

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics, Nashville, TN  
Dissertation: Institutions, Incarceration Rates and Injustice in Nineteenth Century America  
Advisor: Dr. Jeremy Atack  
Major: American Economic History.  
Minors: Public Finance, International Political Economy
- M.A. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
December Major: Economics
- B.A. Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL  
Majors: Economics and Political Science
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### Employment

- July 2009- Present **BB&T Professor for the Study of Capitalism**, Western Kentucky University, Director of the WKU Center for the Study of Capitalism
- July 2007- Present **Associate Professor**, Department of Economics, Western Kentucky University
- July 2001- June 2007 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Economics, Western Kentucky University
- Fall 1999 - June 2001 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Economics, Western Kentucky University
- Summer 1999 **Instructor**, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University
- Fall 1995- Spring 1998 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University

## **Research**

h-index: 3      25 peer reviewed citations, 22 since 2009

### **Papers Accepted for Publication in Peer Reviewed Publications**

“Economic Morality in Five Dimensions” *Journal of Markets and Morality*. Vol. 17, No. 1 (Spring 2014)

“Gross Actual Product: Why GDP is Rigged to Increase Government and should be Replaced”, *Journal of Free Enterprise* , (Fall 2013): 53-71

“Social Choice: The Neighborhood Effect”, with Claudia W. Strow. *Journal of Markets and Morality*. Vol. 14, No. 1 (Spring 2011): 59-70.

“The Effect of Half-Siblings and Maternal Marital History on Child Well-being”, with Claudia W. Strow, *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, (Vol. 67 Issue 2 pp 177-206, 2008)

"A History of Divorce and Remarriage in the United States", with Claudia W. Strow, *Humanomics* (Vol. 22 Nos 3,4 2006)

“A Rent-Seeking Experiment for the Classroom”, with Claudia W. Strow, *Journal of Economic Education* (2006)

“How to Pass Down Ideas Via the National Pastime, or Teaching Cliometrics Using Baseball Statistics”, with Claudia W. Strow, *Journal of Applied Economics and Policy* Vol. 24, No. 2 (2005)

“Immigration During the Industrial Revolution: Rhode Island’s Experience and the Impact on Worker Absenteeism in the Textile Industry”, with Claudia W. Strow, *Pennsylvania Economic Review*. Vol. 13. No. 1, (Spring 2005) pp.21-32

“Illustrating Trade in the Classroom: How Free Trade Can Create Wealth and Decrease Hunger, Literally”, with Claudia W. Strow, *Journal of Economics and Finance Education*. Vol. 3. No. 2, (Winter 2004) pp. 41-45

### **Papers Accepted for Publication in Peer Reviewed Conference Proceedings**

Minor League Baseball Season Ticket Renewals: An In-Depth Interview Analysis of Fans  
Academic and Business Research Institute International Conference Proceedings October 2013

## **Books**

*Macroeconomics: Truths and Myths*. With Claudia W. Strow. Kendall Hunt Publishers 2012, 2015.

### **Best Paper Award**

Best Paper Award, July 2010 Society for Values in Higher Education Conference, “Sustainable Budgeting”. The paper has been downloaded 90 times from WKU’s website.

### **Working Papers Currently under Review at Peer Reviewed Journals**

“Social Choice and the American Revolution” with Dr. Claudia Strow, currently under 2<sup>nd</sup> review for publication at the *Journal of Applied Economics*

“Age and Productivity in Major League Baseball from the Deadball Era through the Steroids Era” with Dr. Fred Smith and Dr. Mark C. Foley currently under review at the *Journal of Quantitative Analysis of Sports*. Dr. Smith and Dr. Foley teach economics at Davidson University.

### **Working Papers to be submitted for Review at Peer Reviewed Journals**

“Emancipation and Incarceration” with Dr. Claudia Strow, targeted to the *Journal of Economic History*

“Tithe and Income, 10% of What?” Haig-Simons vs. Irving Fischer” with Dr. Claudia Strow, targeted to the *Journal Faith and Economics*

“Breastfeeding and Time off Work” with Dr. Claudia Strow, targeted to the *Journal of Economics and Sociology*

### **Articles Published for Economic Centers and Think Tanks**

“Pension Reform, Hardly” *Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions*, March 26, 2013

“Kentucky’s Fiscal Crisis” With Claudia W. Strow, *The WKU Center for Applied Economics* March 23, 2011.

“Stop, Drop, and Roll: The Privileged Economic Position of Firefighters” A peer reviewed article posted in *The Library of Economics and Liberty*. November 7, 2011

156 Articles Published by the WKU BB&T Center for the Study of Capitalism since 2009

### **Public Policy Articles Published in State-Wide Newspapers and Magazines**

“Kentucky’s Budget and Tax Reform will Prove Costly” *Louisville Courier Journal* March 12, 2014

“Job Creation, not more Taxes, will Spur Kentucky Economy” *Lexington Herald* May 27, 2013

“Kentucky’s Economy: Structural Problems and Solutions”. *The Lane Report*. December 2009.

**Public Policy Articles Published in Local Newspapers**

“Gatton Academy is beneficial to Bowling Green Economy” *Bowling Green Daily News*, May 9, 2013

“Solution for State’s Pension Problem was no Solution” *The Bowling Green Daily News* March 29, 2013

“The Fiscal Cliff” *The College Heights Herald* November 30, 2012

“Women Working, going to School more than Men” *Bowling Green Daily News* April 25, 2012

“No Doubt that State Pension Plans need to be Reformed” *Bowling Green Daily News* February 3, 2012

“An Economic Visit from St. Ben” *The Daily Times*. December 24, 2010.

“Consumers, Businesses need to Pay down Existing Debt” *Bowling Green Daily News*. June 24, 2010.

“Spending and Borrowing Isn’t the Solution” *Bowling Green Daily News*. June 16, 2010.

“Why ion makes Recess a Drag’ *Bowling Green Daily News*. October 9, 2009.

“High-Speed Route Would Put City on the Fast Track” *Bowling Green Daily News*. September 2000.

“Kentucky is not on the Fast Track” *Louisville Courier-Journal* September 2000.

**Cited in National US Newspapers**

Quoted by nationally syndicated writer Cal Thomas in more than 500 US newspapers January, 2009 “Democrats’ Massive Spending Bill Will Simply Add more Debt to Americans”

Cited in *The WSJ, NYT*, and other national newspapers in a Cato Institute ad opposing a government stimulus plan January 2009

**Cited in Local Newspapers**

“Everyone Pays Price of ID Fraud” *Bowling Green Daily News* March 25, 2014

“Economic Uncertainty Still Looms” *Bowling Green Daily News* November 4, 2012

“Foreclosure Settlement has its Critics” *Bowling Green Daily News* February 10 2012

“Warren County Unemployment among lowest in Kentucky” *Bowling Green Daily News* January 27 2012

“Economic Future is Cloudy” *Bowling Green Daily News* August 3, 1011

“Paul, others were right about Social Security” *Bowling Green Daily News* April 30, 2011

“Paul seeks fix for Social Security” *Bowling Green Daily News* April 25, 2011

“Gas Prices may Hurt Consumer Confidence” *Bowling Green Daily News* March 13, 2011

“Budget Key to a Successful Holiday” *Bowling Green Daily News* December 7, 2010

“Housing Takes Bigger Chunk of Pay” *Bowling Green Daily News* October 5, 2010

“Radio Documentary Places 2<sup>nd</sup> Nationally” *Bowling Green Daily News* July 6, 2010

“Friedman Ideas Honored at WKU” *Bowling Green Daily News* July 31, 2009

“Stimulus Funding Possible for Area” *Bowling Green Daily News* February 16, 2009

“Recession’s Effect on Area Tops 2008 Stories” *Bowling Green Daily News* December 31, 2008

“Living on Little” *Bowling Green Daily News* October 18, 2008

“Worth, Impact of Bush Plan to Curb Subprime Crisis Debated Locally” *Bowling Green Daily News* December 13, 2007.

## **Teaching**

### **Courses Taught**

*Economics*: Introduction to Economics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, American Economic History, Public Finance, Public Finance (master’s level), History of Economic Thought, Business Ethics and Corporate Responsibility, Moral Issues in Capitalism, Urban Economics, and The Global Debt Crisis (MBA level)

*Study Abroad*: The Economics of Oceania 2010 (Australia and New Zealand), Economics of Australia 2012 (Australia), Economics of Australia January 2014

*Study Away*: Urban Economics 2004 (Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington D. C.), Urban and Regional Economics 2011 (Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, San Francisco, and Portland)

*Honors Colloquia*: The Economics of War, Government and the Economy, and Drug Policy

*WKU Capitalism Book Club*: Every Semester Spring 2011 to present

*High School Economics Course*: Spring 2011, for six home schooling students

*Independent Studies:* History of Economic Thought, American Economic History, World Economic History, Environmental Economics, Institutional Economics, Economics of War, and Sports Economics

*Masters Thesis:* Served on multiple WKU MA theses

## **Service**

### **TV Appearances**

*Voice of America*

May 14 2014 Topic: Economic Issues in the Kentucky Primary

*KET* – Kentucky’s Public Television Station’ “Kentucky Tonight”, Lexington, KY

November 16 2009 Topic: [Kentucky State Employee Pension Reform](#)

June 6 2011 Topic: [The Federal Budget](#)

July 25 2011 Topic: [Federal Debt Limit](#)

July 16 2012 Topic: [Jobs and the Economy](#)

September 24 2012 Topic: [Jobs and the Economy](#)

March 25 2013 Topic: [Federal Budget](#)

September 23 2013 Topic: [Federal Budget and Debt Ceiling](#)

February 14 2014 Topic: Tax Reform

August 18 2014 Topic: Minimum Wage

*CN2* – Louisville, KY

August 2 2011 –Topic: [US Debt Ceiling](#)

*WBKO* – Bowling Green, Kentucky’s ABC affiliate

December 3 2009 Topic: The local economy

January 21 2010 Topic: Financial regulation

February 2 2011 Topic: Turnover in City Government

April 19 2011 Topic: Decline in Manufacturing Jobs

September 6 2012 Topic: Is America Better off?

October 16 2013 Topic: The Debt Ceiling

December 10 2013 Topic: Governor Defends Medicaid Expansion

January 28 2014 Topic: Increase in Minimum Wage of Federal Contractors

January 30 2014 Topic: Industrial Hemp and Kentucky’s Economy

May 21 2014 Topic: Economic Impact of Industrial Hemp

*WKYU TV* – WKU’s Public Television Station *Outlook with Barbara Deeb*

December 16 2010 Topic: The Economy

December 4 2011 Topic: The Economy

*News Channel 12* – WKU’s Student Television Station

March 26 2010 – Appeared regarding health care reform  
February 13 2014 Sink Holes and Economic Uncertainty  
February 14 2014 Industrial Hemp and the Farm Bill

### **Radio Appearances**

*WKCT* – Bowling Green, Kentucky’s Main AM Talk Station

July 31 2009 Topic: Milton Freidman Day celebrations  
October 2 2009 Topic: Cash for Clunkers Program.  
August 8 2011 “Drive Time” program Topic: The downgrade of the US bond rating.  
October 21 2013 Topic” The Debt Ceiling

*WKYU* - Bowling Green, Kentucky’s Public Radio Station

July 31 2009 Topic: Obamacare.  
August 4 2009 Topic: The US economy vs. the Great Depression  
October 25 2009 Topic: Kentucky’s College Prepaid Tuition program  
October 27 2009 Topic: The proposed unemployment insurance extension  
November 17 2009 Topic: The state of Kentucky’s public finances  
November 18 2009 Topic: Kentucky’s state employee health insurance system  
December 8 2010 Topic: The economy  
July 5 2011 Topic: The Retirement Challenge.  
August 17 2011 Topic: US monetary policy  
September 26 2011 [Topic: union history](#)  
May 10 2012 Topic: The Widening Trade Deficit  
August 19 2012 Topic: [Slow Economic Growth](#)  
November 14 2013 Topic: Immigrant Entrepreneurshp

*WRUS* – Russellville, KY

November 14 2011 Appeared as an economic expert for an hour long radio program

*The Revolution 91.7 FM WKU’s Student Radio Station*

April 17, 2012 Topic: Saving for College Education

**WKU BB&T Center for  
The Study of Capitalism**      Run the WKU BB&T Center for the Study of Capitalism,  
including a speaker series, a library, and a book club while  
engaging in multiple public speaking engagements

**Policy Scholar**                      Publish research for the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy  
Solutions

<b>Reviewer</b>	<i>Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting &amp; Financial Management</i> 2002 Conference on Emerging Issues in Business and Technology <i>Kentucky Journal of Economics and Business</i> <i>Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting &amp; Financial Management</i> <i>Journal of Criminal Justice</i> <i>Mercatus Center</i> <i>Journal of Applied Economics and Policy</i>
<b>Economic Advisor to</b>	Kentucky Gubernatorial candidate Hal Heiner US Senate candidate Rand Paul Jim DeCesare, KY State Representative Mike Sommers, Policy Director for John Boehner
<b>Honors:</b>	Charles. G. Koch Foundation Grant Recipient 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 Honorary Member of the Golden Key Honor Society (2011) Inducted into Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society (Spring 2008) Inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma (Spring 2007) Outstanding Public Service Award 2005-2006 Gordon Ford College of Business Outstanding Teaching Award 2004-2005 Gordon Ford College of Business Ethics Development Award Fall (2004) SAE teacher appreciation banquet Spring 2004 Greek Association teacher appreciation dinner Spring 2004 Chosen to represent Western Kentucky University on a two week trip to China in May 2002 Honorary Member of the Golden Key Honor Society Fall 2002 Business KΔ Professor of the Month: February 2001
<b>Associations:</b>	Kentucky Economics Association – President (2006), Program Chair (2005) Board Member 2003-2006 Association of Private Enterprise Educators Association of Christian Economists BB&T Professors (with an annual conference) 2009 - Present
<b>Local Community Economic Analysis</b>	Studied the economic viability of renovating an old movie theater in Russellville, KY. A report was then given to their downtown redevelopment committee.



**University Committees**      University Health Benefits Committee  
WKU Health Services Privatization Committee  
WKU Year of South Africa Planning Committee  
Hotlton Grant Scholarship Committee  
University Senate, University Senate Executive Committee (2003-2009)  
University General Education Committee – Chairman, University Senate Academic Quality Committee, College of Business  
Associate Dean Search Committee, Chaperone for the Econ Club, Political Engagement Committee

**Government**

January 2005-  
December 2008      Bowling Green City Commissioner, and Chairman of the Bowling Green Convention Center Corporation,

January 2007-  
December 2008      Member of: Operation Pride, The Bowling Green/Warren County Contractors Licensing Board, and The Bowling Green Internal Audit Committee

January 2005-  
December 2006      Member of: The Warren County Greenways Commission, The Bowling Green Downtown Redevelopment Authority, and The Bowling Green University Area Review Committee