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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

August 2009                      Assistant Professor of Economics, Utah State University

## EDUCATION

April 2009                      Ph.D. Economics, George Mason University  
May 2007                      M.A. Economics, George Mason University  
May 2004                      B.S. Finance, George Mason University  
May 2004                      Diploma in Business Administration, University of Applied  
Sciences (Aachen/Germany)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Bootleggers, Baptists and Political Entrepreneurs: Key Players in the Rational and Morality Play of Regulatory Politics,” with Randy Simmons and Ryan Yonk, *The Independent Review*, forthcoming.

“Deregulation Despite Transitional Gains – The Brewers Guild of Cologne 1461,” *Public Choice*, Vol. 140, Issue 3: 329-3340

## WORKING PAPERS

### Development Economics

“Not without my Human Capital – Economic Freedom and the Brain Drain,” with Adam Martin, work in progress.

“Integrating economic freedom into a resiliency framework,” with Kevin Heaslip, working paper.

“Amity and the Extended of the Market,” with Adam Martin, working paper.

### Political Entrepreneurship

“Passing the Peltzman Test - An Entrepreneurial Theory of Regulation,” working paper.

“Is the Division of Labor Limited by the Complexity of Language?” with Christopher Nelson, work in progress.

“The Brewer, the Baker, and the Monopoly Maker– The German Purity Law for Beer,” work in progress.

### **Others**

“Sanctions in Practice – Examining the Impact of Changes to Federal Rule 11,” with Michael Webb, under review at the International Review of Law and Economics.

“Assume Markets for Organs,” with Michael Thomas, working paper.

“From Vienna to Virginia – Subjectivism in Virginia Public Choice,” with Michael Thomas, working paper.

“The CAPM of Voting,” work in progress.

“Incredible – The Great Chain and False Expertise,” with Dr. Daniel Klein, book project.

### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

“Is the Division of Labor Limited by the Complexity of Language?” Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April 2010.

“Amity and the Extend of the Market,” Southern Economic Association Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2009.

“Passing the Peltzman Test – An Entrepreneurial Theory of Regulation,” Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference, Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 2009

“The Brewer, the Baker, and the Monopoly Maker – The German Purity Law for Beer,” Southern Economic Association Meeting, Washington DC, November 2008

“From Vienna to Virginia – Subjectivism in Virginia Public Choice,” From Vienna to Virginia, Foundation for Economic Education, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY, September 2008

“The Brewer, the Baker, and the Monopoly Maker– The German Purity Law for Beer,” Social Change Workshop with the Institute for Humane Studies, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, June 2008

“Deregulation Despite Transitional Gains – The Brewers Guild of Cologne 1461,” The Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 2008

“Deregulation Despite Transitional Gains – The Brewers Guild of Cologne 1461,” Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society, San Antonio, Texas, March 2008

“Not without my Human Capital – Economic Freedom and the Brain Drain,” Austrian Student Scholars Conference, Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania, November 2008

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

International Economics (ECN 3400), Utah State University, Spring 2010

International Economics (ECN 3400), Utah State University, Spring 2010

Introduction to Microeconomics (ECN 2010), Utah State University, Fall 2009

Economics for the Citizen (ECON 100), George Mason University, Fall 2008

Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 104), George Mason University, Summer 2008

Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 306), George Mason University, Spring 2007 and Fall 2006

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

August 2007 – May 2008      Research and Teaching Assistant for Professor Bryan Caplan,  
Labor Economics (ECON 321), Public Finance (ECON 849),  
Industrial Organization (ECON 370), Microeconomics (ECON  
812)

August 2005 – May 2006      Research and Teaching Assistant for Professor Dan Klein  
Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 103)

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Allianz Global Investors, Frankfurt, Germany**  
***Junior Portfolio Manager, European Small and Mid Caps***

My tasks included:

- fundamental analysis and stock valuation
- meetings with executive management of companies
- portfolio performance analysis
- preparation of monthly and annual reports for corporate investors
- preparation of research notes and IPO reports

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND ACADEMIC HONORS**

May 2009      William P. Snavelly Award – Outstanding Graduate Student in  
Economics, George Mason University

August 2008 – present      Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellow

May 2008 – August 2008      Mercatus Center Summer Research Fellowship

August 2005 – May 2008      Research and Teaching Assistantship, Economics Department,  
George Mason University

June 2006 – August 2006      Koch Summer Fellowship

