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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Western Kentucky University,

Associate Professor of Economics 2021 - Present

Director- Center for Applied Economics 2019 - Present

Assistant Professor of Economics 2015 - 2021

Vanderbilt University, Senior Lecturer- Economics 2013 - 2015

Tulane University, Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow- Murphy Institute of Political Economy 2011- 2013

West Virginia University, Graduate RA- Bureau of Business and Economic Research 2006- 2008

Inter-American Development Bank, D.C., Intern Research Assistant Jan 2005 - May 2005

OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Editorial Board, Review of Regional Studies (May 2019 - Present)
- Associate Editor, Revista de Economia del Caribe (August 2008 - Present)
- Review Editor, Frontiers in Public Health (August 2023 - Present)
- Book Review Co-Editor, Review of Regional Studies (August 2012 - January 2015)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, 2011 -West Virginia University

M.A., Economics, 2008 -West Virginia University

B.S., Economics (Summa Cum Laude), 2005 -Davis & Elkins College
with an additional major in Management Information Systems (MIS)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

State and Local Public Finance, Public Policy, and Regional Economics

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

18. “[Corporate Influence, Conservative “Model Bills,” and State Economic Outcomes](#)” *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*. **Forthcoming**.
17. “[Health Insurance and Fertility among Low-Income, Childless, Single Women: Evidence from the ACA Medicaid Expansions](#).” *Health Economics, Policy and Law*. 2024 Vol. 19(1) pp. 21-45.
16. “[Race, Ethnicity, and Taxation of the Family: The Many Shades of the Marriage Penalty/Bonus](#)” *National Tax Journal*. 2023 Vol. 76(3) pp. 525-560. (with James Alm and Susane Leguizamon)
15. “[Long live the doge? Death as a term limit on Venetian chief executives](#)” *Public Choice*. 2021 Vol. 188 pp. 333-359. (with Daniel J. Smith and George R. Crowley)
14. “[Revisiting the Link Between Economic Distress, Race, and Domestic Violence](#).” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 2020, Vol. 35(19-20) pp. 4141-4161 (with Susane Leguizamon and Wesley Howden)
13. “[State Taxes and Legislative Turnover in the United States](#)” *Economic Inquiry*. 2020, Vol. 58(1) pp. 518-535 (with Pavel Yakovlev)

12. "Party Cues, Political Trends, and Fiscal Interactions in the United States" *Contemporary Economic Policy*. 2019, Vol. 37(4) pp. 600-620 (with Martin Montero-Kusevic)
11. "The Housing Crisis, Foreclosures, and Local Tax Revenues." *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. 2018, Vol. 70 pp. 300-311 (with James Alm).
10. "Health Insurance Subsidies and the Expansion of an Implicit Marriage Penalty: A Regional Comparison of Various Means-Tested Programs." *Applied Economics Letters*. 2018, Vol. 25(2) pp.130-135. (with Susane Leguizamon).
9. "Inflation Volatility and Economic Growth in Bolivia: A Regional Analysis." *Macroeconomics and Finance in Emerging Market Economies*. 2018, Vol. 11(1) pp. 36-46. (with Casto M. Montero Kuscevic and Marco A. del Rio Rivera).
8. "Disentangling the Effect of Tolerance on Housing Values: How Levels of Human Capital and Race Alter This Link Within the Metropolitan Area." *The Annals of Regional Science*. 2017, Vol. 59(2) pp. 371-392. (with Susane Leguizamon)
7. "Term Limits, Time Horizons, and Electoral Accountability" *Public Choice*. 2016, Vol. 168(1-2), pp. 23-42 (with George R. Crowley)
6. "Whither the Marriage Tax" *National Tax Journal*. 2015, Vol. 68(2), pp. 251-280 (with James Alm)
5. "Merit-Based College Tuition Assistance and the Conditional Probability of In-state Work" *Papers in Regional Science*. 2015, Vol. 94 pp. 197-218. (with George W. Hammond)
4. "Revisiting the Income Tax Effects of Legalizing Same-Sex Marriages" *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. 2014, Vol. 33(2) pp. 263-289. (with James Alm and Susane Leguizamon)
3. "Revisiting Evidence of Labor Market Discrimination Against Homosexuals and the Effects of Anti-Discriminatory Laws" *The Review of Regional Studies*. 2013, Vol. 43(2-3) pp. 213-238. (with David Christafore)
2. "Are Black Neighborhoods Less Welcoming to Homosexuals than White Neighborhoods?" *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. 2013, Vol. 43(4) pp. 579-589 (with Susane Leguizamon and David Christafore)
1. "Estimating Implicit Marginal Tax Rates of Welfare Recipients Across the U.S. States." *Public Finance Review*. 2012, Vol. 40(3) pp. 401-430

ONGOING WORK

- "Do college graduates from lower-income families earn lower wages than their peers? Only if they major in business" (with Susane Leguizamon, Eric Bowen, and John Deskins) *Revisions Submitted*.
- "Institutional Influences of Low Housing Affordability in Urban China" (with Martin Montero, Juann Hung, and Yidan Liu) *Under Review*
- "Buffer-Stock Saving in State Pension Funds" (With Christopher Biolsi) *Work in Progress*
- "Race, Marriage, and the Earned Income Tax Credit" (with James Alm and Susane Leguizamon) *Under Review*

EDITED VOLUMES

"*Economic Behaviour and Taxation*" by James Alm and J. Sebastian Leguizamon, (eds.) Edward Elgar Publishing. 2016.

REPORTS

- ***From Higher Education to Work in West Virginia in 2007***, with George Hammond, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University, December 2008.
- ***“Executive Summary of West Virginia Work and Wages by Major, Gender, and Race: 2006,”*** with George Hammond, in the West Virginia Business and Economic Review. Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University, Volume 15, Fall 2008.
- ***West Virginia Work & Wages By Major, Gender, and Race:2006***, with George Hammond, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University, July 2008.
- ***“Human Capital Impacts of West Virginia Public Higher Education,”*** with George Hammond, in the West Virginia Business and Economic Review. Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University, Volume 15, Spring 2008.
- ***From Higher Education to Work in West Virginia in 2006***, with George Hammond, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University, 2007.
- ***Eastern Panhandle Region Outlook 2007-2011***, with George Hammond, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University, 2007.
- ***“Single-Family Housing Hits The Breaks, Apartments Hit The Gas,”*** with George Hammond in the Morgantown MSA Economic Monitor. Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University, September 2007.
- ***Tourism and The West Virginia Economy February 2007***, with Tom Witt, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, West Virginia University, 2007.
- ***Microfinance in Latin America and the Caribbean: How Big is the Market?*** By Luis Tejerina and Sergio Navajas (provided research assistance). Inter-American Development Bank No. MSM-135, May 2007

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Quit Punishing the Working Poor: Reduce Work Disincentives in the Welfare System”, with Anthony Gregory. In Sobel, Russell (ed), *Unleashing Capitalism: Why Prosperity Stops at the West Virginia Border and How to Fix It*, Morgantown, WV: Center for Economic Growth, The Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia, 2007. **Winner of the 2008 Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award from the Atlas Economic Research Foundation.**

“Increasing the Work Incentives of the Working Poor: A Welfare Analysis”, with Anthony Gregory. In Peter T. Calcano (ed.), *Unleashing Capitalism: A Prescription for Economic Prosperity in South Carolina*, Columbia, SC: South Carolina Policy Council, The Initiative for Public Choice & Market Process, 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Western Kentucky University: Public Finance, Statistics, Managerial Economics, Statistical Analysis, Mathematical Economics, Microeconomic Theory (graduate), Principles of Microeconomics, Econometrics

Vanderbilt University: Economics Statistics, Seminar in Microeconomic Policy

Tulane University: Economics of Taxation, Mathematical Economics

West Virginia University: Principles of Micro/Macroeconomics, Int. Microeconomics, Statistics

Hochschule Fulda, Germany: Corporate Governance/ Business Ethics

RESEARCH GRANTS

West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, *“Higher Education, Academic Achievement, Tuition Assistance, and Work In West Virginia”*, with George W. Hammond, December 2008.
WKU’s Gordon Ford College of Business Summer Research Grant (\$5,000), 2016, 2017, and 2020
WKU’s Gordon Ford College of Business Aim High Summer Research Grant (\$10,000), 2017, 2019, and 2020.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Gordon Ford College of Business Research and Creativity Award, 2021.
- Gordon Ford College of Business Teaching Award Nominee, 2018.
- Vickers Doctoral Student Research Paper Award, **2010**: Best research paper West Virginia University, Department of Economics
- Barry M. Moriarty Student Paper Award, **2010**: Best graduate student research paper Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA)
- Jon Vilasuso Advanced Doctoral Student Award, **2009**
- Dadisman Graduate Assistant Supplement Award, **2007-2009**

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- WKU Economics Department:
 - Economics Research Workshop Coordinator (2018- Present)
 - Hiring Committee, Assistant Professor Position (2017-2018)
 - Head for the Hill, Recruiting Event (2016-2017)
 - Undergraduate Student Awards Committee (2016)
 - Website Update Representative (Jan. 2018 - Present)
- WKU Gordon Ford College of Business:
 - Research and Professional Development Policy Review Task Force (January 2022 - Present)
 - Strategic Planning Task Force (2020 - 2021)
 - Associate Dean Search Committee (2019-2020)
 - Dean Search Committee (2018-2019)
 - PEAK Committee (Jul. 2018 - Present)
 - Strategic Planning Council (2015 - 2020)
 - Core Curriculum Review Committee (Aug. 2017- Dec. 2017)
- WKU (University):
 - Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (August 2021- Present)
 - Faculty Senate (May 2021 - Present)
 - Academic Calendar Committee (2018- 2021)

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- **2022:** University of Louisville, Middle Tennessee State University, Southern Regional Association.
- **2020:** Kentucky Economic Association
- **2019:** Southern Regional Science Association
- **2018:** Southern Regional Science Association
- **2017:** Western Kentucky University, Southern Economic Association, Kentucky Economic Association (Discussant)
- **2016:** Southern Regional Science Association
- **2015:** Vanderbilt University (WIMPL), Western Kentucky University, Southern Economic Association
- **2013:** Tulane University (Brown-Bag Series), Southern Regional Science Association
- **2012:** Southern Regional Science Association
- **2011:** Tulane University (Brown-Bag Series), Association of Private Enterprise Education,
- **2010:** Southern Regional Science Association
- **2009:** Southern Regional Science Association
- **2008:** Southern Regional Science Association, Association of Private Enterprise Education
- **2007:** Southern Economic Association, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Children and Families -Family Assistance.

REFeree ACTIVITIES

Journal of Public Economics, National Tax Journal, Economic Inquiry, Public Choice, Public Finance Review, Southern Economic Journal, Public Sector Economics, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Annals of Regional Science, Papers in Regional Science, Review of Regional Studies, Financial Theory and Practice, Mercatus Center, North American Regional Science Association Student Paper Competition.

AFFILIATIONS

American Economics Association, Southern Regional Science Association, National Tax Association