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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

August 2009 - Adjunct Professor of Economics, Utah State University  
December 2009 – June 2011 Research in Civil and Environmental Engineering Department,  
Utah State University

## EDUCATION

May 2009 Ph.D. Economics, George Mason University  
May 2005 M.A. Economics, University of Missouri St Louis  
May 2001 B.S. in Business Administration, University of Alabama

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Technological Change and the Lowest Common Denominator Problem: An Analysis of Oregon's VMT tax experiment" (with K. Heaslip), *Journal of Town and City Management*, forthcoming (accepted July 2011).

"Entrepreneurship: Catallactic and Constitutional Perspectives" (with D. Thomas), *The Review of Austrian Economics*, forthcoming (accepted March 2011).

"Encouraging a Productive Research Agenda: Peter Boettke and the Devil's Test" (with D. Thomas), *Journal of Private Enterprise*, 26(1)2010:103-115.

## POLICY PAPERS

"Expanding Housing Choices" (with W. Cox) in Roger Koppl (ed.) *Enterprise Programs: Freeing Entrepreneurs to Provide Essential Services for the Poor*, National Center for Policy Analysis.

## **GRANTS AWARDED**

Washington State Department of Transportation, Research Grant, \$100,000 (with K. Heaslip and R. Bosworth).

## **PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**

"Policy Approaches to Support Alternative Energy Research and Development in Transportation" (with K. Heaslip and K. C. Womack), revise and resubmit.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

"Efficient Regulation? - The Case of the Market for Blood" (with D. Thomas), working paper.

"Bootleggers, Repugnant Baptists, and Rational Baptists" (with N. Snow and D. Thomas).

"The Importance of Road Pricing to the Future of Roadway Infrastructure" (with B. Brady and K. Heaslip).

"Time-Elasticity of Transportation Demand" (with K. Heaslip), working paper.

## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

"Bootleggers, Repugnant Baptists, and Rational Baptists" Association of Private Enterprise Education, Nassau Bahamas, April 2011.

"The Importance of Road Pricing to the Future of Roadway Infrastructure" Association of Private Enterprise Education, Nassau Bahamas, April 2011.

"Assume Markets," Southern Economic Association Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2009.

"Smith in the Context of Order," Summer Institute for the Preservation of Economic History, Richmond, VA, July 2009.

"Repugnance in the History of Economic Thought," Southern Economic Association Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2008.

"The Political Economy of Repugnance," IHS Social Change Workshop, Providence, RI, July 2008.

"The Political Economy of Repugnance," Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, NV, April 2008.

"The Political Economy of Repugnance," Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, March 2008.

"Exchange as Evolution," Austrian Student Scholars Conference, Grove City, PA, 2007.

"A Welfare Economics Approach to Constitutions," Social Change Workshop, Charlottesville, VA, 2007.

## **OTHER PULICATIONS**

“Give the dollar some competition,” Opinion Editorial, *Deseret News*, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2011.

## **JOURNAL REFEREE**

The Review of Austrian Economics

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Money and Banking (ECN 5200), Utah State University, Fall 2011

Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECN 4010), Utah State University – China Program, Fall 2011

Introduction to Microeconomics (ECN 2010), Utah State University, Fall 2011

Social Systems and Issues (HNR 1340), Utah State University, Fall 2011

US Institutions (HNR 1300), Utah State University, Fall 2011

Global Economic Environment (ECN 3400), Utah State University, Summer 2011

Global Economic Environment (ECN 3400), Utah State University, Spring 2011

History of Economic Thought (ECN 5100), Utah State University, Spring 2011

Social Systems and Issues (HNR 1340), Utah State University, Fall 2010

Money and Banking (ECN 5200), Utah State University, Fall 2010

Introduction to Microeconomics (ECN 2010), Utah State University, Spring 2010

Introduction to Economic Institutions, History, and Principles (ECN 1500), Utah State University, Fall 2009

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND ACADEMIC HONORS**

2008-2009            Final Year Fellow, History of Political Economy Center, Duke University

2008 –2009            Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellow

2007-2008            Lynn and Harry Bradley Fellow, George Mason University

2006-2007            William A. Dunn Fellow, George Mason University

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