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EDUCATION

B.A., Economics, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, 1975
Ph.D., Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 1978

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Economics and Distinguished Scholar, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA (tenured), 1988-
Affiliated Senior Scholar at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2011-
Chair of Economics, Cal Poly, 2005
Adjunct Faculty, Mercatus Center of George Mason University, 1998-2005
Professor of Economics, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Fall 1995
Adjunct Professor, Graduate Economics Program in Northern Virginia, Virginia Tech, 1988
Senior Financial Economist, Offices of Monetary Policy Analysis (Assistant Secretary for Economic
Policy and Under Secretary for Monetary Affairs), U.S. Department of Treasury, 1983 - 1988
Associate Professor of Economics, George Washington University, 1982 - 1983
Assistant Professor of Economics, George Washington University, 1979 - 1981
Assistant Professor of Economics, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1978

PRIMARY FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public Finance and Public Policy

RECOGNITIONS AND HONORS

Distinguished Scholar, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, 2007
Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chapter, George Washington University
Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award, 1990, Cal Poly
Award for Performance, U.S. Department of Treasury, 1987
Graduate State Tuition Scholarship, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, 1976-1977
Omicron Delta Epsilon, George Washington University

TEACHING AWARDS

“Excellence in Teaching Award” from Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, 2009
“Best Overall Professor”, MBA Class of 2003, Cal Poly
“The Professor Learned the Most From”, MBA Class of 2003, Cal Poly
Economics Outstanding Faculty Member Award (2000-2001), Economics Students at Cal Poly
“Most Challenging Professor”, MBA Class of 1998, Cal Poly
“Best Lecturer”, MBA Class of 1997, Cal Poly
“Most Outstanding Professor”, MBA Class of 1990, Cal Poly

Outstanding Service as Charter Faculty Team Member, MBA Integrated Core Program, 1997-98;

Books

The Myth of Efficient and Fair Government: Why the Government You Want Is Not the One You Get, Praeger, 2011.

Public Finance: Theory and Practice, Dryden Press/ Harcourt Brace, 1995.

Articles and Book Chapters

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"Do Expenditures on Tobacco Control Decrease Smoking Prevalence?" Applied Economics 42: 1331–1343, 2010.

"The Influence of Private School Enrollment on Public School Performance," Applied Economics 42: 11–22, 2010.

“Do Smoking Bans Reduce Heart Attacks?” Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons, 15 (1), pp. 13-14, Spring 2010.

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“Epidemiologic and Economic Research, and the Question of Smoking Bans,” Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons, 14 (2), pp. 58-60, Summer 2009.

“Is the CDC Blowing Smoke?” Regulation 32:46-52, June 2009.

“The Economic Effects of Smoking Bans on Restaurants and Pubs in the UK,” (with Barrie Craven) Economic Affairs 4:57-61, December 2008.

“Honestly, Who Else Would Fund Such Research? Reflections of a Non-Smoking Scholar,” Econ Journal Watch, 5 (2), pp. 240-268, 2008.

“Determinants of State Tobacco-Control Expenditures,” Applied Economics 40 (7), pp. 831-839, 2007.

“Do Tobacco-Control Programs Lower Tobacco Consumption? Evidence from California” Public Finance Review 35: 689-709, November 2007.

“Tobacco Control Programs and Tobacco Consumption,” Cato Journal 26:573-59, no. 3, Fall 2006.

“The Private Market for Accommodation,” Eastern Economic Journal (with John Dunham) 30:377-91, Summer 2004.

“The Economic Incidence of Smoking Restrictions,” Applied Economics (with John Dunham), 35: 1935-1942, December 2003.

“Do Crime-Related Expenditures Crowd-Out Higher-Education Expenditures?” Public Finance Review September 2001, vol. 29, 369-393, (with Alden Shiers)

“Bureaucracy and Student Performance in Public Schools,” Applied Economics, August 2001, 1341-54.

“Smoking Laws and their Differential Effects on Restaurants, Bars, and Taverns,” 18: 326-333, Contemporary Economic Policy, July 2000 (John Dunham).

“The Effects of Spending and School Structure on Public Education Quality” Economics of Education Review 19 (2000), 89-106.

“The Effects of Smoking Laws on Seating Allocations of Restaurants, Bars and Taverns,” Economic Inquiry January 2000: 38: 151-157. (with John Dunham).

“Do Law Enforcement Expenditures Crowd-Out Public Education Expenditures?” Applied Economics 31:255-266, 1999. (with Alden F. Shiers).

“The Separation of Spending from Taxation: Implications for Collective Choices” Constitutional Political Economy 8:151-163, 1997 (with William Orzechowski).

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- "Public Sector Unions and Public Spending" Public Choice 89:1-16, October 1996 (with William Orzechowski).
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- "The Influence of Special District Governments on Public Spending and Debt" Applied Economics 27:569-573, 1995.
- "Political Participation, Public Sector Labor Unions, and Public Spending," Government Union Review 16:1-26, Spring 1995, (with William Orzechowski)
- "Markets, the Environment and Liberty: The Case of Elephants and Air Quality," Journal of Private Enterprise 10:2 , December 1994 (with Gordon L. Brady).
- "Intergovernmental Competition, Voice and Exit Options and the Design of Fiscal Structure," Constitutional Political Economy 3:73-88, Winter 1992.
- "Public Sector Employment, Competition and Government Size," Public Finance/Finances Publiques 46:222-235 (1991) (with David Joulfaian).
- "Centralism and Government Competition," Applied Economics 23:1603-1612 (October 1991) (with David Joulfaian).
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- "Goals and Constraints of the Federal Reserve System: A Study of Its 'Profits' Policy," Public Budgeting and Financial Management 3 (1991) 691-719.
- "The Relationship Between On-Budget and Off-Budget Government," Economics Letters (with David Joulfaian) 35 (1991) 307-310.
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- "Central Bank Credibility and Forecasting," Applied Economics 23:471-478 March 1991.

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- "The Determinants of Off-Budget Activity of State and Local Governments," Public Choice 63: 113-123, 1989 (with David Joulfaian).
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- "Controlling Leviathan Through Tax Reduction," Public Choice 58:237-245 (1988) (with William Orzechowski).
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- "Expenditures and Receipts: Testing for Causality in State and Local Government Finances," Public Choice 53: 243-255 (1987) (with Neela Manage).
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