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Primary Fields of Interest

Political Economy
Public Finance
Economic History
Development Economics

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Stanford University, September 1994
B.A. in Economics, University of California, San Diego, June 1985
summa cum laude

Academic Positions

Professor of Economics, Fall 2007 to present
Associate Professor of Economics, Fall 2001 to Summer 2007
Assistant Professor of Economics, Fall 1995 to Summer 2001
Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics, Montana State University

Julian Simon Fellow, Summer 2005
Property and Environment Research Center (PERC)

Visiting Research Scholar, Winter and Spring 2003
Center for Study of Public Choice, George Mason University

Lecturer, Fall 1994 to Spring 1995
Public Policy Program, Stanford University

Civic Education Project Visiting Lecturer, Fall 1992 to Spring 1994
Microeconomics Department, Budapest University of Economic Sciences

Acting Instructor, Spring 1992
Department of Economics, Stanford University

Refereed Journal Articles

- (with Christopher Kilby) "Changing Aid Regimes? U.S. Foreign Aid from the Cold War to the War on Terror." *Journal of Development Economics*, forthcoming.
- (with F. Andrew Hanssen) "Repeated Adjustment of Delegated Powers and the History of Eminent Domain." *International Review of Law and Economics*, forthcoming.
- (with F. Andrew Hanssen) "'Rulers Ruled by Women': An Economic Analysis of the Rise and Fall of Women's Rights in Ancient Sparta." *Economics of Governance* 10:221-245 (July 2009).
- "Voter Influence and Big Policy Change: The Positive Political Economy of the New Deal." *Journal of Political Economy* 116:1-37 (February 2008).
- (with F. Andrew Hanssen) "Why Understanding Smoking Bans is Important for Estimating Their Effects: California's Restaurant Smoking Bans and Restaurant Sales." *Economic Inquiry* 46:60-76 (January 2008).
- (with Christopher Kilby) "How Do Political Changes Influence U.S. Bilateral Aid Allocations? Evidence from Panel Data." *Review of Development Economics* 10:210-223 (May 2006).
- (with Christopher Kilby) "World Bank Independence: A Model and Statistical Analysis of U.S. Influence." *Review of Development Economics* 10:224-240 (May 2006).
- (with F. Andrew Hanssen) "The Origins of Democracy: A Model with Application to Ancient Greece." *Journal of Law and Economics* 49:115-146 (April 2006).
- (with Christopher Kilby) "Reassessing the Role of Constituency in Congressional Voting." *Public Choice* 112:31-53 (July 2002).
- "Democratic Opposition to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938." *Journal of Economic History* 62:25-54 (March 2002).
- "Inter-Party Competition, Intra-Party Competition, and Distributive Policy: A Model and Test Using New Deal Data." *Public Choice* 108:77-100 (July 2001).
- "Population, Land, Economic Conditions, and the Allocation of New Deal Spending." *Explorations in Economic History* 38:296-304 (April 2001).
- (with Christopher Kilby) "Foreign Aid and Domestic Politics: Voting in Congress and the Allocation of USAID Contracts Across Congressional Districts." *Southern Economic Journal* 67:598-617 (January 2001).
- "When Should Market-Supporting Institutions Be Established?" *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* 16:129-154 (April 2000).

- "The Value of the Vote: A Model and Test of the Effects of Turnout on Distributive Policy." *Economic Inquiry* 37:609-623 (October 1999).
- "The Marginal Effect of New Deal Relief Work on County-Level Unemployment Statistics." *Journal of Economic History* 59:659-687 (September 1999).
- "Electoral Incentives, Public Policy, and the New Deal Realignment." *Southern Economic Journal* 65:377-404 (January 1999).

Other Research Publications

- (with F. Andrew Hanssen) "Do Profits Promote Pollution? The Myth of the Environmental Race to the Bottom." *PERC Policy Series* PS-41 (August 2007).
- "Democratic Opposition to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938: Reply to Seltzer." *Journal of Economic History* 64:231-235 (March 2004).

Working Papers

- "Altruism, Natural Selection, and the Problem of Evil."
- "On the Mathematics of Testing Wright's Distributive Politics Model: Three Points of Clarification."
- "The Political Economy of Progress: Lessons from the Causes and Consequences of the New Deal."
- "Turning to the Dark Side: The Political Economy of Good and Evil."
- "Why Did the Electorate Swing Between Parties During the Great Depression?"
- (with F. Andrew Hanssen) "How Bad Can a Government Be? Potential Exit and the Quality of National Governments."

Book Reviews

- Smith, Jason Scott. *Building New Deal Liberalism: The Political Economy of Public Works, 1933-1956*. Reviewed for *Journal of Economic History* 66:1097-1098 (December 2006).
- Barringer, Mark Daniel. *Selling Yellowstone: Capitalism and the Construction of Nature*. Reviewed for *Journal of Economic History* 63:276-277 (March 2003).
- Singleton, Jeff. *The American Dole: Unemployment Relief and the Welfare State in the Great Depression*. Reviewed for *Journal of Economic History* 63:290-291 (March 2003).

- Spiliotes, Constantine J. *Vicious Cycle: Presidential Decision Making in the American Political Economy*. Reviewed for *Journal of Economic History* 62:909-910 (September 2002).
- Webber, Michael J. *New Deal Fat Cats: Business, Labor, and Campaign Finance in the 1936 Presidential Election*. Reviewed for *Journal of Economic History* 61:853-854 (September 2001).

Courses Taught

Montana State University:

Cost-Benefit Analysis

Econometrics

Honors Economics

Industrial Organization

Intermediate Microeconomics

Introductory Microeconomics

Problem Solving Seminar

Public Finance

Research Methodology

Special Topic: "Institutions, Property Rights, and Economic Performance"

Special Topic / Study Abroad: "Property Rights, Economic Performance, and the Origins of Democracy: Lessons from Ancient Greece" (course included two weeks traveling in Greece), with F. Andrew Hanssen

Stanford University:

Economic Transition in Eastern Europe

Intermediate Microeconomics

Public Policy Senior Research Seminar

Budapest University of Economic Sciences:

Economics of Property Rights

Economics, Organization, and Management

Intermediate Microeconomics

Public Economics

Awards and Honors

Award for Excellence, 2008

Awarded by MSU Alumni Association and Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce, for excellence in undergraduate mentoring.

Georgescu-Roegen Prize in Economics, 1998-99

Awarded for the best article in the *Southern Economic Journal*.

Centennial Teaching Assistant, Stanford University, 1991

Awarded by the university for record of excellence in teaching.

Outstanding Teaching Award, Economics Department, Stanford University, Winter 1991

For performance as a teaching assistant.

Outstanding Teaching Award, Economics Department, Stanford University, Fall 1990
For performance as a teaching assistant.
Provost's Scholarship Award, Warren College, University of California, San Diego, 1985
Awarded on the basis of academic record to one student per graduating class.

Grants and Funding

Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation (\$16,500), with F. Andrew Hanssen
To fund scholarships for outstanding undergraduates conducting original research and participating in a course on "Property Rights, Economic Performance, and the Origins of Democracy: Lessons from Ancient Greece." Spring 2009.

Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation (\$11,000)
To fund scholarships for outstanding undergraduates conducting original research and participating in a course on "Institutions, Property Rights, and Economic Performance." Spring 2008.

Julian Simon Fellowship (\$10,000)
Awarded by the Property and Environment Research Center (PERC), for research on the "race to the bottom" in environmental policy. Summer 2005.

BEST Program (\$8000)
Awarded by Montana State University, to support ongoing research. Fall 2005.

Scholarship and Creativity Grant (\$6240)
Awarded by Montana State University, to support ongoing research. Summer 2004.

CORE 2.0 (\$2500)
Awarded by Montana State University, for curriculum innovation in Honors Economics. Summer 2004.

CORE 2.0 (\$2000)
Awarded by Montana State University, for curriculum innovation in Cost-Benefit Analysis. Summer 2004.

Service

Economics Faculty Search Committee, Chair, 2009-present.
Resident Instruction Committee (Department), 2009-present.
Scholarship Committee (Department), 2008-present.
Faculty Senate (University), 2007-present.
University Honors Program Advisory Committee, 2007-present.
Economics Faculty Search Committee, Chair, 2008-2009.
Transferability Initiatives Economics Council (Montana Univ. System), 2008-2009.
Advisory Committee (Department), 2007-2008.
Promotion and Tenure Committee (Department), 2007.
Ag Econ and Econ Department Head Search Committee, 2006-2007.
Peer Reviewer of Teaching (Department), 2001-2007.
Resident Instruction Committee (Department), 2004-2006.
Scholarship Committee (Department), 2004-2006.
University Honors Program Advisory Committee, 2003-2006.
Promotion and Tenure Committee, Chair (Department), 2005.

Advisory Committee (Department), 2003-2004.
Economics Faculty Search Committee, Co-Chair, 2003-2004.
Promotion and Tenure Committee (Department), 2003-2004.
Economics Faculty Search Committee, Chair, 2001-2002.
Advisory Committee / Promotion and Tenure Committee (Department), 2000-2002.
University Honors Program Advisory Committee, 2000-2002.
Scholarship Committee (Department), 1998-2002.
Library Representative (Department), 1995-2002.
Graduate Affairs Committee (Department), 1999-2001.
Advisory Committee / Promotion and Tenure Committee (Department), 1996-1998.
Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*,
Australian Economic Papers, *Constitutional Political Economy*, *Contemporary
Economic Policy*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economics Letters*, *Economics & Politics*,
Economics of Governance, *Environmental Politics*, *Explorations in Economic
History*, *Independent Review*, *International Interactions*, *International
Organization*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal
of Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics*, National Science Foundation, *Public
Choice*, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, *Regional Science and
Urban Economics*, *Review of Development Economics*, *Review of International
Organizations*, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada,
Southern Economic Journal.