preparation of *The Invisible Hook: The Hidden Economics of Pirates* (Princeton University Press), 2008.

Olive W. Garvey Fellowship, First Prize given to Best Junior Faculty Paper, “Escaping Poverty: Foreign Aid, Private Property, and Economic Development” (*Journal of Private Enterprise*) 2007.

Fund for the Study of Spontaneous Orders Prize, Outstanding Research for work on anarchy, 2007.

Kendrick Fund, Summer Fellow, 2006-2007.

Israel M. Kirzner Award, Distinguished Dissertation given to “Cooperation and Conflict: Self-Enforcing Exchange Among Socially Heterogeneous Agents,” 2005.

Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute of Economics, 2005.

Oloffson Weaver Fellow in Political Economy, 2004-2005.

Ludwig von Mises Research Fellow, *Review of Austrian Economics*, 2002-2005.

Donald Lavoie Memorial Award, Distinguished Graduate Student Paper given to “Trading with Bandits” (*Journal of Law and Economics*) 2004.

James M. Buchanan Center for Political Economy, Graduate Fellow, 2001-2004.

Earhart Foundation, Summer Fellow, 2002-2003.

Wall Street Journal Award, Outstanding Undergraduate in Economics at Hillsdale College, 2001.

Journal Articles

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- “Media as a Mechanism of Institutional Change and Reinforcement” (with C. Coyne). *Kyklos* 62(1) 2009: 1-14.
- “The Laws of Lawlessness.” *Journal of Legal Studies* 38(2) 2009: 471-503.
- “How Important is State Enforcement for Trade?” *American Law and Economics Review* 10(1) 2008: 61-89.
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- “Weathering Corruption” (with R. Sobel). *Journal of Law and Economics*, 51(4) 2008: 667-681.
- “Social Distance and Self-Enforcing Exchange.” *Journal of Legal Studies* 37(1) 2008: 161-188.
- “Coordination without Command: Stretching the Scope of Spontaneous Order.” *Public Choice* 135(1-2) 2008: 67-78.
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- “How Do Rulers Choose? Dual Domains of Discretion in Political Decision Making” (with C. Coyne). *Journal of Economic Issues* 42(3) 2008: 727-743.
- “We’re All Austrians Now: Janos Kornai and the Austrian School of Economics.” *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology* 26(A) 2008: 209-219.
- “Institutional Stickiness and the New Development Economics” (with P. Boettke and C. Coyne). *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* 67(2) 2008: 331-358.
- “The Continuing Relevance of F.A. Hayek’s Political Economy” (with P. Boettke and C. Coyne). *Advances in Austrian Economics* 11 2008: 79-98.
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- “Good for the Goose, Bad for the Gander: International Labor Standards and Comparative Development” (with J. Hall). *Journal of Labor Research* 28(4) 2007: 658-676.
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- “Can’t We All Just Get Along? Fractionalization, Institutions, and Economic Consequences” (with C. Williamson). In Christopher J. Coyne, ed., *The Handbook on the Political Economy of War*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, forthcoming.
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- “Public Choice and Socialism” (with P. Boettke). In Charles Rowley and Friedrich Schneider, eds., *Encyclopedia of Public Choice*. Boston: Kluwer, 2003.

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Review of Scott Gehlbach, Representation Through Taxation: Revenue, Politics, and Development in Postcommunist States. *Public Choice*, forthcoming.

Review of Clark Gibson, Krister Andersson, Elinor Ostrom, and Sujai Shivakumar, The Samaritan’s Dilemma: The Political Economy of Development Aid. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 66(2) 2008: 437-440.

Review of Edward Stringham, ed., Anarchy and the Law: The Political Economy of Choice. *Public Choice* 133(1-2) 2007: 253-256.

Review of Moe Espen, Governance, Growth and Global Leadership. EH.Net, July 2007.

Review of Roger Congleton and Birgitta Swedenborg, eds., Democratic Constitutional Design and Public Policy: Analysis and Evidence. *Public Choice* 130(1-2) 2007: 245-247.

Review of Gary Stern and Ron Feldman, Too Big to Fail: The Hazards of Bank Bailouts. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 56(3) 2005: 448-450.

Review of Alexander Field, Altruistically Inclined? The Behavioral Sciences, Evolutionary Theory, and the Origins of Reciprocity. *Review of Austrian Economics* 18(2) 2005: 223-226.

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“The Impact of FEMA Reorganization: Implications for Policy” (with C. Coyne and R. Sobel). *Mercatus Policy Series*, Policy Comment No. 24, February 2009. Arlington, VA: Mercatus Center.

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“Flirting with Disaster: The Inherent Problems with FEMA” (with R. Sobel). *Policy Analysis*, No. 573, July 19, 2006. Washington, D.C.: Cato Institute.

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“Criminal Constitutions” (with D. Skarbek), 2009.

“The Law and Economics of Superstition,” 2009.

“Ordeals,” 2009.

“The Costs of Conflict” (with A. Smith and R. Ostadhosseini), 2009.

“Two Cheers for Capitalism?,” 2009

“The Amplification Effect: Foreign Aid’s Impact on Political Institutions” (with N. Dutta), 2009.

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“Contagious Capitalism” (with R. Sobel and A. Dean), 2009.

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Referee

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