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Academic Positions

Chair, Department of Economics and Data Analytics
Campbell School of Business, Berry College, 2025-

Associate Professor of Economics (with tenure)
Campbell School of Business, Berry College, 2021-

Assistant Professor of Economics
Campbell School of Business, Berry College, 2015-2021

Affiliate Scholar
The Knee Regulatory Research Center, West Virginia University (Formerly Housed at St. Francis University), 2019-present

Education

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
Ph.D. in Economics, August 2015

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
M.A. in Economics, May 2010

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
B.A. in Economics (Summa-cum-laude), May 2008

Publications (Student Co-Authors in Bold)

Edited Volumes

1. *Handbook on Public & Private Security* (co-edited with Simon Hakim and Erwin Blackstone) Springer. (November 2023).

2. *Applications of Public Choice Theory to Public Policy* (co-edited with Jayme Lemke and Paul Dragos Aligica) Bloomsbury. (October 2025).

Refereed Journal Articles

3. "Did Legalized Sports Betting Hurt Las Vegas's Tourism?" (with Frank Stephenson) *Journal of Regulatory Economics*. Forthcoming.

4. "Distress with Distress: Financial Health of Higher Education Institutions affects Demand" (with Justin Heflin and Bryan C. McCannon) *Education Economics.* Forthcoming.

5. "Neoliberal Ideology or Rent Seeking: What determines World Bank financing decisions?" *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice.* Forthcoming. (Named to Editors' Choice Edition). Volume 41 (1): (April 2026).

6. "The Impact of Marijuana Decriminalization on Crime: Evidence from Atlanta." (with Jamie Sharpe and **Jake Weitkamp**) *Eastern Economic Journal.* 52 (March 2026), 308-326.

7. "Should I Stay or Should I Go? The Effect of NIL on College Basketball Players Entering the NBA Draft" (with E. Frank Stephenson and **Cole McDaniel**) *Journal of Sports Economics*. 26 (2025), 543-561.

8. "Evaluation of Public Private Partnerships in Highways." (with Simon Hakim) *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 107 (December 2024).

9. "Did the Wizards Help Washington Dodge Bullets?" (with E. Frank Stephenson), *Sports Economics Review*, 5 (March 2024).

10. "Dark Web Drug Markets and Cartel Crime." (with **Nicholas Farmer**) *Review of Law & Economics,* 19(3), 317-350. December 2023.

11. "Does the Ball Lie? Testing the Rasheed Wallace Hypothesis." (with **Corey Jenkins** and Javier Portillo) *Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports*, 18 (2), 87-95, August 2022.

12. "No Child Left in Foster Care." (with Simon Hakim and Erwin Blackstone), *The Independent Review,* 26 (3), Winter 2021/2022

13. "Reducing a Barrier to Entry: The 120/150 CPA Licensing Rule." (with E. Frank Stephenson), *Journal of Labor Research,* 41, 382-402. December 2020.

14. "Burglary Reduction and Improved Police Performance through Private Alarm Response." (with Simon Hakim and Erwin Blackstone) *International Review of Law and Economics,* 63, September 2020.

15. "(Pot) Heads in Beds: The Effect of Marijuana Legalization on Hotel Occupancy in Colorado and Washington." (with **Corey Rusko**, E. Frank

Stephenson) *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy,* 50 (1), 46-53. May 2020.

16. "The effects of growth in occupational licensing on intergenerational mobility." (with Edward Timmons, **Andrew Meehan**, and **Ilya Kukaev**) *Economics Bulletin.* June 2019.

17. "Assessing Growth in Occupational Licensing of Low-Income Occupations 1993-2012." (with Edward Timmons, **Andrew Meehan**, and **John Hazenstab**) *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy,* 7(2), 178-218. June 2018.

18. "Does Private Security Affect Crime?: A test using state regulations as instruments." (with Bruce L Benson) *Applied Economics,* 49(48), 4911-4924. October 2017.

19. "A Regional, Market Oriented Governance for Disaster Management: A New Planning Approach." (with Simon Hakim and Erwin Blackstone) *Evaluation and Program Planning,* (64), 57-68. June 2017.

20. "Do Economies of Scale Exist in Private Protection? Evaluating Nozick's "Invisible Hand"." *Journal of Private Enterprise*, 32(2), 83-91. June 2017.

21. "The Impact of Licensing Requirements on Industrial Organization and Labor: Evidence from the US private security market." *International Review of Law and Economics*. 42, 113–121. June 2015.

22. "The Occupation of Regulators Influences Occupational Regulation: Evidence from the US private security industry." (with Bruce L Benson) *Public Choice.* 161(1), 97-117. January 2015.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

23. "The Overlooked Contributions of Private Enterprise to Fighting Crime" (with Erwin A. Blackstone and Simon Hakim) Forthcoming in *Oxford Handbook on Private Enterprise* (ed. Edward Stringham). Oxford University Press.

24. "Introduction to Applications of Public Choice Theory to Public Policy." (with Jayme Lemke and Paul Dragos Aligica). *Applications of Public Choice Theory to Public Policy*. Bloomsbury. October 2025.

25. "The Importance of Evidence Based Narratives in Public Choice." *Applications of Public Choice Theory to Public Policy*. Bloomsbury. October 2025.

26. "An Overview of Private Security and Policing in the United States." (with Simon Hakim and Erwin Blackstone) *Handbook on Public & Private Security*. Springer. November 2023.

27. "New Realities and New Solutions in Public and Private Policing" *Handbook on Public & Private Security*. Springer. November 2023.

28. "Predatory Public Finance and the Evolution of the War on Drugs." (with Bruce L. Benson) *For Your Own Good: Paternalism, Taxes, and Fiscal Discrimination in the Twenty-First Century* (ed. Adam Hoffer and Todd Nesbit) Mercatus Center. January 2018.

Peer Reviewed Policy Papers

29. "Improving Foster Care Outcomes for Children in West Virginia" (with Simon Hakim and Ryan Hanlon). *Cardinal Institute for West Virgina Policy*. 2025.

30. "Barriers to Mobility: Understanding the Relationship Between Growth in Occupational Licensing and Economic Mobility." (with Ed Timmons and **Andrew Meehan**) Policy + Analysis. *The Archbridge Institute.* November 2017.

31. "Too Much License? A Closer Look at Occupational Licensing and Economic Mobility." (with Ed Timmons, **Andrew Meehan**, and **John Hazenenstab**) Inquiry & Analysis. *The Archbridge Institute.* April 2018. (Cited by: *The Hill, Forbes, Reason, The Sacramento Bee, The Orange County Register, Washington Examiner, and Marginal Revolution*)

Op-Eds

32. "Reviving the American Dream is Going to Take Licensing Reform." (with Edward Timmons) *The Hill.* April 19, 2018.

Working Projects/Under Review

"We've been CONned: Repealing hospital certificate of need laws does not increase malpractice" (with Gary Wagner and Conor Norris) Revise and Resubmit (2nd Round) at *Journal of Regulatory Economics.*

"Arizona's Certificate of Second Chance: Virtue signaling policy or real criminal justice reform?" (with Darwyyn Deyo, Isaac Saunders, and **Abby Plants**).

"High Taxes, Hidden Harvests: Underground Marijuana Markets in Canada" (with **Kyle Lowe**)

"A Market-Oriented Model of Improving Child Adoption: An Empirical Investigation and Policy Implications" (with Simon Hakim)

"NIL and the MLB Draft" (with **Nicholas Koch** and Frank Stephenson)

Courses Taught

Principles of Microeconomics

Principles of Macroeconomics

Research Seminar in Economics of Crime

Markets and Society (Combined Macro & Micro Principles Course)

Elements of Macroeconomics

Law & Economics

Public Economics

Environmental Economics

The Economics of Crime and Punishment

Principles of Environmental Economics

Immigration, Institutions, and Democracy (Co-taught, student reading group)

Junkyards and Sweatshops (Co-taught, student reading group)

Atlas Shrugged (Co-taught, student reading group)

Anarchy Unbound/Private Governance Colloquium (Co-taught, student reading group)

Freshman Seminar Course

Undergraduate Honors Theses Directed

"High Taxes, Hidden Harvests: Underground Marijuana Markets in Canada" **Kyle Lowe**, 2024.

"Electoral Systems and the Political Composition of Legislatures." **Gabriel Smith**, 2023.

"Georgia Traffic Stops and Marijuana Decriminalization." **Jake Weitkamp**, 2022.

"Decriminalization of Prostitution: The Incentives Impacting Violent Crime and Disease." **Emma Duke**, 2020.

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

Georgia Tech Economics Department 2025-26 Seminar Series

We've been CONned: Repealing hospital certificate of need laws does not increase malpractice

Mont Pelerin Society Meetings

Neoliberal Ideology or Rent Seeking: What determines World Bank financing decisions? 2023

Mercatus Center at George Mason University Bastiat Fellowship Program

The Importance of Evidence Based Narratives in Public Choice. 2022

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Does the Ball Lie? Testing the Rasheed Wallace Hypothesis. 2022

Public and Private Security in the U.S.: Challenges and Policy Options. 2022

Southern Methodist University Bridwell Institute for Economic Freedom

Dark Web Drug Markets and Cartel Crime. 2021

Western Carolina/College of Charleston Scaled Up Seminar

High Taxes, Hidden Harvests: Underground Marijuana Markets in Canada. Birmingham, 2026

Examining the Impact of Arizona's Certificate of Second Chance Program on Reoffending Rate. Birmingham, 2025.

Burglary reduction and improved police performance through private alarm response. Asheville, 2019.

Institute for Humane Studies Seminar

Occupational Licensing in a Post-Covid world. 2021

Institute for Humane Studies and Pacific Research Institute Entrepreneurship Seminar

Occupational Licensing, Entrepreneurship, and Intergenerational Mobility. 2020

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville/Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation-St. Francis Occupational Licensing Conference.

Let Them Earn from What They Earn: Increasing the effectiveness of prison vocational training through occupational licensing reform. 2020

Center for the Study of Occupational Regulation Emerging Scholars Conference

Accounting for the Impact of the 120/150 CPA Licensing Rule. 2019

Troy University

Burglary Reduction and Improved Police Performance Through Private Alarm Response. 2018

State Policy Network Conference (IHS and Knee Center co-sponsored seminar)

Occupational Licensing and Intergenerational Mobility. 2018

Pennsylvania State University-Erie

Predatory Public Finance and the War on Drugs. 2018

Gannon University

Predatory Public Finance and the War on Drugs. 2018

George Mason University Graduate Student Paper Workshop

The Impact of Licensing Requirements on Industrial Organization and Labor: Evidence from the US private security market. 2014

DeVoe Moore Center's Critical Issues Symposium

The Effects of Private Security on the U.S. Criminal Justice System: Recent Evidence. 2016

The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics of Liberty Colloquium

Rent Seeking and Regulatory Capture in the U.S. Private Security Industry. 2014

Southern Economic Association

Accounting for the Impact of the 120/150 CPA Licensing Rule. Washington D.C. 2018

Dark Web Drug Markets and Cartel Violence. Washington D.C. 2018

Public Provision of a Private Good: The Case of Police Response to Electronic Alarms. Tampa, FL 2017

Does Private Security Enhance Police Productivity? New Orleans, LA 2016

The Impact of Licensing Requirements on Industrial Organization and Labor: Evidence from the US private security market. Atlanta, GA 2014

Association of Private Enterprise Education

Neoliberal Ideology or Rent Seeking: What determines World Bank financing decisions. Cancun, Mexico 2023

Accounting for the Impact of the 120/150 CPA Licensing Rule. Nassau, Bahamas 2019

Private Security and Public Police Productivity. Maui, Hawaii 2017

Does Private Security Enhance Police Productivity? Las Vegas, NV 2016

Rent Seeking and Regulatory Capture in the U.S. Private Security Industry. Las Vegas, NV 2014

Public Choice Society

Panel session on teaching Public Choice, San Antonio, 2026

We've been CONned: Repealing hospital certificate of need laws does not increase malpractice, San Antonio, 2026

Ideas for Teaching Public Choice in Upper Level Economics Courses, Louisville, 2025

High Taxes, Hidden Harvests: Underground Marijuana Markets in Canada Louisville, 2025

Occupational Licensing Panel Session, Savannah GA 2021

Rent Seeking and Regulatory Capture in the U.S. Private Security Industry. Charleston, SC 2014

Does Private Security Affect the Level of Crime?: A test using state regulations as instruments. New Orleans, LA 2013

Referee Service

Applied Economics (x2)

Applied Economics Letters

British Journal of Industrial Relations

Economics Bulletin

Empirical Economics

Economics Letters

Econ Journal Watch

Contemporary Economic Policy (x2)

International Journal of Law, Crime, & Justice

Independent Review

Journal of Comparative Economics

Journal of Criminal Justice

Journal of Drug Issues (x2)

Journal of Economics and Finance Education (x2)

Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy

Journal of Experimental Criminology

Journal of Labor Research (x2)

Journal of Private Enterprise (x2)

Journal of Quantitative Criminology

Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy

Journal of Regional Science

Journal of Regulatory Economics (x2)

Journal of Sports Economics (x2)

Markets and Society Journal

Public Finance Review (x2)

Regulation and Governance

Review of Regional Research (x2)

Small Business Economics (x2)

Utah State University Center for Growth and Opportunity Working Paper Series

Honors, Awards & Grants

Public Choice Society Founders Fellow 2026-

Dorothy Englis Research Fellowship 2025-

Berry College Summer Research Stipend 2025

Mercatus Center at George Mason University Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship Research Sequence Scholar 2022-2024

Mercatus Center at George Mason University Don Lavoie Fellowship Scholar 2021-2026

Institute for Humane Studies and John Templeton Foundation Publication Support Grant (Edited Volume) 2021-2022 ($30,000+)

Institute for Humane Studies Education Entrepreneurship Grant 2025-2026 ($3,400)

Institute for Humane Studies Free Society Grant for Undergraduate Programming 2026-2027 ($5,800)

Institute for Humane Studies Mentorship Grant 2026-2027 ($9,000)

Berry College Summer Research Stipend 2019

Campbell School of Business Outstanding Scholar Award 2017-2018

Archbridge Institute Grant Recipient 2017-2018

DeVoe Moore Dissertation Fellowship 2014-2015

Humane Studies Fellowship 2014-2015

Mercatus Center Visiting Dissertation Fellow 2014-2015

Koch Doctoral Fellow 2010-2014

Mercatus Center Adam Smith Fellow 2013-2014

Institute for Humane Studies Regulatory Studies Fellow 2012

Northern Michigan University Outstanding Senior in Economics 2008

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