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Education

Southern Methodist University - Dallas, Texas
Ph.D. Economics, 1988 M.A. Economics, 1984
(National Science Foundation Fellowship for Graduate Study)

University of Texas at Arlington - Arlington, Texas
M.B.A. Economics and Finance, 1980 B.B.A. Accounting, 1978

Academic Experience

<i>Sam Houston State University - Huntsville, Texas</i>	
Professor of Economics	2006-present
Chair, Department of Economics & International Business	2007-2010
Associate Professor of Economics	2001-2006
Assistant Professor of Economics	1998-2001
<i>Southern Methodist University - Dallas, Texas</i>	1997-1998
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics	
<i>Cleveland State University - Cleveland, Ohio</i>	1996-1997
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics	1992-1994
<i>John Carroll University - University Heights, Ohio</i>	1994-1995
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics	
<i>Richland Community College - Dallas, Texas</i>	1980-1981
Instructor and Program Director, Banking and Finance	

Refereed Publications

"Income Levels and Youth Traffic Fatalities: A U.S. State-Level Analysis," *Empirical Economics Letters* 12:9 (September 2013),

"Is Beer Safer than Spirits? How the Change in Consumption Shares Of Alcoholic Beverage Types Affects Traffic Mortality in Young People," *German Journal of Agricultural Economics* 61:4 (2012) pp. 254-264.

"On (not) Closing the Gaps: The Evolution of National and Regional Unemployment Rates by Race and Ethnicity," *The Review of Black Political Economy* 39:2 (June 2012), pp. 267-284.

"Beer in Good Times and Bad: A U.S. State-Level Analysis of Economic Conditions and Alcohol Consumption," *The Journal of Wine Economics* 6:2 (Fall, 2011), pp. 231-251.

Refereed Publications, cont.

"Cold Comfort in Hard Times: Do People Drink More Beer During Recessions?" in *The Economics of Beer*, Johann Swinnen, ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press (2011).

"The Resource Curse and U.S. Regional Development" *Applied Economics Letters* 16:5 (March, 2009), pp. 527-530

"Non-White Poverty and Macroeconomy: The Impact of Growth," (with Gary Hoover and Walter Enders) *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings* 98:2 (May, 2008), pp. 398-402

"Drunk Driving Legislation and Traffic Fatalities: New Evidence on BAC 08 Laws," *Contemporary Economic Policy* 25:3 (July, 2007), pp 293-308.

"Differences in Inflation's Impact upon Productivity Growth Across Inflation Regimes: the German Case," (with David Yerger) *Journal of International Business Disciplines* 1:2 (Spring, 2007), pp. 105-115.

"Threshold Effects Between German Inflation and Productivity Growth," (with David Yerger) *Business Research Yearbook* (2006), 13, pp. 228-233.

"A Change-Point Analysis of the Growth Effects of State Banking Deregulation," *Economic Inquiry* (July, 2005) pp. 601-13.

"Are Regional Tastes Converging? The Case of Alcohol," *Midwestern Business and Economic Review*, (Fall, 2004) pp. 39-51.

"Trickling Down the Rising Tide: New Estimates of the Link between Poverty and the Macroeconomy," *Southern Economic Journal* (October, 2003) pp. 359-373.

"Poverty and the Macroeconomy: Estimates from U.S. Regional Data," *Contemporary Economic Policy* (July, 2003) pp. 358-371.

"Is Health Care a Necessity or a Luxury? Pooled Estimates of Income Elasticity from U.S. State-Level Data," *Applied Economics* (March, 2003) pp. 495-502.

"The Relationship of Inequality to Economic Growth: Evidence from U.S. State-Level Data," (with Mark W. Frank) *Pennsylvania Economic Review* (Fall, 2002) pp. 24-36.

"A Theoretical Model of Adolescent Suicide and Some Evidence from U.S. Data," (with Vijay K. Mathur) *Health Economics* (December, 2002) pp. 695-708.

"Did State Bank Branch Deregulation Produce Large Growth Effects?" *Economics Letters* (May, 2002) pp. 383-389.

"Interpreting Cross-Section and Time-Series Tests of Convergence: The Case of Labor Productivity in Manufacturing," (with David Yerger) *Journal of Economics and Business*. (November, 2001) pp. 593-607.

"Panel Tests of Okun's Law for Ten Industrial Countries," *Economic Inquiry* (October, 2001) pp. 511-523.

"Sources of Fluctuations in Regional Growth," *The Annals of Regional Science* (June, 2001) pp. 249-266.

"Beer and the Business Cycle," *Applied Economics Letters* (January, 2001) pp 51-54.

Refereed Publications, cont.

"Alternative Panel Estimates of Alcohol Demand, Taxation and the Business Cycle," *Southern Economic Journal* (October, 2000), pp. 325-344.

"Does Inflation Lower Productivity? Time Series Evidence on the Impact of Inflation on Labor Productivity in 12 OECD Nations," (with David Yerger) *Atlantic Economic Journal* (September, 2000), pp. 315-332.

"Regional Tests of Okun's Law," *International Advances in Economic Research* (August, 2000), pp. 557-570.

"A Note on Economic Conditions and Alcohol Problems," *Journal of Health Economics* (October, 1999), pp. 661-670.

"Grade Divergence as a Market Outcome," *The Journal of Economic Education* (Fall, 1999), pp. 344-351.

"Unit Roots in the Presence of Moving Average Errors: Tests of Consumer Price Inflation," *Applied Economics Letters* (September, 1998), pp 577-81.

"Determinants of Youth Suicide: The Easterlin-Holinger Cohort Hypothesis Re-Examined," *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*. (April, 1998), pp 183-200.

"Inflation and Multifactor Productivity Growth: a Response to Smyth," (with David Yerger) *Applied Economics Letters* (May, 1998), pp 271-74.

"Do Core Inflation Measures Forecast Inflation?" *Economics Letters* (February, 1998), pp. 143-47.

"Inflation and Total Factor Productivity: The Case of Germany" (with David Yerger) *Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv* (March, 1997) pp 158-63.

Under Review

"Is Healthcare a Luxury or a Necessity? New Evidence from a Panel of U.S. States", *submitted*

Working Papers

"Income and Preventable Mortality: The Case of Youth Traffic Fatalities "

"The Voluntary Poor: College Enrollments and Reported Poverty Rates"

Poverty in Metropolitan Areas of the U.S.: Causes and Consequences, (with Vijay K. Mathur)

"Is Growth Enough? African-American Poverty and the Macroeconomy"

"Testing for a Long-run Relationship between Poverty and Unemployment"

Presentations (partial list)

"Is Beer Healthier than Booze? How the Change in Consumption Shares of Alcoholic Beverage Types Affects Health Outcomes in Young People" presented to the second Beeronomics Conference, Freising, Germany, September, 2011.

"On (not) Closing the Gaps: Ratios of Unemployment Rates In non-White and White Populations presented to the Western Economics Association International, Brisbane, Australia, April, 2011

"Cold Comfort in Hard Times: Do People Drink More Beer During Recessions?" presented to the first Beeronomics Conference, Leuven, Belgium, May 2009.

"The Resource Curse and U.S. Regional Development" presented to the Western Regional Science International Association Meetings, February, 2006.

"The Resource Curse and U.S. Regional Development" presented to the British and Irish Section, Regional Science Association International, August 17, 2005.

"Drunk Driving Legislation and Traffic Fatalities: What Works and What Doesn't," presented to the Western International Association meetings, July 7, 2005.

"How Poverty Affects Economic Prospects in Metropolitan Areas," presented to the Southern Economic Association meetings, November 23, 2004.

"The Voluntary Poor: College Enrollments and Reported Poverty Rates," presented to the Western International Association meetings, July 1, 2004.

"Poverty in Metropolitan Areas of the U.S.: Causes and Consequences" (with Vijay K. Mathur), presented to the British and Irish Section, Regional Science Association International, August 22, 2003.

"Inequality is Harmful to Growth," presented to the Western International Association meetings, July, 2002.

"Is Health Care a Necessity or a Luxury? Pooled Estimates of Income Elasticity from U.S. State-Level Data," presented to the Western International Association meetings, July 5, 2001.

"Panel Tests of Okun's Law for Ten Industrial Countries" presented to the Southern Economics Association annual conference, November 9, 2000.

Grants

Sam Houston State University Research Enhancement Fund Grant, Summer, 1999: "On Alcohol and the Business Cycle," later published as "Alternative Panel Estimates of Alcohol Demand, Taxation and the Business Cycle," *Southern Economic Journal* (October, 2000), pp. 325-344.

Sam Houston State University Research Enhancement Fund Grant, Summer, 2001: "Controlling for Selection Bias in the Estimation of the Growth Effects of Bank Branch Deregulation," published as "Did State Bank Branch Deregulation Produce Large Growth Effects?" *Economics Letters*.

Sam Houston State University Research Enhancement Fund Grant, Summer, 2002:
"A Reassessment of the Relationship Between Inequality and Economic Growth Using U.S. State-Level Data"

Sam Houston State University Faculty Research Grant, Summer, 2004: "A Change-Point Analysis of the Growth Effects of State Banking Deregulation" later published in *Economic Inquiry*.

Sam Houston State University Faculty Research Grant, Summer, 2005: "The Resource Curse and U.S. Regional Development" later published in *Applied Economics Letters*

Sam Houston State University Faculty Research Grant, Summer, 2006 "Drunk Driving Legislation and Traffic Fatalities: New Evidence on BAC 08 Laws," later published in *Contemporary Economic Policy*

Sam Houston State University College of Business Administration Summer Research Grant, 2012: Is Health Care a Necessity or a Luxury? New Evidence from a Panel of U.S. State-Level Data, submitted.

Professional Activities

Referee for:

American Journal of Economics and Sociology
American Journal of Epidemiology
Bulletin of Economic Research
Contemporary Economic Policy
Economica
Economic Inquiry
Economics Letters
Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis

European Economic Review
International Economics Journal
Journal of Economics
Managerial and Decision Economics
Social Science Quarterly
Social Science and Medicine
Southern Economic Journal
Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv

University Service

Nominee, Excellence in Research Award, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Coordinator, ECO 4357 Managerial Economics 1998-present

University Committees:

- Core Curriculum Development 2012-present
- Distinguished Professor Review 2004-present
- Research Council 2003-2006
- Library Committee 1999-present
- Ad Hoc Committee for the Assessment of Baccalaureate Degree Structures and Requirements 1999-2000

College of Business Committees

- Executive Committee, College of Business 2007-2010
- Distinguished Professor Review Committee 2005-present
- Strategic Planning Advisory Committee 1998-2006
- Research Committee 1998-present
- MBA Advisory Committee 1999-present

Professional Experience

Consultant 1991-1998
 Maintained consulting practice offering services in economic and financial analysis, including market research, econometric forecasting and litigation support.

Texas Instruments, Inc. - Dallas, Texas 1984-1991
 International Economist (1985-1991)

Republic National Bank of Dallas (now JPM Chase)
 Vice President, Cash Management Services 1978-1980
 Managing Officer, Lock Box Banking 1975-1978
 Administrative Officer, Check Processing 1973-1975