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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Riverside, June 2004
M.A. in Economics, University of California, Los Angeles, 1998
B.A. in Economics (*Magna Cum Laude*), Cal. State University, Fresno, 1997

EMPLOYMENT

Salisbury University

- Professor of Economics Aug. 2017 –
- Associate Professor of Economics Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2017
- Assistant Professor of Economics Aug. 2004 – Aug. 2010

University of California, Riverside

- Teaching Assistant and Instructor Sept. 1999 – June 2004

California State University, San Bernardino

- Lecturer Sept. 2001 – Dec. 2001

AFFILIATIONS

Senior Affiliated Scholar at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University (Dec. 2017 –)
Policy Advisor at the Heartland Institute (April 2016 –)

TEACHING

Undergraduate: Econometrics, Economic Development, Economic Liberty and Voluntary Exchange, Money and Banking, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Economics

Graduate (MBA): Business Economics, Money, Banking and the Macroeconomy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Regulation, Entrepreneurship, Development Economics, Econometrics, Computational Methods

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- [1] "Inequality and Growth: A Semiparametric Investigation," *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, Vol. 4, No. 2, July 2006, pg. 25-44.
- [2] "Trading Places: Does Past Growth Impact Inequality?" *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 82, No. 1, January 2007, pg. 257-266.
- [3] "A Tale of Two Provinces: How Growth Can Help or Hinder Equality in China," (with Ying Wu and Hong Yao), *International Research Journal of Finance and Economics*, No. 12, November 2007, pg. 214-219.
- [4] "The Impact of Past Growth on Poverty in Chinese Provinces," (with Ying Wu and Hong Yao), *Journal of Asian Economics*, Vol. 19, No. 4, August 2008, pg. 348-357.
- [5] "Taking the "U" out of Kuznets: A Comprehensive Analysis of the EKC and Environmental Degradation," (with Jill L. Caviglia-Harris and James R. Kahn), *Ecological Economics*, Vol. 68, No. 4, 2009, pg. 1149-1159.
- [6] "Natural Resources and Economic Growth: Some Theory and Evidence," (with Jang-Ting Guo), *Annals of Economics and Finance*, Vol. 10, No. 2, 2009, pg. 367-389.
- [7] "Does a Rising Tide Raise All Ships Equally? The Effect of Growth on Income Distribution," *Applied Economics Letters*, Vol. 17, No. 6, 2010, pg. 581-586.
- [8] "Is the Relationship between Inequality and Growth Affected by Physical and Human Capital Accumulation?" (with Alan Krause), *Journal of Economic Inequality*, Vol. 8, No. 2, 2010, pg. 153-172.
- [9] "A Non-Parametric Measure of Poverty Elasticity," (with Shatakshee Dhongde), *Review of Income and Wealth*, Vol. 57, No. 4, 2011, pg. 683-703.
- [10] "Culture and Growth: Some Empirical Evidence," (with Susan Hamer), *Bulletin of Economic Research*, Vol. 64, No. 4, 2012, pg. 549-564.
- [11] "Foreign Aid, Illegal Immigration, and Host Country Welfare," (with Subhayu Bandyopadhyay and Jonathan Munemo), *Review of Development Economics*, Vol. 18, No. 2, May 2014, pg. 372-385.
- [12] "Convergence in Income Distributions: Evidence from a Panel of Countries," (with Shatakshee Dhongde), *Economic Modelling*, Vol. 59, 2016, pg. 262-270.
- [13] "Are Countries becoming Equally Unequal?" (with Shatakshee Dhongde), *Empirical Economics*, Vol. 53, No. 4, 2017, pg. 1323-48.
- [14] "Quantifying Federal Regulatory Burdens in the Beer Value Chain," (with Trey Malone), *Agribusiness: An International Journal*, Vol. 33, No. 3, 2017, 466-471.
- [15] "A Moving Target: The Geographic Evolution of Silicon Valley, 1953-1990," (with Stephen Adams and Michael Schultz), *Business History*, Vol. 60, No. 6, 2018, pg. 859-883.

- [16] “How Do Federal Regulations Affect Consumer Prices? An Analysis of the Regressive Effects of Regulation,” (with Courtney Collins and Alan Krause), *Public Choice*, Vol. 180, No. 1-2, 2019, pg. 57-90.
- [17] “Regulation and Poverty: An Empirical Examination of the Relationship between the Incidence of Federal Regulation and the Occurrence of Poverty across the US States,” (with Patrick McLaughlin and Laura Stanley), *Public Choice*, Vol. 180, No. 1-2, 2019, pg. 131-144
- [18] “Barriers to Prosperity: The Harmful Impact of Entry Regulations on Income Inequality,” (with Patrick McLaughlin and Laura Stanley), *Public Choice*, Vol. 180, No. 1-2, 2019, pg. 165-190.
- [19] “Natural Resource Dependency and Entrepreneurship: Are Nations with High Resource Rents Cursed?” (with Jonathan Munemo), *Journal of International Development*, Vol. 31, No. 2, 2019, pg. 137-164.
- [20] “Regulations, Institutional Quality and Entrepreneurship,” (with Jonathan Munemo), *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, Vol. 55, No. 1, 2019, pg. 46-66.
- [21] “Entry Regulations and Income Inequality at the Regional Level,” (with Colin O’Reilly), *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*, Vol. 49, No. 1, 2019, pg. 31-39.
- [22] “Employment and Output Effects of Federal Regulations on Small Business,” (with Jang-Ting Guo), forthcoming in *Pacific Economic Review*.

BOOKS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Contributor to “Services and Utilities,” in *Historical Statistics of the United States, Millennial Edition*, vol. 4 (Carter, Susan B., Scott Sigmund Gartner, Michael R. Haines, Alan L. Olmstead, Richard Sutch, and Gavin Wright, eds.). New York: Cambridge University Press.
- [2] “How Do Federal Regulations Affect Consumer Prices? An Analysis of the Regressive Effects of Regulation,” with Courtney Collins, *Mercatus Working Paper* (George Mason University), February 2016.
- [3] “The Impact of Regulations and Institutional Quality on Entrepreneurship,” with Jonathan Munemo, *Mercatus Working Paper* (George Mason University), October 2017.
- [4] “Regulation and Poverty: An Empirical Examination of the Relationship between the Incidence of Federal Regulation and the Occurrence of Poverty across the States,” with Patrick A. McLaughlin and Laura Stanley, *Mercatus Working Paper* (George Mason University), April 2018.
- [5] “Regulation, Entrepreneurship, and Firm Size,” with Patrick A. McLaughlin and Tyler Richards, *Mercatus Working Paper* (George Mason University), April 2018.
- [6] “Reducing Global Income Inequality by Empowering Entrepreneurship,” *The Regulatory Review*, Penn Program on Regulation (University of Pennsylvania Law School), May 14, 2018.
- [7] “The Effect of Regulation on Low-Income Households,” with Diana Thomas, Patrick A. McLaughlin and Kathryn Waldron, *Mercatus Policy Brief* (George Mason University), January 2019.

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[8] “Regulation and Income Inequality in the United States,” with Colin O’Reilly, *Mercatus Working Paper* (George Mason University), June 2020.

[9] “The Emerging Connections Between Income Distribution and Regulation,” *The Regulatory Review*, Penn Program on Regulation (University of Pennsylvania Law School), July 13, 2020.

[10] “How Many Regulations Does It Take to Get a Beer? The Economic Geography of Beer Regulations,” with Trey Malone and Aaron Staples, The Center for Growth and Opportunity (Utah State University) Working Paper, September 2020.

[11] “Regulation, Entrepreneurship, and Dynamism” with Patrick McLaughlin and Oliver Sherouse, *Mercatus Working Paper* (George Mason University), November 2020.

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

“The Regressive Effects of Federal Regulation and a Roadmap for Reform,” Testimony to U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management in hearing titled “Examination of the Effects of Regulatory Policy on the Economy and Business Growth,” September 27, 2018. Testimony available at: <https://www.mercatus.org/publications/regulation/regressive-effects-federal-regulation>

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Federal Regulation and Mortality in the 50 States,” with James Broughel, March 2020.

“Regulation, Entrepreneurship, and Firm Size” with Patrick McLaughlin and Tyler Richards, January 2019.

“Regulation, Entrepreneurship, and Dynamism” with Patrick McLaughlin and Oliver Sherouse, November 2020.

“Regulation and Income Inequality: An Empirical Examination of the Relationship between the Incidence of Federal Regulation and Inequality across the States,” with Colin O’Reilly, August 2019.

PRESENTATIONS

“A Semiparametric Analysis of the Role of Inequality, Investment, and Government Expenditure in Economic Growth”

- Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Canada, May 31, 2003.
- StataCorp, College Station, Texas, August 8, 2003.
- Econometrics Seminar, University of California, Riverside, Department of Economics, October 8, 2003.
- Salisbury University, April 14, 2004.

“Inequality and Growth: A Semiparametric Investigation”

- Economics Department Seminar, SUNY Binghamton, April 1, 2005
- The Society for Computational Economics 11th Annual Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance, Washington, DC, June 23, 2005.

“Does a Rising Tide Raise All Ships Equally? The Effect of Growth on Income Distribution”

- Brown Bag Seminar, Salisbury University, October 21, 2005.
- Economics Department Seminar, California State University – Fresno, February 10, 2006

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“The Impact of Past Economic Growth on Income Inequality in Provincial China,” (with Ying Wu and Hong Yao)

- Western Economics Association, Pacific Rim Conference, Peking University (China), January 12, 2007.

“What the Data Says About Capital Accumulation, Inequality, and Growth”

- York University (UK) Economics Seminar Series, March 14, 2007.
- Brown Bag Seminar, Salisbury University, April 25, 2008.

“A Nonparametric Measure of Poverty Elasticity,” (with Shatakshee Dhongde)

- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 22, 2008.
- The Chinese Economic Association in North America, Washington DC, November 23, 2008.

“Some Empirical Evidence of the Impact of Culture on Economic Growth,” (with Susan Hamer)

- Academy of Accounting, Finance and Economics (AAFE), New Orleans, LA, December 13, 2008.

“Are Developing Countries becoming Equally Unequal?” (with Shatakshee Dhongde)

- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 16, 2012.
- International Atlantic Economic Society (IAES) Conference, Savannah, GA, October 13, 2014.
- Western Economic Association International, Honolulu, HI, June 29, 2015.

“The Regressive Impact of Federal Regulations on Consumer Prices,” with (Courtney Collins and Alan Krause)

- Mercatus Center panel “Unleashing an Economic Resurgence through Regulatory Reform,” Washington DC (U.S. Capitol Visitor’s Center), April 28, 2016.
- Western Economic Association International, Portland, OR, July 2, 2016.
- Mercatus Center policy research seminar “Machine Learning and Empirical Policy Research,” Washington DC, November 18, 2016
- Creighton University seminar on “Regressive Regulations,” Omaha, NE, June 16, 2017.

“The Impact of Regulations and Institutional Quality on Entrepreneurship in Resource Rich Nations,” (with Jonathan Munemo)

- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 20, 2016

“Regulation and Income Inequality: The Regressive Effects of Entry Regulations,” (with Patrick McLaughlin and Laura Stanley)

- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 21, 2016

“Barriers to Prosperity: The Harmful Impact of Entry Regulations on Income Inequality,” (with Patrick McLaughlin and Laura Stanley)

- Creighton University seminar on “Regressive Regulations,” Omaha, NE, June 16, 2017
- Mercatus Center policy research seminar “Inclusiveness: How the Regressive Effects of Regulation Limit Participation in a Growing Economy,” Tampa FL, November 16, 2017.

“Regulation and Poverty: An empirical examination of the relationship between the incidence of federal regulation and the occurrence of poverty across the states,” (with Patrick McLaughlin and Laura Stanley)

- Western Economic Association International, San Diego, CA, June 26, 2017.

“Regulation, Entrepreneurship, and Firm Size,” (with Patrick McLaughlin and Tyler Richards)

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- Public Choice Society, Louisville, KY, March 16, 2019.

“Employment and Output Effects of Federal Regulations on Small Business,” (with Jang-Ting Guo)

- Western Economic Association International, San Francisco, CA, June 30, 2019

“Regulation and Income Inequality in the United States,” (with Colin O’Reilly)

- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL, November 24, 2019

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee/Reviewer for: *Applied Economics, Applied Economics Letters, Bulletin of Economic Research, Business and Politics, Center for Growth and Opportunity (Utah State University), Contemporary Economic Policy, Ecological Economics, Economic Inquiry, Economic Modelling, Empirical Economics, Energy Sources (Part B: Economics, Planning, and Policy), Governance, Growth and Change, International Economics and Economic Policy, Journal of Business Venturing, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy, Journal of Private Enterprise, Journal of Quantitative Economics, Mercatus Center (George Mason University), National Science Foundation, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Economic Papers, Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics, Public Administration Review, Public Choice, Resource and Energy Economics, Review of Income and Wealth, Southern Economic Journal*

Affiliations (Past and/or Present): American Economic Association, Canadian Economics Association, Econometric Society, Heartland Institute, International Atlantic Economic Society, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Omicron Delta Epsilon, Society of Computational Economics, Southern Economic Association, and Western Economic Association

GRANTS & OTHER FUNDING

The Charles Koch Foundation

- Competitive Grant to develop and deliver courses on Free Enterprise and Classical Liberal philosophy. October 2010, October 2011, August 2012, August 2013, December 2014, February 2016, October 2016, November 2017

Mercatus Center (George Mason University)

- Research grant to develop a white paper examining the relationship between:
 - Federal regulations and consumer prices, 2015
 - Startup regulations and entrepreneurship, 2017
 - Federal regulations and poverty, 2018
 - Federal regulations and small business entrepreneurship, 2018
 - Federal regulations and US mortality rates, 2019
- Sabbatical research grant to develop a red tape regulation classifier, 2019.

National Association for Business Economics (NABE)

- Professional Development Seminar (PDS), Full Scholarship. Arlington, VA April 12-14, 2010

Salisbury University

- Faculty Development Committee
 - Mentor Grant for developing and refining a student, peer-review writing website, July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007
- Perdue School of Business

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- Summer Research Grant for ongoing research on “The Regressive Impact of Federal Regulations on Consumer Prices,” 2016.
- Summer Research Grant for ongoing research on “The Harmful Impact of Entry Regulations on Regional Income Inequality,” 2018.
- SU Foundation
 - Summer Research Support, 2005-2007
 - Competitive Grant for “The Long-Run Spatial Distribution of Silicon Valley High-Tech Clusters,” 2005
 - Competitive Grant to present at 2016 WEAI Conference in Portland, OR, 2016