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#### EDUCATION

**Ohio State University**, Columbus, Ohio

 **Ph.D., Economics**, June 2003

 Areas of Specialization: Economic History, Monetary and Macro Economics

 Thesis: “The Impact of Banking Regulation on Bank Performance: Evidence from the Antebellum Period” Dissertation Supervisor: Richard H. Steckel

**University of Kansas,** Lawrence, Kansas

 **M.A., Economics**, December 1996

**Duke University**, Durham, North Carolina

##  A.B., Economics, Art History, December 1994

##### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Birthplace**: Dearborn, Michigan

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Senior Lecturer – University of Maryland**, Fall 2019 – present

Courses taught: American Economic History since the Civil War, Economic Statistics, Econometrics I, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, various independent studies

**Lecturer – University of Maryland**, Fall 2017 – Summer 2019

Courses taught: American Economic History since the Civil War, Economic Statistics, Econometrics I, Basic Issues in Empirical Methods of Program Assessment (independent study)

**Professor – Northern Virginia Community College**, Spring 2017

 Courses taught: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Survey of Economics (online)

**Associate Professor – Northern Virginia Community College,** Fall 2014 – Spring 2017

Courses taught: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Survey of Economics (online), International Economics (independent study)

**Assistant Professor – Northern Virginia Community College,** Fall 2011 - Fall 2014

Courses taught: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Survey of Economics (online)

**Lecturer – University of Maryland,** Fall 2007- Spring 2011

Courses taught: Principles of Microeconomics, Economic Statistics, and Economic History and Modern Development

**Assistant Professor – Lycoming College,** Fall 2003 – Spring 2007

Courses taught: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, American Economic History, Econometrics, History of Economic Thought, and Economic Geography

##### FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

Teaching Innovation Grant, University of Maryland, Summer 2020

Junior Faculty Teaching Award, Lycoming College, Academic Year 2006-2007

PEGS Fellowship, Department of Economics, Ohio State University, Winter 2003

Citation for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Economics, Ohio State University, 2001

Preparing Future Faculty Fellow, Ohio State University, Academic Year 2001-2002

Graduate Associate Teaching Award, Nominee, Ohio State University, 2001

Graduate Associate Teaching Award, Nominee, Ohio State University, 2000

Graduate Enrichment Fellowship, Ohio State University, Academic Year 1997-1998

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Nominee, University of Kansas, 1997

**PUBLICATIONS**

“The long-term rise in overseas travel by Americans, 1820-2000” (with Brandon Dupont and Thomas Weiss), Economic History Review, June 2011.

“Fluctuations in Overseas Travel by Americans, 1820 to 2000” (with Brandon Dupont and Thomas Weiss), NBER Working Paper No. 14847, April 2009.

“The American Invasion of Europe: The Long Term Rise in Overseas Travel, 1820-2000” (with Brandon Dupont and Thomas Weiss), NBER Working Paper No. 13977, May 2008.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

AEA’s Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, Minneapolis, MN, May 2015 “Choose-your-own-adventure: Incorporating real-time feedback into your syllabus”

NBER Economic History Summer Workshop in Cambridge, MA, July 2007

 “The American Invasion of Europe: The Long Term Rise in Overseas Travel, 1820-2000”

Social Science History Association Meetings in Portland, OR, October 2005

 “American Overseas Tourism”

Western Economic Association Meetings in San Francisco, CA., July 2005

 “Antebellum Banking Regulation”

Social Science History Association Meetings in St. Louis, MO, October 2002

 “Antebellum Banking Regulation: A Comparative Approach”

**CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**

Keystone Innovation Zone: Marketing Report for Ice Making Equipment – December 2005-January 2006.

###### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Participant in the 2016 CTREE community college project

Referee, *Journal of Economic Education*

Participant in “Summer Academy: For the Advancement of College Teaching” Millersville University of Pennsylvania, Millersville, Pa., June 12-17, 2005

Participant in mentoring workshop sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, New Orleans, La., November 2004

Referee, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*

Contributed to newsletter of The Cliometric Society

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Member of American Economic Association

**SERVICE**

Member of Facilities Naming Committee, Summer 2024-present

Member of Working Group 5 (Educational Effectiveness Assessment) for Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) reaccreditation review for the University of Maryland, Spring 2024 - 2025

Member of Grievance Hearing Board, Spring 2024

Member of Merit Pay Committee for the Department of Economics, 2024-2026

Member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee for the Department of Economics, 2023-present

Member of Undergraduate Studies Committee for the Department of Economics, 2022-2023

Advisor to the Freestyle Club, Spring 2022-2023

Member of the University Senate representing BSOS PTK (3-year term), May 2022-2025

Member of Academic Procedures and Standards Committee, a standing committee of the University Senate, 2021-present

PTK Symposium Planning Committee member, 2021-2022

Advisor to Phi Chi Theta, Professional Fraternity in Business and Economics, Fall 2021-present

University Medal Selection Committee, Spring 2020

BSOS College Coordinator for the Provost’s Commission on Learning Outcomes Assessment, 2018-present

College Senate, Northern Virginia Community College, 2015-2017

Forum Council (Alexandria Campus), Northern Virginia Community College, 2015-2017

Faculty Advising Manager, Northern Virginia Community College, 2013-2017

Scholarship Committee, Northern Virginia Community College, 2012-2017

Women’s Retention Project, Northern Virginia Community College, 2012-2017

Executive Council of the Faculty, Lycoming College, 2005-2007

Student Affairs Committee, Lycoming College, 2005-2007

Faculty Library Advisory Council, Lycoming College, 2004-2007