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EMPLOYMENT

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Professor of Economics, December 2012 – present.
Head, Department of Economics, December 2012 – present.

University of California, Merced

County Bank Endowed Chair in Economics, July 2008 – December 2012.
Professor of Economics and Founding Faculty, July 2004 – December 2012.
Chair, Social Sciences & Management Division, May 2006 – January 2012.

University of Arizona

Professor of Economics, July 1999 – June 2004.
Associate Professor of Economics, July 1996 – June 1999.
Assistant Professor of Economics, August 1990 – June 1996.

Others

Senior Economist, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, January 1999 – January 2000.
Visiting Professor of Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, January – June 1997.
Instructor, Pasadena City College, Spring and Fall 1988 semesters.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social Science, California Institute of Technology, June 1991.
M.S., Social Science, California Institute of Technology, June 1988.
B.A., Economics and History, University of Rochester, June 1987.

HONORARY APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

National Bureau of Economic Research, Research Associate, September 1997 – present; Faculty Research Fellow, October 1991 – September 1997.
TIAA-CREF Institute Fellow, March 2005 – present.

“The Effect of Internal Migration on Local Labor Markets: American Cities During the Great Depression” (*Journal of Labor Economics*, October 2010) co-winner of the 2010 IPUMS Research Award.

The Dr. Fred Spiess Award for Distinguished Service to the Academic Senate – *in recognition of outstanding service to the Academic Senate and contributions that have had a major impact on faculty governance* – 2009.

A Prelude to the Welfare State: The Origins of Workers’ Compensation awarded the Richard A. Lester Prize for the Outstanding Book in Labor Economics and Industrial Relations published in 2000.

A Prelude to the Welfare State: The Origins of Workers’ Compensation awarded the 2000 TIAA-CREF Institute Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Scholarly Writing on Lifelong Financial Security.

Politics and Property Rights: The Closing of the Open Range in the Postbellum South nominated for a 1999 Pulitzer Prize.

Arthur H. Cole Prize, 1997. Economic History Association award for the outstanding article published in the *Journal of Economic History*, September 1996 to June 1997.

Columbia University Prize in American Economic History in Honor of Allan Nevins, 1991. Economic History Association award for the outstanding dissertation in North American economic history completed during 1990–1991.

Alfred P. Sloan Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, July 1989–July 1990.

Phi Beta Kappa.

Omicron Delta Epsilon.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy, economics of innovation, U.S. economic history, labor economics, and public economics.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Prelude to the Welfare State: The Origins of Workers’ Compensation (Chicago: University of Chicago Press for the National Bureau of Economic Research, 2000; paperback, 2006) (with Price V. Fishback; winner of the 2000 TIAA-CREF Institute Certificate of Excellence; winner of the 2001 Richard A. Lester Prize).

Politics and Property Rights: The Closing of the Open Range in the Postbellum South (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998).

Journal Articles

“Knowledge Spillovers from Research Universities: Evidence from Endowment Value Shocks” (with Alexander Whalley). National Bureau of Economic Research working paper 15299. *Review of Economics and Statistics* (forthcoming).

“Agricultural Policy, Migration, and Malaria in the United States in the 1930s,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 49 (October 2012), pp. 381-98 (with Alan Barreca and Price V. Fishback).

“The Influence of the Home Owners’ Loan Corporation on Housing Markets During the 1930s,” *Review of Financial Studies*, 24 (June 2011), pp. 1782-1813 (with Price V. Fishback, Alfonso Flores-Lagunes, William C. Horrace, and Jaret Treber).

- “Striking at the Roots of Crime: The Impact of Social Welfare Spending on Crime During the Great Depression,” *Journal of Law & Economics*, 53 (November 2010), pp. 715-40 (with Price V. Fishback and Ryan S. Johnson).
- “The Effect of Internal Migration on Local Labor Markets: American Cities During the Great Depression,” *Journal of Labor Economics*, 28 (October 2010), pp. 719-46 (with Leah Platt Boustan and Price V. Fishback; co-winner of the 2010 IPUMS Research Award).
- “The Dynamics of Relief Spending and the Private Urban Labor Market During the New Deal,” *Journal of Economic History*, 70 (March 2010), pp. 195-220 (with Todd C. Neumann and Price V. Fishback).
- “Births, Deaths, and New Deal Relief During the Great Depression,” *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 89 (February 2007), pp. 1-14 (with Price V. Fishback and Michael R. Haines).
- “The Impact of New Deal Expenditures on Mobility During the Great Depression,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 43 (April 2006), pp. 179-222 (with Price V. Fishback and William C. Horrace).
- “Did New Deal Grant Programs Stimulate Local Economies? A Study of Federal Grants and Retail Sales During the Great Depression,” *Journal of Economic History*, 65 (March 2005), pp. 36-71 (with Price V. Fishback and William C. Horrace).
- “Can the New Deal’s Three Rs Be Rehabilitated? A Program-by-Program, County-by-County Analysis,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 40 (July 2003), pp. 278-307 (with Price V. Fishback and John Joseph Wallis).
- “The Impact of New Deal Programs on Black and White Infant Mortality in the South,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 38 (January 2001), pp. 93-122 (with Price V. Fishback and Michael R. Haines).
- “The Adoption of Workers’ Compensation in the United States, 1900-1930,” *Journal of Law & Economics*, 41 (2) (part 1) (October 1998), pp. 305-41 (with Price V. Fishback).
- “The Political Economy of Workers’ Compensation Benefit Levels, 1910-1930,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 35 (April 1998), pp. 109-39 (with Price V. Fishback).
- “How Minnesota Adopted Workers’ Compensation,” *The Independent Review*, 2 (Spring 1998), pp. 557-78 (with Price V. Fishback).
- “The Durable Experiment: State Insurance of Workers’ Compensation Risk in the Early Twentieth Century,” *Journal of Economic History*, 56 (December 1996), pp. 809-36 (with Price V. Fishback; winner of the 1997 Arthur H. Cole Prize).
- “Precautionary Saving, Insurance, and the Origins of Workers’ Compensation,” *Journal of Political Economy*, 104 (April 1996), pp. 419-42 (with Price V. Fishback).
- “Nonfatal Accident Compensation and the Common Law at the Turn of the Century,” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 11 (October 1995), pp. 406-33 (with Price V. Fishback).
- “Supplanting the Roots of Southern Populism: The Contours of Political Protest in the Georgia Hills,” *Journal of Economic History*, 55 (September 1995), pp. 637-46

- “Did Workers Pay for the Passage of Workers’ Compensation Laws?” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 110 (August 1995), pp. 713-42 (with Price V. Fishback).
- “The Political Economy of Coalition-Formation: The Case of Livestock Enclosure in the Postbellum South,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 32 (January 1995), pp. 82-108.
- “The Economic and Political Determinants of Fence Reform in Postbellum Georgia,” *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 150 (September 1994), pp. 486-510.
- “Common Sense or Commonwealth? The Fence Law and Institutional Change in the Postbellum South,” *Journal of Southern History*, 59 (May 1993), pp. 201-42 (with J. Morgan Kousser).
- “Two Visions of History: A Rejoinder,” *Journal of Southern History*, 59 (May 1993), pp. 259-66 (with J. Morgan Kousser).
- “‘Square Deal’ or Raw Deal? Market Compensation for Workplace Disamenities, 1884-1903,” *Journal of Economic History*, 52 (December 1992), pp. 826-48 (with Price V. Fishback). Reprinted in *Economic Analysis of Contract Law, Antitrust Law, and Safety Regulations*, edited by Jenny B. Wahl (New York: Garland Publishing, Inc., 1998.)
- “Property Rights and the Dynamics of Institutional Change: The Closing of the Georgia Open Range, 1870-1900,” *Journal of Economic History*, 52 (June 1992), pp. 456-59.
- “Razorbacks, Ticky Cows, and the Closing of the Georgia Open Range: The Dynamics of Institutional Change Uncovered,” *Journal of Economic History*, 51 (December 1991), pp. 861-86.

Chapters in Books

- “Politics, Relief, and Reform: Roosevelt’s Efforts to Control Corruption and Political Manipulation During the New Deal,” in Edward L. Glaeser and Claudia Goldin, eds., *Corruption and Reform: Lessons from America’s History* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press for the NBER, 2006), pp. 343-72 (with Price V. Fishback and John Joseph Wallis).
- “Coalition Formation and the Adoption of Workers’ Compensation: The Case of Missouri, 1911 to 1926,” in Claudia Goldin and Gary D. Libecap, eds., *The Regulated Economy: A Historical Approach to Political Economy* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press for the NBER, 1994), pp. 259-97 (with Price V. Fishback).
- “Fatal Accident Compensation Under the Negligence Liability System,” in Carol S. Leonard and B. N. Mironov, eds., *Hours of Work and Means of Payment: Proceedings of the Eleventh International Economic History Congress* (Milan: Universita Bocconi, 1994), pp. 37-45 (with Price V. Fishback).
- “Why Did Coal Miners Work So Few Hours? Labor-Leisure Choice in the Face of Severe Time Constraints,” in Ian Blanchard, ed., *Labour and Leisure in Historical Perspective: Thirteenth to Twentieth Centuries* (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 1994), pp. 125-35 (with William Boal and Price V. Fishback).

Others

- “Do Universities Generate Agglomeration Spillovers? Evidence from Endowment Value Shocks,” TIAA-CREF Institute *Research Dialogue* #96 (February 2010).

“Southern Tenant Farmers’ Union,” in Stanley I. Kutler, ed., *Dictionary of American History*, third edition, volume 7 (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2003), p. 474.

“Forget Handouts; Spur Production,” *Los Angeles Times*, November 30, 2001, p. B15 (with Price Fishback).

“The Political Economy of Workers’ Compensation in the Early Twentieth Century,” *NBER Reporter* (Winter 1994/5), pp. 5-8 (with Price V. Fishback).

Commissioned Reports

“The Economic Benefits of the San Joaquin River Restoration.” Prepared for the Fresno Regional Foundation (September 2012).

“The Economic Opportunity from Clean Energy Jobs in California’s San Joaquin Valley.” Prepared for the California Business Alliance for a Green Economy (October 2010).

“The Financial and Institutional Challenges to Smart Growth Implementation: A Focus on California’s Central Valley.” Prepared for the Merced County Association of Governments (August 2010).

“The Economic Impact of the California High-Speed Rail in the Sacramento/Central Valley Area.” Prepared for the California High Speed Rail Authority (October 2008).

Book Reviews

A History of Public Sector Pensions in the United States, by Robert L. Clark, Lee A. Craig, and Jack W. Wilson, in the *Journal of Economic Literature*, 42 (December 2004), pp. 1154-56.

Property Rights: Cooperation, Conflict, and Law, edited by Terry L. Anderson and Fred S. McChesney, in the *Journal of Economic History*, 64 (September 2004), pp. 923-24.

Empirical Studies in Institutional Change, edited by Lee J. Alston, Thráinn Eggertsson, and Douglass C. North, in the *Journal of Economic History*, 57 (December 1997), pp. 986-88.

The Myth of Democratic Failure: Why Political Institutions Are Efficient, by Donald A. Wittman, in the *Journal of Economic Literature*, 34 (December 1996), pp. 1957-59.

Essays on English Law and the American Experience, by Elisabeth A. Cawthon and David E. Narrett, eds., in the *Journal of Economic History*, 55 (December 1995), pp. 950-51.

Economic Behavior and Institutions, by Thráinn Eggertsson, in the *Journal of Development Economics*, 42 (October 1993), pp. 210-14.

Mill and Mine: The CF&I in the Twentieth Century, by H. Lee Scamehorn, in the *Journal of Economic History*, 53 (June 1993), pp. 443-45.

Division of Labor: Industrial Relations in the Chifley Years, 1945-1949, by Tom Sheridan, in the *Business History Review*, 66 (Winter 1992), pp. 832-33.

The Anti-Redeemers: Hill-Country Political Dissenters in the Lower South from Redemption to Populism, by Michael R. Hyman, in the *Journal of Economic History*, 51 (September 1991), pp. 740-41.

WORKING PAPERS / WORK-IN-PROGRESS

“Did the New Deal Solidify the 1932 Democratic Realignment?” (with Price V. Fishback and John J. Wallis). Revising & resubmitting to *Explorations in Economic History*.

“Private Gains from Public University Research: The Case of Productivity Spillovers from Agricultural Experiment Stations” (with Alexander Whalley).

“Federal Land Grant Funding and the Role of the States During the Formative Period in American Higher Education” (with Alexander Whalley)

“Separating the Roles of Church and State in the Ascendancy of American Higher Education, 1900-1914” (with Alexander Whalley).

“The New Deal and the Diffusion of Tractors in the 1930s” (with Price V. Fishback and Todd Sorensen).

“Migration Creation, Diversion, and Retention: New Deal Grants and Migration, 1935-1940” (with Todd Sorensen, Price Fishback, and Samuel Allen). National Bureau of Economic Research working paper 13491.

“Diversity and Assimilation in Public Schooling: Evidence from Immigration to U.S. Cities” (with Allison Shertzer and Alexander Whalley).

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

National Science Foundation, “The Long-Term Regional Economic Impacts from Public Investment in University Research,” Grant No. SMA-1158794, August 2012 to July 2013, \$125,000 (co-PI Alexander Whalley).

National Science Foundation, “The Ascendancy of American Research Universities, 1870-1940,” Grant No. SES-0851788, August 2009 to July 2013, \$311,020 (co-PI Alexander Whalley).

National Science Foundation, “Collaborative Grant: Government, Housing, and the Changing Income Distribution During the Great Depression: A Disaggregated and Microeconomic Approach,” Grant No. SES-0617942, July 2006 to July 2010, \$128,957 (total collaborative award: \$539,044).

TIAA-CREF Institute, “The Impact of Public Higher Education Expenditures on Local Economic Growth,” August 2005 to August 2006, \$30,000.

National Science Foundation, “The Economic Impact of the New Deal,” Grant No. SES-0214395, July 2002 to June 2004, \$392,798 (co-PIs Price V. Fishback and William C. Horrace).

World Bank, “Privatization of Mexican Banks, 1980-2002,” May 20, 2002, to June 30, 2003, \$12,000.

National Science Foundation, “The Impact of the New Deal on Local Economic Development,” Grant No. SES-0080324, July 2000 to June 2002, \$283,187 (co-PIs Price V. Fishback and William C. Horrace).

National Science Foundation, “The Impact of New Deal Relief Spending on Local Labor Markets,” Grant No. SBR-9708098, July 1997 to June 1999, \$176,469 (co-PI Price V. Fishback).

Spain Ministry of Education and Culture, “Estancias de investigadores extranjeros en regimen de año sabático en España,” Award number SAB95-0504, January 1997 to September 1997, 3,040,000 pesetas (approximately \$23,000).

National Science Foundation, “The Political Economy of Workers’ Compensation in the Early Twentieth-Century,” Grant No. SBR-9223058, June 1993 to May 1995, \$194,248 (co-PI Price V. Fishback).

University Grants

“Government, Housing, and the Changing Income Distribution During the Great Depression,” University of California, Merced, Graduate and Research Council Faculty Grant, June 2006 – June 2007, \$2,284.

“The Impact of the New Deal on Local Economic Development, Migration, and Labor Markets,” University of Arizona Foundation, summer 1996, \$11,000.

“The Political Economy of New Deal Relief Expenditures,” University of Arizona Office of the Vice President for Research and University of Arizona Foundation, January 1995 to December 1995, \$4,125.

“The Political Economy of Workers’ Compensation in the Early Twentieth Century,” University of Arizona Foundation, summer 1995, \$11,000.

“The Development of Workers’ Compensation in the United States,” University of Arizona Foundation, summer 1992, \$9,556.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Urban Economics Association Conference, Ottawa, Canada, November 2012, “Private Gains from Public University Research: The Case of Productivity Spillovers from Agricultural Experiment Stations.”

National Bureau of Economic Research Conference on the Microeconomics of the New Deal, Cambridge, MA, July 2012, “Did the New Deal Solidify the 1932 Democratic Realignment?”

National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 2012, “Private Gains from Public University Research: The Case of Productivity Spillovers from Agricultural Experiment Stations.”

Cliometrics Conference, Tucson, AZ, May 2012, “Private Gains from Public University Research: The Case of Productivity Spillovers from Agricultural Experiment Stations.”

All-UC Economic History Conference on Science, Intellectual Property, and Innovation, Berkeley, CA, March 2012, “Private Gains from Public University Research: The Case of Productivity Spillovers from Agricultural Experiment Stations.”

National Bureau of Economic Research Pre-Conference on the Microeconomics of the New Deal, Tucson, AZ, March 2012, “The Political Benefits of Fiscal Stimulus: Evidence from the New Deal.”

National Bureau of Economic Research Universities Research Conference on “Housing and Mortgage Markets in Historical Perspective,” Cambridge, MA, September 2011 (discussant).

National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 2011, “Malaria, Migration, and the AAA.”

- All-UC Economic History/Caltech Conference on Organizations, Pasadena, CA, December 2010, “Separating the Roles of Church and State in the Ascendancy of American Higher Education, 1900-1914.”
- UC Merced Conference on the Politics of Federal Spending, Merced, CA, May 2010, “The Political Benefits of Fiscal Stimulus: Evidence from the New Deal” and Discussant.
- Symposium on Academic Innovation, Merced, CA, November 2009, “The Emergence and Persistence [?] of U.S. Leadership in Higher Education” and Moderator of the Symposium.
- National Bureau of Economic Research Conference on the Economics of Religion, Cambridge, MA, October 2009, “Separating the Roles of Church and State in the Ascendancy of American Higher Education, 1900-1914.”
- National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 2009, “The Political Economy of State Support for Higher Education in the U.S., 1900-1930.”
- National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 2008, “The Housing Roller Coaster: A Preliminary Exploration of Fluctuations in Urban Housing Markets in the 1920s and 1930s.”
- UC Merced Conference on The Causes and Consequences of Increasing Earnings Inequality, Bass Lake, CA, September 2007, “The Effect of Internal Migration on Local Labor Markets: American Cities During the Great Depression.”
- Economic History Association Meetings, Pittsburgh, PA, September 2006, session on “Agriculture on the American Frontier” (discussant).
- National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 2006, “Migration Creation, Diversion, and Retention: New Deal Grants and Migration, 1935-1940.”
- National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 2005, “The New Deal and the Diffusion of Tractors in the 1930s.”
- All-UC Economics History Conference, Davis, CA, November 2004, “The Welfare of Children During the Great Depression.”
- National Bureau of Economic Research Conference on Corruption and Reform, Salem, MA, July 2004, “Politics, Relief, and Reform: The Transformation of America’s Social Welfare System During the New Deal.”
- Allied Social Science Associations Meetings, San Diego, CA, January 2004, session on “Politics and the Economy” (discussant).
- Allied Social Science Associations Meetings, Economic History Association session, San Diego, CA, January 2004, “New Deal Work Relief and Private Wages.”
- World Bank Conference on Bank Privatization, Washington, DC, November 2003, “Getting Privatization Wrong: The Mexican Banking System, 1991-2003.”
- Economic History Association Meetings, Nashville, TN, September 2003, session on “Institutions and Economic Development” (chair and discussant).
- National Bureau of Economic Research Pre-Conference on Corruption and Reform, Cambridge, MA, July 2003, “Politics, Relief, and Reform: The Transformation of America’s Social Welfare System During the New Deal.”
- Western Economic Association Meetings, Denver, CO, July 2003, “Politics, Relief, and Reform: The Transformation of America’s Social Welfare System During the New Deal.”
- Allied Social Science Associations Meetings, Cliometrics Society session, Washington, DC, January 2003, “The Impact of New Deal and Police Spending on Deterring Crime During the Great Depression.”
- National Bureau of Economic Research Universities Research Conference on the “Economic Analysis of Government Expenditure Programs,” National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA, December 2002, “Federal Programs in Times of Crisis: The Impact of the New Deal on Local Economies During the Great Depression.”

- National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 2002, "Sticks v. Carrots: The Impact of Relief and Police Spending on Criminal Activity During the Great Depression."
- National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 2001, "The Origins of Modern Housing Finance: The Impact of Federal Housing Programs During the Great Depression."
- Economic History Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, September 2000, "Migration and the New Deal."
- National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 2000, "Migration and the New Deal."
- Fourth World Congress of Cliometrics, Montreal, Canada, July 2000, "The Impact of the New Deal on the Socioeconomic Status of Children: An Analysis of Infant Mortality During the Great Depression."
- Conference on "African-American Economic Life in the Segregation Era," Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, September 1999, "The Impact of New Deal Programs on Black Infant Mortality in the South."
- National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 1999, "The Economic Effects of New Deal Expenditures on Local Economic Development."
- "In Data Veritas: Institutions and Growth in Economic History: A Symposium in Honor of Lance Edwin Davis," California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, November 1998, "The Political Economy of New Deal Expenditures."
- National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 1997, "The Political Economy of New Deal Expenditures: A Preliminary and Exploratory Investigation."
- Third World Congress of Cliometrics, Munich, Germany, July 1997, "The Political Economy of New Deal Expenditures: A Preliminary and Exploratory Investigation."
- Pre-conference to the 12th International Economic History Congress, Madrid, Spain, February 1997, A-1 session on "The Economic Consequences of Empire, 1492-1989" (discussant).
- Economic History Association Conference, Berkeley, CA, September 1996, "The Political Economy of New Deal Expenditures: A Preliminary and Exploratory Investigation."
- Allied Social Science Associations Meetings, Industrial Relations Research Association session, San Francisco, CA, January 1996, "What Can Policy Makers Learn from the Origins of Workers' Compensation?"
- Allied Social Science Associations Meetings, Cliometrics Society session, San Francisco, CA, January 1996, "The Adoption of Workers' Compensation in the United States, 1909-1930."
- American Law and Economics Association Meeting, Berkeley, CA, May 1995, "Insurance Rationing and the Origins of Workers' Compensation."
- Economic History Association Conference, Cincinnati, OH, September 1994, "A Prelude to the Welfare State: Compulsory State Insurance and Workers' Compensation in Minnesota, Ohio, and Washington, 1911-1919."
- All-UC Economic History Conference, Los Angeles, CA, November 1993, "Insurance Rationing and the Origins of Workers' Compensation."
- National Bureau of Economic Research Conference on The Political Economy of Regulation: An Historical Analysis of Government and the Economy, Boston, MA, May 1993, "Coalition-Formation and the Adoption of Workers' Compensation: The Case of Missouri, 1911-1926."
- Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, IL, November 1992, "Did Workers Gain from the Passage of Workers' Compensation Laws?"
- National Bureau of Economic Research Pre-Conference on The Political Economy of Regulation: An Historical Analysis of Government and the Economy, Tucson, AZ, October 1992, "Coalition-Formation in a Direct Democracy: The Adoption of Workers' Compensation in Missouri, 1911-1926."

- Western Economic Association International Conference, San Francisco, CA, July 1992, “Did Workers Gain from the Passage of Workers’ Compensation Laws?”
- Western Economic Association International Conference, San Francisco, CA, July 1992, session on “Workplace Safety and Workers’ Compensation” (discussant).
- Cliometrics Conference, Oxford, OH, May 1992, “Did Workers Gain from the Passage of Workers’ Compensation Laws?”
- Public Choice Meetings, New Orleans, LA, March 1992, “The Political Economy of Workers’ Compensation in the United States, 1909-1930.”
- Economic History Association Conference, Boulder, CO, September 1991, “Property Rights and the Dynamics of Institutional Change: The Closing of the Georgia Open Range, 1870-1900.”
- National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 1991, “The Political Economy of Workers’ Compensation in the United States, 1909-1930.”
- Kansas Conference on Historical Labor Statistics, Lawrence, KS, June 1991, “The Good, the Bad, and the Paycheck: Compensating Differentials in Labor Markets, 1884-1903.”
- Public Choice Meetings, New Orleans, LA, March 1991, “The Political Economy of Fence Reform in the Postbellum South.”
- Economic History Association Conference, Montreal, Canada, September 1990, “Razorbacks, Ticky Cows, and the Closing of the Georgia Open Range: The Dynamics of Institutional Change Uncovered.”
- Cliometrics Conference, Champaign, IL, May 1990, “Razorbacks, Ticky Cows, and the Closing of the Georgia Open Range: The Dynamics of Institutional Change Uncovered.”
- All-UC Economic History Conference, Los Angeles, CA, November 1989, “Razorbacks, Ticky Cows, and the Closing of the Georgia Open Range: The Dynamics of Institutional Change Uncovered.”
- Social Science History Association Conference, Washington, DC, November 1989, “Common Sense or Commonwealth? The Fence Law and Institutional Change in the Postbellum South.”

INVITED SEMINARS

- Stanford University, Scandinavian Consortium for Organizational Research, October 2012.
- Binghamton University, Department of Economics, October 2012.
- Chapman University, Economic Science Institute, April 2012.
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Department of Economics, April 2012.
- University of California, Berkeley, Department of Economics, March 2012.
- University of Hawaii, Department of Economics, March 2012.
- University of California, Davis, Department of Economics, January 2012, November 2004 and April 1994.
- California Institute of Technology, Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, October 2010 and May 1993.
- Stanford University, Department of Economics, February 2010.
- University of California, Riverside, Department of Economics, April 2005.
- University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Economics, December 2004, October 1997, May 1993.
- National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Program Meeting, March 2004, March 2000, February 1995, and March 1993.
- Brigham Young University, Department of Economics, Smith Chair Lecturer, September 2003.
- University of California, San Diego, Department of Economics, January 2003.
- University of California, Merced, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, December 2002.
- Syracuse University, Center for Policy Research, November 2002.
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Economics, January 2002.
- Clemson University, Department of Economics, March 2001.
- University of Missouri, Columbia, Department of Economics, December 2000.

University of Virginia, Department of Economics, April 2000 and December 1999.
 George Mason University, Department of Economics, February 2000.
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Department of Economics, February 2000.
 University of Missouri, St. Louis, Department of Economics, February 2000.
 Williams College, Department of Economics, January 2000.
 University of Maryland, IRIS Center, December 1999.
 Rutgers University, Department of Economics, December 1999.
 Dartmouth College, Department of Economics, March 1998.
 Ohio State University, Department of Economics, December 1997.
 London School of Economics, Department of Economic History, June 1997.
 Ben-Gurion University, Department of Economics, May 1997.
 Hebrew University, Department of Economics, May 1997.
 Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Departamento de Economía, February 1997.
 University of Chicago, Department of Economics, October 1996.
 North Carolina State University, Department of Economics, March 1996.
 University of Arizona, School of Public Administration and Policy, March 1996.
 University of Illinois, Department of Economics, September 1993.
 Indiana University, Department of Economics, September 1993.
 Hoover Institution, January 1993.
 Columbia University, School of Law, November 1992.
 Cornell University, Department of Government, November 1992.
 Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, November 1992.
 University of Western Ontario, Department of Economics, February 1990.
 Montana State University, Department of Economics, February 1990.
 University of Arizona, Department of Economics, February 1990.
 Harvard University, Department of Government, January 1990.
 Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, January 1990.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

“The Clean Energy Economy: An Economic Perspective from the San Joaquin Valley,” City of Merced Economic Development Committee, November 30, 2010, Merced City Hall.
 “The Economic Impact of the California High-Speed Rail in the Sacramento/Central Valley Area,” California High-Speed Rail Authority Board, October 1, 2008, Fresno County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Board of Editors, *Journal of Economic History*, 2009 – present.
 Trustee (elected), Cliometrics Society, 2006 – 2010.
 Board of Editors, *Explorations in Economic History*, 2004 – 2010.
 Paper Selection Committee, All-UC Economic History Conference on “Organization Building and Economic Performance: Historical Perspectives on the Creation and Governance of Organizations,” Pasadena, CA, December 2010.
 Alice Hanson Jones Book Prize Committee, 2004 – 2008 (chair, 2008).
 Audit Committee, Cliometrics Society, 2003 – 2006.
 Special Advisor to *Economic Indicators Report*, Great Valley Center, 2004.
 Program Committee, All-UC Economic History Conference, November 2004.
 Academic Advisory Council, Goldwater Institute, 2002 – 2004
 Economic History Association Liaison to Cliometrics Society, 2002.
 Paper Selection Committee, Cliometrics Conference, 2001 and 2002.

Editorial Associate, North American Office, *Journal of Economic History*, June 1996 – January 1999.
 Board of Editors, EH.Res Discussion Network, September 1996 – September 1998.
 Co-organizer, National Bureau of Economic Research, Development of the American Economy Program's Summer Institute, July 1997 and 1998.
 Paper Selection Committee and Local Arrangements Committee, Cliometrics Conference, Tucson, AZ, May 1994.
 Local Arrangements Committee, Economic History Association Meetings, Tucson, AZ, October 1993.
 Referee for: *Agricultural History*, *American Economic Review*, Cambridge University Press, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economics of Governance*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Historical Methods*, Houghton Mifflin Company, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, *Journal of Law, Economics & Organization*, *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*, Longman Publishing Group, National Science Foundation, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Research in Law and Economics*, *Research Policy*, *Review of Economics & Statistics*, *Social Science History*, *Southern Economic Journal*, South-Western College Publishing/Thomson Learning, Wadsworth Publishing Company.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Public Lectures:

- San Joaquin River Conference, Fresno, CA, October 2012, "What Will a Restored River Mean to People?" (plenary session panelist) and "Socio-Economic Benefits of Restoring the San Joaquin River" (panelist).
- University of California Center Sacramento, Sacramento, CA, May 2012, "Knowledge Spillovers from Research Universities."
- Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce, Merced, CA, March 2012, "How Will Merced Adapt to the New Economy?"
- Institute for Social Research, California State University, Sacramento, CA, February 2012, "Do Research Universities Generate Local Economic Growth?"
- Cities of Modesto & Riverbank Meeting on Expanding Innovation in the Northern San Joaquin Valley: Public Policy Obstacles and Opportunities for Green Businesses, Modesto, CA, November 2010, "The Clean Energy Economy: An Economic Perspective from the San Joaquin Valley."
- San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies' Fall Policy Conference, Modesto, CA, October 2010, "Smart Growth: An Economist's Perspective."
- Central Valley Business Network Forum on "The Clean Energy Economy and the Role of the San Joaquin Valley," Fresno, CA, September 2010, "The Clean Energy Economy: An Economic Perspective."
- Small Business Development Center Executive Board Meeting, Merced, CA, June 2009, "The Economy Today: Where We Are and Where We're Going."
- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Community Redevelopment Act Bankers' Quarterly Meeting, Fresno, CA, May 2009, "The Economy Today: Where We Are and Where We're Going."
- Rotary Club of Merced, Merced, CA, March 2009, "Today's Economy, with Insights from the Past."
- Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce, Merced, CA, March 2009, "Today's Economy, with Insights from the Past."
- University Friends Circle, Merced, CA, January 2009, "Today's Economy Plain and Simple: How We Got Here and Where We're Going."
- Merced County/City Governments Quarterly Meeting, Los Baños, CA, January 2009, "Today's Economy Plain and Simple: How We Got Here and Where We're Going."

Participant, National Bureau of Economic Research, DAE Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, July 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, and 2012.

Participant, Cliometrics Conference, May 1990, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2012.

Judge, Tegeler Business Plans Competition, Graduate Semi-Final Round, University of Arizona, April 18, 2003.

Participant, Corruption and Reform Planning Meeting, National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA, July 14, 2002.

Grand Awards Judge, Behavioral and Social Sciences, International Science & Engineering Fair, Tucson, AZ, May 1996.

Participant, Seventh Annual Karl Eller Center Business/Academic Dialogue, Tucson, AZ, May 1995.

Participant, Political Economy Forum, Political Economy Research Center, Livingston, MT, June 1991.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (HASS)

Head, Department of Economics (2012-present)

Member, HASS Executive Committee (2013-present)

Search Committees (Chair):

Assistant Professor of Economics (2012-2013)

University of California Systemwide

Member, Advisory Council, University of California Center Sacramento (2010-2012)

Member, Steering Committee, All-UC Economic History Group (2004-2012)

Member, University Committee on Planning & Budget (UCPB) (2010-2011)

Member, Academic Assembly of the University of California Academic Senate (2005, 2006-2008)

Member, Academic Council of the University of California Academic Senate (2004-2005, 2006-2008)

Member, Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs of the University of California Academic Senate (2005-2006)

Member, Steering Committee, Labor and Employment Research Fund (2005-2008)

Participant, University of California Senior Leadership Institute, June 2007

UC Merced Campuswide

Academic Senate

Chair, Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (2010-2011)

Member, Divisional Council of the Merced Academic Senate

Chair, Merced Division of the University of California Academic Senate (2004-2005, 2006-2008)

Chair, Divisional Council of the Merced Academic Senate

Ex officio member, Undergraduate Council

Ex officio member, Graduate and Research Council

Ex officio member, Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation

Ex officio member, Rules Committee

Member (elected), Committee on Committees, Merced Division of the Academic Senate (2007-2009)

Chair, Graduate and Research Council of the Merced Academic Senate (2005-2006)

Member, Divisional Council of the Merced Academic Senate

Member, Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation
Chair (elected), Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts Faculty of the Merced Academic Senate (2005-2006)

Member, Academic Senate Executive Director Search Committee (2005)

Administrative

Member, Management Planning Committee (2011-2012)

Member, UC Merced Enrollment Management Committee (2010-2011)

Member, Senate-Administration Council (2010-2011)

Chair, Planning Committee for the Symposium on Academic Organizational Structure for the 21st Century Public Research University (2009)

Member, Search Committee, Dean of the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (2009)

Member, Staff Excellence Award Selection Committee (2009)

Member, School of Engineering Dean's Review Committee (2008-2009)

Member, Executive Vice Chancellor/Provost Search Committee (2008-2009)

Member, Budget Committee (2006-2008)

Member, Social Sciences and Management Building Advisory Committee (2004-2008)

Member, Campus Physical Planning Committee (2005-2008)

Member, Strategic Academic Planning Steering Committee (2007-2008)

Member, Strategic Academic Planning Committee (2007-2008)

Member, West Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee (2006-2008)

Member, Medical Education Planning Group (2006-2007)

Member, Sierra Nevada Research Institute Advisory Committee (2005-2007)

Chair, Inter-School Planning Committee for Resource Economics FTE (2005)

Member, Inter-School Planning Committee for Public Policy FTE (2005)

UC Merced, School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA)

Member, SSHA Curriculum Committee (2009-2010; 2011-2012)

Chair, Social Sciences & Management Division (2006-2012)

Member, SSHA Executive Committee (2006-2012)

Search Committees (Chair):

Assistant Professor of Economics (2011-2012)

Full Professor of Economics (2010-2012)

Full Professor of Economics (2004-2007)

Full Professor of Management (2005-2007)

Full Professor of Political Science (2004-2006)

Assistant Professor of Management (2006-2007)

Assistant Professors (3) of Economics (2004-2006)

Assistant Professor of Political Science (2005-2006)

Assistant Professor of Sociology (2005-2006)

Assistant Professor of Environmental/Resource Economics (2005-2006)

Ad hoc search for faculty appointments from Presidential Post-Doctoral Fellows Program (2005-2006)

Search Committees (Member):

Full Professor of Finance (2010-2011)

SSHA Administrative Specialist (Academic Personnel) (2008)

Professor of Cognitive Science (2005-2006)

Assistant Professor of Environmental Policy (2005-2006)

Assistant Professor of Arts (2005-2006)

SSHA Administrative Specialist (2006)
 SSHA Management Services Officer (2005)
 SSHA Curriculum Assistant (2005)
 SSHA Student Advisor (2005)

Chair, Dissertation Committees: Steven Seltzer (2006-2011); Joel Beutel (2005-2006)

Member, Dissertation Committee: Justin Hicks (2007-2012)

Member, SSHA Space Committee (2005-2007)

Member, Ad hoc committee to revise SSHA Faculty Bylaws (2007)

Co-organizer, "Seventy Years of Migrant Labor in California" seminar series (2005-2006)

University of Arizona Universitywide

Member, University Promotion & Tenure Committee (appointed for three year term 2003-2006; stepped down after six months in light of pending move to UC Merced)

Task Force on General Education and Information Literacy (2003)

University of Arizona, Economics Department

Faculty Evaluation Committee (2001-2003)

Promotion & Tenure Committee (2001-2003)

Recruiting Committee (1994, 2001-2003)

Graduate Committee (1994-1998)

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees (Member): Joshua Gotkin (1995), Melissa Thomasson (1998), Ryan Johnson (2002), Supriya Sarnikar (2002), and Rebecca Holmes (2003).

Ph.D. Oral Exam Committees (Member): Samuel Allen (2002), Nidhi Thakur (2002), Nuray Tugrul (2002), Simona Lup (2003), Kamarun Nisham Taufil Mohd (2003), and Jaret Treber (2003).

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