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POSITIONS HELD

Clinical Asst. Professor & Director of the Purdue Center for Economic Education, Purdue University	2022 - Present
Collegiate Asst. Professor & Director of Undergraduate Studies, Virginia Tech	2019 - 2022
Content Fellow, Khan Academy	2017 - 2019
Associate Professor, Thomas More College	2016 - 2018
Visiting Instructor, University of Louisville	2014 - 2016
Chair, Department of Economics & Business Administration and Jack B. Morris Professorship of Economic Policy, Austin College	2013 - 2014
Associate Professor (with tenure), Austin College	2011 - 2014
Assistant Professor, Austin College	2011 - 2014

EDUCATION

PhD	Economics	University of Houston, Houston, TX	May 2005
MA	Economics	University of Houston, Houston, TX	May 2002
BA	Economics	University of Houston, Houston, TX	May 2000
Graduate Certificate	Public Health	University of Texas	2012

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

“Child Death in the United States: Productivity and the Economic Burden of Parental Grief” [first author, with J. Cacciatore and J. Lacasse]. *Death Studies*, **38**(9): 597-602, 2014.

“Patent Citations and the Geography of Knowledge Spillovers: A Reassessment” [with Peter Thompson], *American Economic Review*, **95**(1): 450-460, March 2005.

Reprinted in Zoltan J. Acs (ed.), *The Knowledge Spillover Theory of Entrepreneurship*, Edward Elgar.

“Patent Citations and the Geography of Knowledge Spillovers: A Reassessment: Reply” [with Peter Thompson], *American Economic Review*, **95**(1): 465-466, March 2005.

“The Effects of Maternal Education versus Cognitive Test Scores on Child Nutrition in Kenya”, [with Alok Bhargava], *Economics and Human Biology*, December 2003.

Editorial Services

Cases on Economics Education and Tools for Educators (co-editor with Brad Scott), IGI Global Publishing, in Development.

BOOKS

Economics Demystified (co-authored with Eric Dodge), 2012, McGraw-Hill Professional

500 Questions to Know by Exam Day - Microeconomics (co-authored with Eric Dodge), 2012, McGraw-Hill Professional

500 Questions to Know by Exam Day - Macroeconomics (co-authored with Eric Dodge), 2012 McGraw-Hill Professional

Strive for a Five - Microeconomics, Worth Publishing Strive for a Five - Macroeconomics (co-authored with Margaret Ray), Worth Publishing

BOOK REVIEWS

“Sarah C. Dunstan: Race, Rights, and Reform: Black Activism in the French Empire and the United States from World War I to the Cold War”, *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, Forthcoming, Published Online September 23, 2022.

OTHER PUBLISHING ACTIVITY

Test Bank Contributor - Foundations of Economics by David Anderson

Supplementary Materials (Online quizzes and full length AP exams) for Krugman’s Macroeconomics for AP* by Margaret Ray and David Anderson

Reviewer: Contemporary Labor Economics 7th ed., McConnell, Brue, and MacPherson

ONLINE EDUCATIONAL CONTENT PRODUCTION

AP Macroeconomics, Khan Academy

Macroeconomics, Khan Academy

AP Microeconomics, Khan Academy

Microeconomics, Khan Academy

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND NOMINATIONS

Excellence in Teaching Award, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Virginia Tech 2021
Jack B. Morris Professorship of Economic Policy – endowed chair – installed April 2013
Nominee: Minnie Piper Stevens Foundation Piper Professor for 2010
Teacher of the Month – Student Assembly, Austin College April 2009
Teaching Award – Division of Social Sciences, Austin College – 2008
Participant in Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad P021A070068(SA) – Globalization and Societal Change in South India – July/August 2007
Participant in the Teaching Innovations Program (TIP) - 2007 Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, Fall 2000 - Spring 2005
Dr. J. Walter Primeaux and Natalie Primeaux Scholarship, Spring 2004
Shell Foundation Scholarship, Fall 2001-Spring 2002
Stella Erhardt Fellowship, Fall 2000-Spring 2001
University Scholars Research Scholarship, Spring 2000

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING

Judge, Web-Based Standard Setting for CLEP-Macroeconomics & Microeconomics, Educational Test Service (ETS), 2020 and 2021
Exam question writer for Educational Testing Services - AP economics exams (Microeconomics and Macroeconomics) , 2010-2018
Exam question writer for Educational Testing Services - TeXes Social Studies Grades 8-12 Exam, 2009 – 2010
AP Macroeconomics: Exam Leader 2020-2022; Question Leader 2014, 2015, and 2019; Table Leader 2013, 2016, 2017, and 2018; Reader, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, and 2012
Educational Policy Improvement Center - Consultant NAEP College Course Content Analysis - 2013
Gates Foundation - Course Content Analysis - 2014

COURSES

Principles of microeconomics
Principles of macroeconomics
Managerial Economics
Health Economics (undergraduate and graduate level)
First Year Experience - Economics
Graduate Seminar: Teaching Economics
Research Methods in Economics and Business
Economic Development (undergraduate and graduate level)
Labor Economics
Freshman Seminar (Communication and Inquiry- subjects have included Behavioral Economics and The Culture of Food)
Senior Seminar (topic: Game Theory)
Economic Development and Poverty in Film
Directed studies in Health Policy and the Affordable Care Act
Introduction to Public Health
Investment analysis
Personal finance

PRESENTATIONS

"Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Among Us: How We are Making a Difference", Panelist, Southern Economics Association Presidential Economic Education Sessions, Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, November 2022. "How mobile is an education focused career in economics: what do institutions look for?", Panelist, CTaLE EconTEaching Webinar Series, October 26, 2022. "Director of Undergraduate Studies: The Role, the People, and Its Purpose", Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting 2021
"Career Paths in Teaching Oriented Positions", Brown Bag Graduate Series, University of Houston, November 2020
"Research Outlets: The Economics Scholars Program", The Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, May 2013
"The Economics Consequences of Grief", MISS Foundation Annual Conference, Tempe, AZ October 2012
"The Effects of Maternal Education versus Cognitive Test Scores on Child Nutrition in Kenya", Texas Camp Econometrics VII, Fredericksburg, TX February 2003
"Literacy Structure of Households and the Formation of Child Health", Missouri Valley Economics Association November 2008.
"A Model for Fostering Undergraduate Research at Every Level: The Economics Scholars' Program". - Missouri Valley

Economics Association, November 2010

- Western Economics Association International Annual Meeting June/July 2010

- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting November 2009

- Baylor University, Invited Brown Bag Speaker, November 2009

“Beginning and End of Semester Letters as a Method of Obtaining Student Feedback”. Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting November 2009.

ORGANIZED SESSIONS

Preparing for the Classroom: Approaches to Training Graduate Students for Teaching (co-organized with Emily Marshall) Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting

“Building Undergraduate Research and Field Experiences”, Western Economics Association International Meeting (co-organized with Eric Dodge).

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES BLENDING TEACHING AND SERVICE

Creator and Co-Organizer of the Economics Scholars Program for Undergraduate Economic Research 2007 – 2014

Director, Snider Social Science Lab – Fall 2012 to present

Mellon Course Partnership Grant – 2010 to present – Course Exchange between Health Economics (offered within the department of economics) and Public Policy (course offered by Political Science Department)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board, Pearson Publishing (Dec 2022 - Present)

Secretary: Kentucky Economics Association (2016 – 2019)

Referee: American Economic Review, Oxford Economic Papers, Review of Economics and Statistics, Research Policy, Perspectives in Economic Education, The American Economist, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Purdue University:

Director of the Purdue Center for Economic Education (August 2022 - Present)

Application Review: Search for instructor, Fall 2022

Virginia Tech:

Undergraduate Director, Dept. of Economics

Undergraduate Committee, (Dept. of Economics)

Undergraduate Committee (Dept. of Economics)

Enrollment Committee (Dept. of Economics)

Distance Learning Working Group 2 (University)

Advisory Committee for Impact Living Learning Community (University)

Economics Position Search Committee Chair - 2022 (Department)

Search Committee for Impact Living Learning Community Director (University)

Search Committee for Post-Doc position in Economics of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Panelist, Course Design Clinic Summer 2021 (University)

Khan Academy:

Tiger Team: Content Being Valued (2018)

Thomas More College:

Director of the Undergraduate Research Conference (2017)

Austin College:

Public Health Undergraduate Program Development Committee Chair of the Economics and Business Department

Presidential Faculty Salary Study

Presidential Scholarship Committee

Academic Skills Center Advisory Committee Study

Abroad

Internationalization Committee

Asian Studies Advisory Committee

Benefits Committee

Health Sciences Committee

Web Advisory Committee

Economics Position Search Committee, (2006, 2014 - Chair)

Center for Global Studies Search Committee

Occasional interviews with local CBS and NBC affiliates.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association, Southern Economics Association, National Association of Economic Educators

SOFTWARE

STATA, SAS, SPSS, Blackboard, Moodle, Canvas, Slack, Trello, Jira, Proprietary Content Management System (Khan Academy)