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Education

Ph. D. Economics, **Georgetown University**, Washington, D.C., 1997-2004
M. A. Economics, **Western Kentucky University**, Bowling Green, Ky., 1995-1997.
B. A. Business Administration (with honors), **Ternopil Academy of National Economy**, Ternopil, Ukraine, 1991-1995.

Experience

Western Kentucky University, Gordon Ford College of Business
Associate Dean: July 2024 – Present
Western Kentucky University, Gordon Ford College of Business
Interim Associate Dean: July 2023 – June 2024
Western Kentucky University, Department of Economics
Department Chair: July 2018 – July 2023
Graduate Program Director, MA in Applied Economics: 2014-2018
Professor: 2018-present
Associate Professor: (with tenure) 2009-2018
Assistant Professor: 2003-2009

Courses taught: Introductory Economics, Microeconomics Principles, Macroeconomics Principles, Statistics, Econometrics, International Economics, Financial Data Modeling, Financial Mathematics for Actuaries, Applied Statistical Methods (MA), Applied Macroeconomic Analysis (MA), Data Methods in Economics (MA), Forecasting (MA), Financial Crisis of 2008-20??(MBA), International Economics (MBA).

Published Research

"An Application of Time Scales to Economics," with Daniel C. Biles, Ferhan M. Atici, *Mathematical and Computer Modelling*, 2006, 43(7-8), pp 718-726.

"Empirical Test of Affine Stochastic Discount Factor Model of Currency Pricing," *Economics Bulletin*, 2008, 6(15), pp 1-14.

"Does Income Inequality Affect School Enrollment?" *Journal of Applied Economics and Policy*, 2009, 28(1), pp 69-100.

"A Utility Maximization Problem on Multiple Time Scales" with Ferhan Atici, *International Journal of Dynamical Systems and Differential Equations*, 2011, 3(1/2) pp. 38-47.

"Do Students Know How Much They Know?" *The Journal of Economics*, 2011, 37(2)

"A Matched Pairs Analysis of State Growth Differences," with Brian Goff and Stephen Lile, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 2012, 30(2), pp 293-305.

"Models of Inventory with Deteriorating Items on Non-periodic Time Domains" with Ferhan Atici, *European Journal of Operational Research*, 2013, 230(2), pp 284-89.

"Cagan Type Rational Expectation Model on Complex Discrete Time Domains" with Ferhan Atici and Funda Ekiz, *European Journal of Operational Research*, 2014, 237(1), pp 148-51.

"A nonlinear stochastic growth model on discrete time domains" with Ferhan Atici and Gang Cheng, *Journal of Difference Equations and Applications*, 2016, 22(11), pp 1732-46.

"A Re-Examination of Firm, Industry and Market Volatilities" with Nicholas Wilmes, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, 2018, 67, pp 113-20.

"Can Changes in Sentiments Influence Consumer Behavior? Evidence from the Trump-Russia Investigation" with Christopher Biolsi, *Economic Inquiry*, 2021, 59(4), pp 1569-92.

Working Papers and Papers under Review

"Determinants of Conspicuous Consumption" working paper

"Effect of Terrorist Attacks on Financial Markets: Evidence from High-Frequency Data" with Kyla Scanlon, working paper

"Estimation of Spatial Effects of Mass Shootings on Consumption: How Far Do You Have to Live Not to Care?" with Christopher Biolsi and Kerron Joseph.

Conferences and Presentations

"An Application of Time Scales to Economics," Spring 2005 Southeastern Section Meeting of the American Mathematical Society, Bowling Green, Ky.

"Examples of Time Scale Models in Macroeconomics" Kentucky Economic Association 2005 Conference, Lexington, Ky.

Economics Workshop, 2006, WKU. Presented a paper on applications of time-scale calculus to economics.

Lebedinsky, A. G. (Presenter), Goff, B. L., Lile, S. E., Southern Economic Association 2008 Conference, Southern Economic Association, Washington D.C., "A Matched Pairs Analysis of State Growth Differences," Invited paper.

Lebedinsky, A. G. (Presenter), Goff, B. L., Lile, S. E., Academy of Economics and Finance 2008 Meeting, Academy of Economics and Finance, Nashville, "A Matched Pairs Analysis of State Growth Differences."

"Stochastic Discount Factor Models of Currency Pricing with Regime Switching," Midwest Financial Association, 2010 Meeting, Las Vegas, Nev.

"Do Students Know How Much They Know?" 2010 Missouri Valley Economic Association Meeting, St. Louis, Mo.

Presentation to WKU Physics Department: "Applications of Differential Equations in Economics and Finance," 2012

"Effect of Terrorist Attacks on Financial Markets: Evidence from High-Frequency Data" with Kyla Scanlon, 2018 Kentucky Economic Association Meeting

"Can Changes in Sentiments Influence Consumer Behavior? Evidence from the Trump-Russia Investigation" with Christopher Biolsi, 2019 Kentucky Economic Association Meeting

Service

- Chair of the Meany Endowed Professor in Accounting Committee (March 2024)
- Member of the Dean of the Gordon Ford College of Business Search Committee (December 2023 – March 2024)
- Chair of the GFCB Certificate Review Committee (November 2023 – February 2024)
- Member of the University Fee Committee (July 2023 – present)
- Member of the GFCB Research Committee (ex officio) (July 2023 – present)
- Chair of the GFCB Curriculum Committee (July 2023 – present)
- Chair of the GFCB Awards Committee (January 2024)
- Chair of the GFCB Awards Work Group (September 2023-January 2024)
- Lead of the Bachelor of Science in Data Science Workgroup (August 2023 -March 2024)
- External Reviewer for Oakland University Actuarial Science program (July 2023)
- Chair of the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Outreach Committee (March 2022)
- External Reviewer for Bowling Green State University Economics Department (March 2022)
- Board Member, Kentucky Economic Association (2019-2022)
- Faculty Advisor for the Actuarial Club (2019-2023)
- Graduate Dean Search Committee/Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate School (2018)
- University Credits and Graduation Committee (2018 – present)
- Graduate Council (2017-2020)
- Graduate Dean Search Committee (2016)
- Faculty Senate (2009-2013)
- College Graduate Committee (2014 – 2018)
- Colonnade Implementation Committee (2013-2015)
- University General Education Committee (2009-2012)
- Faculty Advisor for the Economics Club (2006 – 2018)
- 2017 Conference Chair, President of the Kentucky Economic Association

Awards and Nominations

- 2017 Hays Watkins Research Fellowship
- 2014 WKU College of Business Teaching Award
- 2012 WKU College of Business Student Advisement Award
- 1998 - 2003 University Fellowship (Georgetown University)
- 1997 - College of Business Administration Award for Academic and Leadership Accomplishments (Western Kentucky University)