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Education and Experience

Degrees:

Ph.D. Economics, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2000
M.A. Economics, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1996
B.A. Economics, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 1990

Fields of Specialization:

Public Choice Economics
International Economics
Institutional Political Economy
Economic Education

Professional Experience:

Senior Instructor, Economics Department, University of Colorado, 2017-present
Instructor, Economics Department, University of Colorado, 2005-2017
Lecturer, Economics Department, University of Colorado, 2000-2005
Graduate Student Instructor, Economics Department, University of Colorado, 1996-2000
Teaching Assistant, Economics Department, University of Colorado, 1994-1996
Accountant, Rubicon Programs Inc. Richmond, CA 1991-1993

Teaching

University of Colorado, Boulder, CO:

Instructor:

BECN 4200, Business and Society
ECON 4999, Economics in Action – Public Choice Economics
ECON 4939, Internship in Economics
ECON 4818, Introduction to Econometrics
ECON 4808, Introduction to Mathematical Economics
ECON 4784, Development Economics
ECON 4535, Natural Resource Economics
ECON 4413, International Trade
ECON 4221, Political Economics
ECON 3545, Environmental Economics
ECON 3403, International Economics and Policy
ECON 3070, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

ECON 2020, Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 2010, Principles of Microeconomics
ECON 1088, Math Tools for Economics II
ECON 1078, Math Tools for Economics I
ECON 1000, Introduction to Economics

Research

Published works:

“International Economic Sanctions Against a Dictator” *Economics and Politics*, 2004. **16**. (with W.H. Kaempfer and A.D. Lowenberg).

“The Political Economy of Immigration Policy: Some Simple Interest Group Analytics,” *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*, 2004 no.3 (with W.H. Kaempfer and A.D. Lowenberg).

“The Political Market for Immigration Restrictions: Model and Test,” *Journal of International Trade and Development*, 2007, vol. 16, issue 2 (with O.B. Bodvarsson, W.H. Kaempfer and A.D. Lowenberg).

“The Test Assessment Questionnaire: A Tool for Student Self-Assessment after the Midterm Exam,” *Journal of Economics and Economic Education Research*, 2013, vol. 14, issue 2 (with Katherine M. Sauer).

Working Papers:

“An Interest Group Analysis of Transnational Terrorism,” (with W.H. Kaempfer and A.D. Lowenberg) 2004. Presented at the 2004 Public Choice Conference.

Research in Progress:

“The Test Assessment Questionnaire: An Econometric Analysis,” (with Katherine M. Sauer).

Awards

- AEA Committee on Economic Education Certificate of Achievement, 2010.
- CU Gold Integrity Award, 2009.
- Academic Excellence Trio Advanced Study Community Certificate of Appreciation (For Mentorship of Undergraduates), 2009.
- Residence Life Academic Teaching Award, Committee on Learning and Academic Support Services, University of Colorado at Boulder (nominated by undergraduate students), 2005.
- Stanford Calderwood Teaching Excellence Award, 1996.
- University of Colorado Fellowship, 1995.

Service

CU-Boulder Economics Department Service:

Mathematics Program Supervisor 2009-present

Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee 2008-2010, 2013-14

Undergraduate Economics Club, Faculty Advisor 2005-present

Undergraduate Economics Tutoring Program Director 2005-present

Faculty Advisor, CU in DC Internship Program 2014-present

Faculty Advisor, Omicron Delta Epsilon, CU Boulder Chapter 2005-2012

Graduate Curriculum Review Committee 1998-99

Guest Lecturer: Economics Department's Graduate Teacher Luncheon Series 2010, 2012

Service as Referee:

International Social Science Journal (2015)

International Studies Quarterly (2008)

Asia Policy (2008)

The Journal of Energy and Development (2006)

Other Service:

Treasurer: Organization for Economic Literacy

Instructor: Economic Literacy courses for The Colorado Council for Economic Education