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Education

Ph.D., M.S., Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1999, 1995
B.A., Fine and Performing Arts, Saint Louis University, 1992, *Summa Cum Laude*
B.S., Economics and International Business, Saint Louis University, 1991, *Summa Cum Laude*

Professional Positions

Associate Professor of Economics, Saint Louis University, since 2008
Assistant Professor of Economics, Saint Louis University, 2003-2008
Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Maryland Baltimore County, 1999-2003

Fields

Public Choice, International Economics, Growth & Development Economics

Recent Undergraduate [Teaching](#)

Principles of Economics, International Trade, Public Choice

Special Topics: The Economy of Francesco (spring 2020); Humanomics (fall 2019); Markets and Catholic Social Thought - Antiquity and Modernity (spring 2019); Markets, Catholic Social Thought, and Charity (spring 2018); The Politics and Economics of Globalization (spring 2018); Labor Economics and the Vocation of Work (spring 2017); The Economics of Entrepreneurship (fall 2016); Markets and Catholic Social Thought (spring 2016); Innovation and Institutions (spring 2016)

Articles in Refereed Journals

[“Targeting Inflation Targeting: The Influence of Interest Groups,”](#) with Jac Heckelman, *Public Choice*, 2021, 189: 533-554.

[“The Growth Maximizing Level of Regulation: Evidence from a Panel of International Data,”](#) with Jac Heckelman, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2019, 59: 354-368

[“Fractionalization and Economic Freedom,”](#) with Jac Heckelman, *Public Finance Review*, 2018, 46(2): 158-176

[“Occupy SLU Collection: Introduction and Overview,”](#) with Gregory Beabout, *Jesuit Higher Education*, 2017, 6(1): 2-3

[“Occupy SLU: Exchange, Entrepreneurship, Virtue, Jesuit Charism,”](#) with Gregory Beabout, *Jesuit Higher Education*, 2017, 6(1): 19-32

[“Interest Groups, Democracy, and Policy Volatility,”](#) with Jac Heckelman, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 2016, Vol. 34(2), 223-233

“Sustainability and the Proper Role of Business Leaders: Economics, Moral Philosophy, and Jesuit Education,” with Gregory Beabout, *Journal of Jesuit Business Education*, 2014

“Interest Groups and the ‘Rise and Decline’ of Growth,” with Jac Heckelman, *Southern Economic Journal*, 2014, Vol. 81, 435-456

“Institutions, Lobbying, and Economic Performance,” with Jac Heckelman, *Economics & Politics*, 2013, Vol. 25, 360-386

“Special-Interest Groups and Growth,” with Dennis Coates and Jac Heckelman, *Public Choice*, 2011, Vol. 147, 439-457

“Pulmonary Diffusion and Aerobic Capacity: Is There A Relation? Does Obesity Matter?” with Gerald S. Zavorsky, *Acta Physiologica*, 2010, Vol. 198, 499-507

“Sex, Girth, Waists and Hips (What Matters for Gas Exchange in Extreme Obesity?)” with Gerald S. Zavorsky, *Respiratory Physiology & Neurobiology*, January 2010, Vol. 170, 120-122

“The Political Economy of Investment: Sclerotic Effects from Interest Groups,” with Dennis Coates and Jac Heckelman, *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2010, Vol. 26, 208-221

“Determinants of Interest Group Formation,” with Dennis Coates and Jac Heckelman, *Public Choice*, December 2007, Vol. 133, 377-391

“Interest Group Activity and Long-Run Stock Market Performance,” with Dennis Coates, *Public Choice*, December 2007, Vol. 133, 343-358

“Special-Interest Groups and Volatility,” with Dennis Coates and Jac Heckelman, *Economics Bulletin*, August 21, 2007, Vol. 15, No. 18, 1-13

“Student-Faculty Interactions: Dynamics and Determinants,” with Shelia Cotten, *Higher Education*, June 2006, Vol. 51, No. 4, 487-519

“Diversification of Risk and Growth,” *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, June 2004, Vol. 8, No. 4, 335-361

“Asset Returns in an Endogenous Growth Model with Incomplete Markets,” with Tom Krebs, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, January 2004, Vol. 28, No. 4, 817-839

“Diversification of Risk and Private Saving,” *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, Autumn 2003, Vol. 43, No. 4, 697-712

Other Publications and Projects

“The Rise and Decline of a University,” with David Rapach; book chapter, in Ellen Carnaghan and Kathryn E. Kuhn (eds.) *Power and Protest at an American University: No Confidence. No Fear*. Routledge (Abingdon, UK), 2020

“Don’t Fall for False Tradeoffs,” April 24, 2020 essay for symposium on Pandemic, Pandemonium, and Public Health: Reflections on COVID-19, curated by Amanda Berg and Rubén Rosario Rodríguez for the Political Theology Network

“Beware the Man of System in Our Midst,” January 28, 2019 oped in *St. Louis American*, with David Rapach

“Pursuers of Truth or Peddlers of Influence?” September 21, 2018 oped in *ProMarket*, the blog of the Stigler Center at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, with David Rapach

“Occupy SLU: The Case of the Clock Tower Accords,” interactive [case study](#) and [teaching notes](#), with Gregory Beabout, *Global Jesuit Case Series*, June 2018

Working Papers & Work in Progress

“Banking Crises: Do Special-Interest Groups Matter”

“Do Pressure Groups Mediate the Impact of Aid?” with Jac Heckelman

Recent Conference Activities

Public Choice Society Meetings, March 2021 (SLU travel ban-cancelled; sessions organized), March 2020 (COVID-cancelled; sessions organized), March 2019, March 2018, March 2016, March 2015, March 2012, March 2010; paper presented, discussant

American Enterprise Institute Seminar on Communities of Virtue in the Liberal Order, July 2019

The Southern Economic Association Meetings, November 2018, November 2016, November 2012; paper presented, discussant

Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Justice Conference, August 2017; invited panel participant

Colleagues in Jesuit Business Education meetings, July 2016; case presented

Eastern Economic Association Meetings, February 2016; paper presented

IHS Policy Research Seminar on Financial Markets Regulation, January 2016; attendee

IHS Policy Research Seminar on Government Granted Privilege, May 2015; attendee

American Economic Association Meetings, January 2015; paper presented

Recent SLU Invited Presentations

Mission and Identity Friday Mass & Speaker Series, guest lecture: [“Economics: A Theology of Scarcity or Something More?”](#) February 2018

Prison Program Inside Out Speaker Series, lecture on “Peace, Prosperity, Virtue, and the Dismal Science of Economics,” January 2017, September 2016

Political Round Table “Red, White, and You! A Voter Education Event,” panelist, November 2016

Catholic Studies Adult Education Lecture on “Lessons on Peace and Prosperity,” May 2016

PHIL 342 Environmental and Ecological Ethics, guest lecture on “Markets and the Environment: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly,” March 2016, April 2015, April 2014, April 2013, November 2011, March 2011

Agape Latte, [“Fear, Faith, and Friendship in Economics,”](#) March 2016

Panel on the corporate mission of Jesuits Active at SLU (JAASLU), panel member, February 2016

Cook School Service Leadership Program, remarks on immigration and open borders, February 2016

New Faculty Orientation Break-out Session, “Foundations of and Experiences in the Catholic and Jesuit Mission of Saint Louis University,” panel member, August 2015

Center for Sustainability panel on “Inequality for All,” panel member, April 2015

Cook School Service Leadership Program, remarks on just wages, March 2015

Other Recent Invited Presentations & Events

SLU/Lindenwood Conference on Fraternity and Social Friendship: The Tension Between Globalization and Localization, speaker on “What Markets Can and Cannot Do,” April 2021.

Center for the Study of Liberty, discussion leader on “What is the Best Way to Help the Poor?” Dallas, TX, February 2020

NDSU Center for the Study of Public Choice and Private Enterprise/IHS colloquium on “The Scholarly Contributions of Mancur Olson”; discussion leader; October 2019

Georgetown University Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics symposium on markets and Catholic social thought; discussion leader; April 2019, April 2016

IHS Colloquium on “Public Choice and Government Failure,” discussion leader, Ashland University - February 2019, Patrick Henry College - February 2016

Wake Forest University, Department of Economics, undergraduate principles of economics courses, presentation on International Trade: A Puzzle, December 2018

Lindenwood Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise symposium on Prudent Charity: The Ethics and Economics of Giving, April 2018; discussion leader

KTRS radio - with Jay Kanzler; [July 2019](#) (state of the economy); [May 2019](#) (tariffs) [June 2018](#) (tariffs); [October 2018](#) (tariffs); [November 2018](#) (tariffs).

Creighton University Institute for Economic Inquiry symposium on labor and the vocation of work, April 2017; discussion leader and speaker

IHS Undergraduate Student Colloquium on “The Economics of Immigration,” discussion leader, November 2017

Creighton University - Heider College of Business, Business, Faith and the Common Good lecture series, on “Economics: A Theology of Scarcity or Something More?” September 2017

IHS and Liberty Fund Graduate Student Colloquium on “Public Choice and Government Failure,” discussion leader, November 2016

IHS Undergraduate Student Colloquium on “Markets and Morality,” discussion leader, November 2016

St. Louis City Board of Aldermen Ways and Means Public Hearing, testimony on the economic impact of professional sports, November 2015

Creighton University, Faculty Council Special Session, guest lecture: “The Rise and Decline of a University: Context for a Conversation,” April 2015

Recent Honors & Awards

SLU Beta Gamma Sigma 2020 Outstanding Teacher Award Recipient

SLU Student Government Association 2018 Faculty Excellence Award Recipient

SLU Student Government Association 2017 Mary A. Bruemmer Award Recipient

SLU Cook School 2017 Thomas M. Knapp, S.J. Memorial Faculty Member of the Year

SLU Student Government Association 2013-2014 Faculty Excellence Award Recipient

SLU 2017 Spark Microgrant for work on “Virtue Cultures and Communities”

Coleman Foundation Entrepreneurship Fellow, 2016-2017

Recent SLU Service Activities

Women in Economic Clubs, faculty advisor, March 2021 - present

Search committee member, Prison Education Program Director, February 2021 - April 2021

Faculty Senate Governance Committee, August 2020 - present

Chaifetz School of Business Rank and Tenure Committee, Economics Department representative, August 2019 - June 2021

Inside Out Alliance - Bonne Terre campus, faculty advisor, September 2018 - present

University Undergraduate Core Committee, January 2018 - July 2019

Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Policy Concerning Donor Influence Over Academic Matters, chair, October 2018 - March 2019

Reading group on "Permissionless Innovation" for undergraduates, funded by a grant from the Institute Humane Studies, August - October 2018

Ignatian Lunch Planning Committee, November 2016 - May 2018

Chaifetz School Executive Committee, August 2015 - May 2018

Academic Program Review Council, October 2016 - May 2017

Mission and Identity Liaison - Cook School, August 2016 - May 2017

Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, September 2014 - May 2016

Lilly Steering Committee, August 2014 - May 2017

AAUP Chapter Committee A co-chair, May 2013 - May 2018

Strategic Planning - Discerning Steward of Resources Topical Working Group co-convener, January 2015 - April 2015

Cook School Emerson Leadership Institute Steering Committee, January 2014 - November 2015

Teach to the Mission Syllabus Project Committee, February 2013 - May 2015

Cook School Undergraduate Program Review Team, August 2014 - April 2015

Faculty Senate Cook School Representative, August 2012 - May 2015

Recent Other Service Activities

Executive Committee member, [Public Choice Society](#), since March 2019

Editor, *Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal*, since 2017

Reviewer services: *Applied Economics Letters*; *Comparative Economic Studies*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Contemporary Economic Policy*; *Economic Modelling*; *Economics and Politics*; *Economics of Governance*; *European Journal of Political Economy*; *Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal*; *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*; *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*; *Public Choice*; *Southern Economic Journal*

De Universa Examiner, April 2016, April 2021

[Heithaus Haven](#) contributing editor, February 2013 - May 2017