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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. (Economics), Washington University in Saint Louis	2006
Graduate Certificate (New Institutional Social Sciences), Washington University in Saint Louis	2006
A.M. (Economics), Washington University in Saint Louis	2003
M.A. (Economics), University of Alabama	2001
B.S. (Economics), University of Alabama	2001

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Economic History, New Institutional Economics, Development Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics

### **DISSERTATION**

**“Institutions and Southern Development: Lynching as a Signal of Insecure Property Rights”**

Committee: John Nye (chair), Douglass North, Sukkoo Kim, Charles Moul, John Drobak, Gary Miller

### **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

1. Christian Ethics, Formal Institutions, and Economic Growth. Forthcoming, *American Review of Political Economy*.
2. Block, Walter, Art Carden and Stephen W. Carson. 2006. “Ex ante and ex post: What Does Rod Stewart Really Know Now?” *Business and Society Review*. Vol. 111, No. 4, Winter, pp. 427-440.

### **BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER ARTICLES**

1. The Market’s Benevolent Tendencies, in Nicholas Capaldi (ed.), *Business and Religion: A Clash of Civilizations?* Salem, MA: M.M. Scrivener Press: 55-64 (2005).
2. Douglass C. North. Forthcoming, *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*.
3. J.R. ‘Pitt’ Hyde, III. Forthcoming, *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*.
4. Frederick W. Smith. Forthcoming, *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*.
5. First Tennessee Bank. (with Jerrod F. Anderson), Forthcoming, *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*.
6. Review of Richard Vedder and Wendell Cox, *The Wal-Mart Revolution*. Forthcoming, *Economic Affairs*.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

1. Does Wal-Mart Reduce Social Capital? (with Charles Courtemanche and Jeremy Meiners), revise and resubmit, *Public Choice*.
2. Inputs and Institutions as Conservative Elements, revise and resubmit, *Review of Austrian Economics*.
3. Painting the Town Red? Wal-Mart and Values (with Charles Courtemanche and Jeremy Meiners), under review, *Economy and Society*.
4. Time Under Authoritarian Rule and Economic Growth (with Harvey S. James, Jr.), under review, *Southern Economic Journal*.
5. Unequal Pay for Unequal Work in Antebellum America, under review, *Labour: Review of Labour Economics*.
6. Bo Knows Property Rights and Futures Markets: Economics in *Trading Places* (with Mike Hammock),

- revise and resubmit, *Journal of Private Enterprise*.
7. The Black Market and the Silver Screen (with Mike Hammock), under review, *Teaching Business and Economics*.
  8. Risky Business? Wal-Mart and Risky Health Behaviors (with Charles Courtemanche and Jeremy Meiners).
  9. Wal-Mart and Leisure Activities (with Charles Courtemanche and Jeremy Meiners).
  10. Trial By Fury: Institutions and Southern Productivity (under revision, Contracting and Organizations Research Institute Working Paper 2005-07).
  11. Did Jim Crow Lead the Mob? Lynching and Legal Institutions, 1882-1930.
  12. Revenue and Regulation: Lessons For E.U. Leaders from the Roman Empire to the Modern Era (with Alex Tokarev).

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Referee, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Journal of Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics*, *State and Local Government Review*
- Organizer, Rhodes College Faculty Environmental Issues Roundtable, 2006-Present
- President, Washington University Economics Graduate Student Association, 2002-2005
- Graduate Peer Mentor, Washington University Department of Economics, 2003-2005
- Organizer, Douglass C. North Graduate Seminar, 2003-2005

### **TEACHING**

#### Rhodes College

- Introduction to Economics: Microeconomics Fall 2006-Present
- Economic History Spring 2007-Present

#### Washington University in Saint Louis

- Principles of Microeconomics (Instructor) Summer 2004
- Explorations in Austrian Economics (Instructor) Summer 2003
- Business, Government, and Public Policy (Teaching Assistant) 2004-2005
- Ideas, Institutions, and Economics (Teaching Assistant) 2002-2004
- Theory of Property Rights (Teaching Assistant) 2002-2004

#### Saint Louis University

- Intermediate Macroeconomics (Instructor) Spring 2004

#### University of Alabama

- Honors' Principles of Microeconomics (Teaching Assistant) 2000-2001
- Principles of Microeconomics (Teaching Assistant) 2000-2001
- Principles of Macroeconomics (Teaching Assistant) 2000-2001

### **RESEARCH**

- Research Assistant for Douglass C. North 2002-2005
- Research Assistant, Murray Weidenbaum Center 2003-2005

### **HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

- Honorable Mention, Public Choice Society Wicksell Prize Competition 2007
- Washington University Dean's Dissertation Fellowship 2005-2006
- Fellow, Center for New Institutional Social Sciences 2004-2006
- Humane Studies Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies 2004-2006
- Adjunct Fellow, Independent Institute 2005-Present
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place, MVEA Graduate Student Paper Contest 2005

- Donald Lavoie Memorial Graduate Student Paper Award 2005
- Research Scholarships, Institute for Humane Studies 2003-2004
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, MVEA Graduate Student Paper Contest 2004
- Summer Research Fellow, Ludwig von Mises Institute 2003
- Graduate Research Fellowship, Washington University 2003
- Outstanding Senior in Economics, University of Alabama 2000-2001
- Presidential Scholarship, University of Alabama 1997-2001

### **SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Southern Economic Association (Upcoming) November 2007
- Association of Private Enterprise Education April 2007
- Public Choice Society March 2007
- NBER “Development of the American Economy” Workshop July 2006
- Association of Private Enterprise Education April 2006
- Allied Social Science Associations (Cliometric Society session) January 2006
- Southern Economic Association (organized session) November 2005
- Missouri Valley Economic Association (organized two sessions) October 2005
- University of Missouri-Columbia (departmental seminar) September 2005
- Public Choice Society March 2005
- Southern Economic Association (poster session) November 2004
- Missouri Valley Economic Association October 2004
- Economic History Association (poster session) September 2004
- San Jose State University (guest lecture) September 2004
- Loyola University-New Orleans Business Ethics Conference June 2004
- Midwest Economic Association March 2004
- Missouri Valley Economic Association February 2004

### **REFERENCES (additional references available upon request)**

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