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### **Professional Experience**

#### *Hope College*

Associate Professor (2015 – ); Ruch Faculty Fellow (2015 – 2019); Assistant Professor (2012 – 2015)

#### *Rhodes College*

Assistant Professor (2007 – 2012)

Courses Taught: Senior Research Project, Economics of the Public Sector, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Labor Economics, Introduction to Economics (Micro and Macro), Principles of Microeconomics; Principles of Macroeconomics

### **Education**

Ph.D. Economics, University of Virginia, January 2008. (Fields: Labor and Public.)

M.A. Economics, University of Virginia, January 2002.

B.A. Economics, summa cum laude. Hillsdale College, June 2000.

### **Refereed Publications**

“Smart Sentencing Guidelines: The Effect of Marginal Policy Changes on Recidivism” with David Phillips.  
*Journal of Public Economics*, August 2018.

“Will Daughters Walk Mom’s Talk? The Effects of Maternal Communication about Sex on the Sexual Behavior of Female Adolescents” with Susan L. Averett. *Review of Economics of the Household*, December 2014.

“The Relative Contract Position of School Teachers: An Analysis of Public Union vs. Non-Union Schools” with John Ruggiero. *Data Envelopment Analysis Journal*, October 2014.

“The Academic Impact on Children of Maternal Post-Secondary Enrollment” *Economics of Education Review*, April 2011.

“Three-Stage DEA Models for Incorporating Exogenous Inputs” with Andrew Johnson and John Ruggiero. *Computers and Operations Research*, June 2010.

### **Invited Projects**

*Religious Liberty in the States*, a statistical index and report on domestic religious liberty, forthcoming September 2022.

“Workforce Development in Michigan,” research report for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, May 2019.

“We’ll Never Be Royals, But That Doesn’t Matter” with Art Carden and Anne Bradley, *Independent Review*, Summer 2017.

“The Economics of Title IX Compliance in Collegiate Athletics” in *Handbook on the Economics of Women’s Sports*, eds. Eva Marikova Leeds and Michael A. Leeds. with Susan L. Averett, August 2013.

### **Book Reviews**

*The Narrow Corridor: States, Societies, and The Fate of Liberty* by Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson in *Faith and Economics*, Fall 2020.

*How to Survive the Apocalypse: Zombies, Cylons, Faith, and Politics at the End of the World*, by Robert Joustera and Alissa Wilkinson in *Journal of Markets & Morality*, Vol. 22, No. 1, 2019.

*Counting the Cost: Christian Perspectives on Capitalism*, edited by Art Lindsley and Anne Bradley in *Journal of Faith and the Academy*, Fall 2018.

*Hayek’s Modern Family: Classical Liberalism and the Evolution of Social Institutions*, by Steven Horwitz in *Faith and Economics*, Fall 2017.

*Out of Poverty: Sweatshops in the Global Economy*, by Benjamin Powell in *Faith and Economics*, Spring 2015.

### **Working Papers**

“Sound Theology: A Solution to the Local Knowledge Problem?”

“Why Economics? Understanding Markets as a Means of Divine Provision.”

“Holding Fast to Essentials, Acknowledging the Negotiables: Recommendations for Christian Cultural Engagement.”

“A Christian Defense of Liberalism” with John Lunn.

“Effective Childrearing of Young School-Aged Children: Evidence from College-Enrolled Mothers”

“The Relevance of Religious Adherence to Mother-Daughter Communication and Adolescent Sexual Risky Behavior” with Susan L. Averett.

“Do Marital Transitions Confound the Obesity Wage Gap?” with Hannah Spirrison (undergraduate student).

“Taking Classes and Taking Care of the Kids: Do Childcare Benefits Increase Collegiate Attainment?” with Sarah E. Turner.

### **Selected Conference and Invited Presentations**

“Theological Insights on the Knowledge Problem,” Acton University, 2022.

“Why Hayek Should Matter to Christians,” Acton University, 2018, 2019, and 2022.

- “Operationalizing Free Exercise & the Measurement of Domestic Religious Liberty,” Henry Institute Symposium, April 7, 2022.
- “Classical and Christian Notions of Love and the Relevance of Economics as Prudence,” Ciceronian Society, March 12, 2022.
- “Sound Theology: A Solution to the Local Knowledge Problem?”  
Acton Institute First Annual Colloquium on Markets & Morality, October 2021.  
Eudaimonia Institute, Wake Forest University, March 2020.  
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meeting, March 2019.  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2017.
- "The Economics of Criminal Justice Reform,"  
The Ivy League Club of Sarasota and Manatee Counties, Sarasota, FL, December 8, 2020.
- "The Economist's Favorite Conjunction, "As If": Three Marvels of Markets,"  
Hannibal-LaGrange University, October 15, 2020.
- "Engage the Speaker: The Economic Ways of Loving," Acton University Online, June 17, 2020.
- "Free Market Economics and Christian Thought," Acton University Online, June 17, 2020.
- "What We Know (and Don't Know) about Criminal Justice Policy," Acton University, June 2019.
- "The Role of Public Policy in Racial and Gender Disparities," Identity, Politics, and Identity Politics conference, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Indianapolis, April 6, 2019.
- “The Economic Ways of Loving”  
Russel Kirk Center, Mecosta, MI, July 8, 2022.  
Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, April 26, 2022.  
Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Midland, MI, July 8, 2021.  
Acton Lecture Series, Acton Institute, Grand Rapids, February 14, 2019.
- “The Economic Way of Thinking” Free and Virtuous Society conference for urban ministers, New York City, November 9, 2018.
- “Contemporary Scholarship in Austrian Economics: The Applicability of F.A. Hayek,” Matej Bel University (Slovakia), October 8, 2018.
- “How Globalization Erases Boundaries for the Poor,” Concordia College (NY) Faculty Retreat, August 13, 2018
- “Neocalvinism and Economics in Context, Comparison, and Application,” panelist. Kuyper Conference at Calvin College and Seminary, May 1, 2018.
- “Effective Poverty Alleviation,” Annual Acton Institute China Conference, April 11, 2018.

- “ECON 101: Rethinking Poverty in South Florida” Free and Virtuous Society conference for nonprofit leaders, Miami, December 1, 2017.
- “Smart Justice? The Effects of Sentencing Guidelines on Felony Sentences and Recidivism”  
Western Michigan University, March 2019.  
Association of Public Policy and Management Meeting, November 2017.  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2016.
- “Contemporary Ethical Issues in a Changing Labor Market”  
IHS Seminar on Work and Virtue, Northwood University, April 2017
- “The Relevance of Religious Adherence to Mother-Daughter Communication and Adolescent Sexual Risky Behavior”  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2011.
- “Is it Necessary to Walk the Talk? The Effects of Parental Experiences and Communication on Adolescent Sexual Behavior”  
American Society of Health Economists biennial conference, June 2012.  
University of Memphis seminar series, December 2011.  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2010.  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, April 2010.  
Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, February 2010.
- “Do Marital Transitions Confound the Obesity Wage Gap?”  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2010.  
Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, February 2010.
- “Effective Childrearing of Young School-Aged Children: Evidence from College-Enrolled Mothers”  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2009.
- “The Academic Impact on Children of Maternal College Enrollment.”  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2008.
- “Should Work Come First? Welfare, Employment, and Postsecondary Education Among Low Income Mothers”  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2006.
- “Welfare (to School?) to Work: How Welfare Reform Affects Collegiate Attainment”  
American Educational Research Association Fall Conference, September 2008.  
Bankard Workshop in Public Economics, University of Virginia, September 2006.  
Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting, January 2006.  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2005.  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Research Conference, November 2005.
- “Taking Classes and Taking Care of the Kids: Do Childcare Benefits Increase Collegiate Attainment?”  
University of Memphis seminar series, March 2008.  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2004.

## Competitive Fellowships, Awards, and Grants

Charles Koch Foundation Grants	2013-14 -present
Acton Institute Mini-Grant for <i>The Economic Ways of Loving</i>	2021
Hope College Merit Award, for scholarship and for contribution to the mission	2018 – 19
Ruch Faculty Fellow in the Department of Economics and Business	2015 – 2019
Jacob E. Nyenhuis Faculty Development Grant for Faculty-Student Collaborative Research	2013 and 2014
Creative Advance Planning (CAP)-Mellon Study Leave	2010 – 2011
Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College	2008 and 2009
American Educational Research Association Dissertation Grant	2006 – 2007
Fellow, Interdisciplinary Doctoral Training Program in Education Science, Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education	2004 – 2006
Bankard Predoctoral Fellowship	2004 – 2005
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics	2002 – 2003
Semifinalist, Seven Society Graduate Fellowship for Superb Teaching	2002

## Other Professional Activities

### Research

Facilitator/Planner, Teaching and Learning Theology at the Intersection of the Greatest Commandment, Economics, and Flourishing (A Workshop for Seminary Faculty, Project of the Kern Family Foundation)	May 2022 – Present
Colloquium Participant/Interdisciplinary Research Team, The Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leadership (A Lilly Endowment Grant at Garrett Theological Seminary)	March 2021 – Present
Board of Scholars, Mackinac Center for Public Policy	July 2015 – present
Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology in Cambridge (UK) Economics Research Hub	Sept. 2021 – May 2022
Advisory Board Member, Advanced Pastoral Degree Program (APDP)-Faith, Work, and Economics Integration Advisory Committee (A Project of the Kern Family Foundation)	July 2020 – 2021
Research Fellow, Acton Institute	April 2018 – March 2020
Associate Editor, <i>Journal of Markets and Morality</i>	January 2017 – January 2020
Session Organizer: Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings	Nov. 2008 – 2015
Seminar, Colloquium, or Conference Participant:	
Boethius on Liberty and Providence, Liberty Fund Faculty Colloquium	September 2020
Moral Foundations of the Liberal Order, Institute for Humane Studies Weekly Seminar	July-Aug. 2020
The Capitalism-Socialism Debate, School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership Weekly Seminar, Arizona State University	May-July 2020
Loving Our Neighbors for the Common Good: Subsidiarity, Responsibility, and Change, Coram Deo	June 2019
The Christian Tradition and Changing Views of the State, Acton Institute Colloquium	September 2017
Referee/Reviewer: Review of Economics and Statistics, Economics of Education Review, Southern Economic Journal, Eastern Economic Journal, The Journal of Economics, Journal of Markets and Morality	
Member: American Economic Association, Association of Christian Economists, Southern Economic Association, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession	

### Teaching

Co-leader, “Free Market Economics: From Smith to Friedman”	January 2019, September 2019
Honors Student Colloquium, for Liberty Fund and Intercollegiate Studies Institute	

Co-leader, China May Term

May 2018

Co-leader, London May Term: Comparative Economic Policy (London, UK)

May 2015

### *Media Presence*

"The Market Can Solve America's Labor Shortage — If Washington Will Let It," Op-Ed in *The Hill*, June 26, 2021.

"Econ is for Lovers," Libertarian Christian Institute (podcast), February 10, 2020.

"Economics and Criminal Justice," Think Biblically (podcast), November 7, 2019.

Michigan's Big Show, July 18, 2019.

"Taxpayer Subsidized Workforce Development is a Lemon," Op-Ed in *The Detroit News*, July 13, 2019.

"F.A. Hayek's Road to Serfdom," Acton Line (podcast), April 10, 2019.

"Love and Economics," Acton Line (podcast), February 13, 2019.

"A First Step Toward Criminal Justice Reform," Radio Free Acton (podcast), January 9, 2019.

### **Campus and Community Service**

Director: Markets & Morality, student reading group and speaker and film series 2013 – present

Manager: Haworth Fund, faculty and student programming for thinking Christianly 2016 – present

Faculty Fellow: Saint Benedict Institute for Catholic Thought, Culture, and Evangelization 2015 – present

Member: Grant Writing Committee for Lilly Grant: Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose 2017

Director: Klesis, organization for future graduate students exploring Christian calling 2013 – 2017

Speaker: "Diversity and Poverty," Hope College chapel November 2016