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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*), California 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

## EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Regulatory Economics Jan. 2025 –

## AFFILIATIONS

Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University (Jan. 2024 – Jan. 2025)  
Senior Affiliated Scholar at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University (Dec. 2017 – Sept. 2024)

## 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, Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Large Language Models (LLMs)

**AWARDS**

Salisbury University Perdue School of Business Researcher of the Year Award (2024)

**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.

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- [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), *Pacific Economic Review*, 2021.
- [23] “How Many Regulations Does It Take to Get a Beer? The Geography of Beer Regulations,” (with Trey Malone and Aaron Staples), *Regulation & Governance*, 2021.
- [24] “The Economic Theory of Regulation and Inequality,” (with Colin O’Reilly), *Public Choice*, Vol. 193, 2022, pg. 63-78.
- [25] “Federal Regulation and Mortality in the 50 States,” (with James Broughel), *Risk Analysis*, Vol. 42, No. 3, 2022, pg. 592-613.
- [26] “Regulation and Income Inequality in the United States,” (with Colin O’Reilly), *European Journal of Political Economy*, Vol. 72, Article 102101, 2022.
- [27] “Regulatory Restrictions Across U.S. Protein Supply Chains,” (with Richard Melstrom, Aaron Staples, and Trey Malone), *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, Vol. 54, No. 1, 2022, pg. 1-27
- [28] “Regulation, Entrepreneurship, and Firm Size,” (with Patrick McLaughlin and Tyler Richards), *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, Vol. 61, 2022, pg. 108-134

[29] “Regulation, Entrepreneurship, and Dynamism” (with Patrick McLaughlin and Oliver Sherouse), *Empirical Economics*, Vol. 64, 2023, pg. 2449-2466.

## **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.

[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.

[12] “Federal Regulation and Mortality in the 50 States” with James Broughel, *Mercatus Working Paper* (George Mason University), January 2021.

[13] “Towards a Formalization of Policy Analytics” *Mercatus Working Paper* (George Mason University), March 2021.

[14] “Regulatory Landscape of the U.S. Aquaculture Supply Chain” with Aaron J. Staples, Eric Abaidoo, Lauren N. Jescovitch, Richard T. Melstrom, and Trey Malone, *Choices* (a publication of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association), Vol. 36, Quarter 4, 2021.

[15] “Learning from State Regulatory Streamlining Efforts” with James Broughel, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, June 2022.

[16] “Regauthorities: The Regulations Authorities Dataset,” with Kofi Ampaabeng, Ethan Greist, Patrick A. McLaughlin, Jonathan Nelson, and Thurston Powers, *Mercatus Working Paper* (George Mason University), July 2022.

[17] “The Human Cost of Regulations and Some Possible Solutions,” *Mercatus Policy Brief* (George Mason University), November 2022.

[18] “How Risk Analysis Can Improve Wisconsin Regulations and Save Live,” with James Broughel in *Onward Wisconsin: Unleashing Capitalism with Common Sense Public Policy*, (Adam Hoffer, Scott Niederjohn, Russell Sobel, and Nabamita Dutta, eds.). University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.

#### **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>

“Texas State Agency Review,” Written Testimony to the Texas House of Representatives Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee on HB 791, April 19, 2023. Testimony available at: <https://www.mercatus.org/research/state-testimonies/texas-state-agency-review>

“Regulatory Reform and Cutting the Red Tape in Pennsylvania,” Written and Oral Testimony to the Pennsylvania Senate Majority Policy Committee, October 25, 2023. Testimony available at: <https://www.mercatus.org/research/state-testimonies/regulatory-reform-and-cutting-red-tape-pennsylvania>

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

[1] “Red Tape: A Comparison of the Relative Level of US State Regulations,” with Colin O’Reilly, October 2023.

[2] “A Test for Convergence Horizon,” with Yong Bao, Xiaotian Liu, and Xuewen Yu, July 2024.

[3] “Leveraging AI to Identify Small Business Regulations at the State Level,” with Patrick McLaughlin, October 2024.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

“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.

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“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)

- 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

“Regulation, Entrepreneurship, and Dynamism” (with Patrick McLaughlin and Oliver Sherouse)

- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL, November 19, 2022

“A Practical Measure of Red Tape,” (with Colin O’Reilly)

- Western Economic Association International, Virtual Presentation, June 27, 2024.

“Leveraging AI to Identify Small Business Regulations at the State Level,” (with Patrick McLaughlin)

- Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 25, 2024

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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

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*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Ecological Economics*, *Economic Modelling*, *Economic Systems*, *Economics and Business Letters*, *Economics Letters*, *Empirical Economics*, *Energy Sources (Part B: Economics, Planning, and Policy)*, *Environmental and Resource Economics*, *Governance*, *Growth and Change*, *International Review of Applied Economics*, *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*

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*Entrepreneurship and Public Policy, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of International Development, Journal of Private Enterprise, Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice, Journal of Regulatory Economics, Journal of Quantitative Economics, Mercatus Center (George Mason University), Mineral Economics, National Science Foundation, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Oxford Economic Papers, Pakistan Journal of Applied Economics, Poverty & Public Policy, Public Administration Review, Public Choice, Resource and Energy Economics, Regulation & Governance, Review of Income and Wealth, Review of Industrial Organization, Socio-Economic Planning Sciences, Southern Economic Journal, Sustainability*

### GRANTS & OTHER FUNDING

Hoover Institution (Stanford University)

- Small Business Regulation Program Visiting Fellow, 2024

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

National Governors Association and Pew Charitable Trust

- Funding for report “Learning from State Regulatory Streamlining Efforts”

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
  - 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