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## Professional Experience

Assistant Professor of Economics, Barney Barnett School of Business and Free Enterprise, Florida Southern College, 2016–present

Previous Positions:

- Assistant Professor of Economics, Donald R. Tapia School of Business, Saint Leo University, 2014–2016
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, Wake Forest University, 2013–2014
- Postdoctoral fellowship, Dept. of Political Science, Duke University, 2011–2013

## Academic Affiliations

Research Fellow, Institute for Faith, Work, and Economics, 2012–present

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, Florida State University, 2011

Dissertation: “Global Poverty: The Role of Economic Freedom, Democracy and Foreign Aid” Adviser: James Gwartney

M.S. Economics, Florida State University, 2009

B.S. Electrical Engineering, Santa Clara University, 1998

## Chapters

“Is Capitalism Exploitative?” In Anne Bradley and Hugh Welchel, ed., *Critiques of Capitalism*, forthcoming.

“Economic Freedom and Global Poverty” (with J. D. Gwartney). In Mark D. White, ed., *Accepting the Invisible Hand*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.

## Publications (non-peer reviewed)

“The Crash of 2008: Causes and Lessons to Be Learned” (with J. D. Gwartney). *Social Education*. 73(2) 2009: 63-67.

## Policy Papers and Book Reviews

“Cronyism, Economic Freedom, and Human Flourishing.” Institute for Faith, Work, and Economics, forthcoming.

Review of “Free Our Markets: A Citizens’ Guide to Essential Economics” by Howard Jr. Baetjer. *Independent Review*, 19(1) 2014.

“Economic Freedom and the Path to Flourishing.” with Anne Bradley, Institute for Faith, Work, and Economics, 2013.

“Income Mobility: An Economic and Biblical Perspective.” Institute for Faith, Work, and Economics, 2013.

“The Scope of Government and the Wealth of Nations Revisited” (with S. W. Norton). Hastert Center Public Policy Series, August 2012.

## **Working Papers**

“Determinants of Life Satisfaction: Religious Beliefs and Economic and Political Freedom”

“Institutional Trinity: Economic, Political, and Religious Freedom”

“Economic Institutions and Global Poverty”

“The Supporting Role of Democracy in Reducing Global Poverty”

## **Teaching**

Undergraduate:

Principles of Microeconomics (SLU & Wake), Principles of Macroeconomics (SLU & Wake), Intermediate Microeconomics (FSU), Econometrics (SLU), Behavioral Economics (SLU), Introduction to Enlightenment Thought (Wake), Introduction to Political Economy (Duke), Economics for Non-Majors (SLU)

Graduate:

MBA Managerial Economics (SLU)

Other Interests:

Institutions and Development and Philosophy of a Free Society

## **Grants, Awards, and Achievements**

Grant from The Institute for Faith, Work, and Economics for speaker series and reading group at Saint Leo University (ongoing, current dollar amount \$13,500).

Association of Private Enterprise Education annual meetings—Young Scholar award, 2009 and 2011.

James H. Gapinski Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement Among First-year Graduate Students, Florida State University, 2008.

Best of Interdisciplinary Design, Senior Design Competition, Santa Clara University, 1998.

Co-founder of the Robotic Systems Laboratory at Santa Clara University—formerly SCREEM Lab, 1997-1998.

### **Presentations and Talks**

- 2015 - 2016 Saint Leo University, topics: Poverty, Income Inequality, Minimum Wage, Flourishing, Sweatshops, Water, Culture and Commerce
- 2015 Wake Tech Community College, Raleigh, NC
- 2012 King's College, London, U.K.
- 2012 A New Way of Teaching ECO151, Greensboro, NC
- 2011 Society for Politics, Economics, and the Law, NC State University, Raleigh, NC

### **Conference Presentations and Workshops**

- 2015 World Economic Freedom meetings, Dallas, TX
- 2015 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Cancun, MX
- 2015 Creative Teaching Ideas Workshop, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2014 Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 Public Choice Society, Charleston, S.C
- 2014 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, NV
- 2013 Southern Economic Association, Tampa, FL
- 2013 Public Choice Society, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 Ronald Coase Institute Workshop, Santiago, Chile
- 2012 Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, NV
- 2012 Public Choice Society, Miami, FL

### **Other Professional Activities**

Co-creator of Oikonomia: Economics for Life and Purpose course for the homeschool market.

Collaborator in creation of Common Sense Economics course for non-majors. This course is used in both online and traditional classes. It is currently taught at Florida State University, Northern Michigan University, Wake Tech Community College, and many high schools.

### **Research and Teaching Assistant Positions**

Research Assistant for James Gwartney in the Gus A. Stavros Center for Economic

Education at Florida State University, 2008-2009 and 2011  
BB&T Dissertation Fellow, Florida State University, 2010  
Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Florida State University, 2007-2008

## **Professional Associations**

American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Public Choice Society, Association of Christian Economists, Association of Private Enterprise Education, CREDO

## **Prior Work Experience**

Senior Project Engineer, Engine Control and Monitoring, Sunnyvale, CA, 2003-2007  
Member Technical Staff, nBand Communications, Mountain View, CA, 2000-2001  
Hardware Engineer, Alcatel, Milpitas, CA, 2000  
Hardware Engineer, Trimble Navigation, Sunnyvale, CA, 1998-1999

## **References**

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