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### POSITIONS HELD

Clinical Asst. Professor, Purdue University	2022 - Present
Director of Undergraduate Studies (2025 - Present)	
Director of the Purdue Center for Economic Education (2022 - 2025)	
Collegiate Asst. Professor & Director of Undergraduate Studies, Virginia Tech	2019 - 2022
Content Fellow, Khan Academy	2017 - 2019
Associate Professor, Thomas More College	2016 - 2018
Visiting Instructor, University of Louisville	2014 - 2016
Chair, Department of Economics & Business Administration and Jack B. Morris Professorship of Economic Policy, Austin College	2013 - 2014
Associate Professor (with tenure), Austin College	2011 - 2014
Assistant Professor, Austin College	2005 - 2011

### EDUCATION

PhD	Economics	University of Houston, Houston, TX	May 2005
MA	Economics	University of Houston, Houston, TX	May 2002
BA	Economics	University of Houston, Houston, TX	May 2000
Graduate Certificate	Public Health	University of Texas	Dec 2012

### PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

“Child Death in the United States: Productivity and the Economic Burden of Parental Grief” [first author, with J. Cacciatore and J. Lacasse]. *Death Studies*, **38**(9): 597-602, 2014.

“Patent Citations and the Geography of Knowledge Spillovers: A Reassessment” [with Peter Thompson], *American Economic Review*, **95**(1): 450-460, March 2005.

Reprinted in Zoltan J. Acs (ed.), *The Knowledge Spillover Theory of Entrepreneurship*, Edward Elgar.

“Patent Citations and the Geography of Knowledge Spillovers: A Reassessment: Reply” [with Peter Thompson], *American Economic Review*, **95**(1): 465-466, March 2005.

“The Effects of Maternal Education versus Cognitive Test Scores on Child Nutrition in Kenya”, [with Alok Bhargava], *Economics and Human Biology*, December 2003.

### BOOKS

Cases on Economics Education and Tools for Educators (co-edited with Brad Scott). IGI Press, 2023

Economics Demystified (co-authored with Eric Dodge), 2012, McGraw-Hill Professional

500 Questions to Know by Exam Day - Microeconomics (co-authored with Eric Dodge), 2012, McGraw-Hill Professional

500 Questions to Know by Exam Day - Macroeconomics (co-authored with Eric Dodge) , 2012 McGraw-Hill Professional

Strive for a Five - Microeconomics, Worth Publishing, 2015 Strive for a Five - Macroeconomics (co-authored with Margaret Ray), Worth Publishing, 2015

### WORKING PAPERS

“A Guide to the U.S. Academic Economics Job Market for Teaching-Focused Jobs” co-authored with Ben Harrell, Nakul Kamur, Dan Lee, Allison Luedtke, and Gina Pieters. Under review.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

“Sarah C. Dunstan: Race, Rights, and Reform: Black Activism in the French Empire and the United States from World War I to the Cold War”, *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy vol. 6(10), pp 60-62, March Melanie E. Fox, 2023. ”Sarah C. Dunstan: Race, Rights, and Reform: Black Activism in the French Empire and the United States from World War I to the Cold War,” Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy, Springer, vol. 6(1), pages 60-62, March.

## **OTHER PUBLISHING ACTIVITY**

Test Bank Contributor - Foundations of Economics by David Anderson

Supplementary Materials (Online quizzes and full length AP exams) for Krugman’s Macroeconomics for AP\* by Margaret Ray and David Anderson

Reviewer: Contemporary Labor Economics 7th ed., McConnell, Brue, and MacPherson

## **ONLINE EDUCATIONAL CONTENT PRODUCTION**

AP Macroeconomics, Khan Academy

Macroeconomics, Khan Academy

AP Microeconomics, Khan Academy

Microeconomics, Khan Academy

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND NOMINATIONS**

Excellence in Teaching Award, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Virginia Tech 2021

Jack B. Morris Professorship of Economic Policy – endowed chair – installed April 2013

Nominee: Minnie Piper Stevens Foundation Piper Professor for 2010

Teacher of the Month – Student Assembly, Austin College April 2009

Teaching Award – Division of Social Sciences, Austin College – 2008

Participant in Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad P021A070068(SA) – Globalization and Societal Change in South India – July/August 2007

Participant in the Teaching Innovations Program (TIP) - 2007 Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, Fall 2000 - Spring 2005

Dr. J. Walter Primeaux and Natalie Primeaux Scholarship, Spring 2004

Shell Foundation Scholarship, Fall 2001-Spring 2002

Stella Erhardt Fellowship, Fall 2000-Spring 2001

University Scholars Research Scholarship, Spring 2000

## **EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING**

Content Reviewer, McGraw Hill Publishing 2023

Judge, Web-Based Standard Setting for CLEP-Macroeconomics & Microeconomics, Educational Test Service (ETS), 2020 and 2021

Exam question writer for Educational Testing Services - AP economics exams (Microeconomics and Macroeconomics), 2010-2018

Exam question writer for Educational Testing Services - TeXes Social Studies Grades 8-12 Exam, 2009 – 2010

AP Macroeconomics: Exam Leader 2020-2022; Question Leader 2014, 2015, and 2019; Table Leader 2013, 2016, 2017, and 2018; Reader, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, and 2012

Educational Policy Improvement Center - Consultant NAEP College Course Content Analysis - 2013

Gates Foundation - Course Content Analysis - 2014

## **COURSES**

Principles of microeconomics  
Principles of microeconomics, Honors  
Principles of macroeconomics  
Economics Teaching Fellows  
Managerial Economics  
Health Economics (undergraduate and graduate level)  
First Year Experience - Economics  
Graduate Seminar: Teaching Economics  
Research Methods in Economics and Business  
Economic Development (undergraduate and graduate level)  
Labor Economics  
Freshman Seminar (Communication and Inquiry- subjects have included Behavioral Economics and The Culture of Food)  
Senior Seminar (topic: Game Theory)  
Economic Development and Poverty in Film  
Directed studies in Health Policy and the Affordable Care Act  
Introduction to Public Health  
Investment analysis  
Personal finance

## **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

*2024* Southern Economics Association (Panelist)  
*2024* American Economics Association Annual Meeting  
*2023* Southern Economics Association (Panelist)  
Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (Panelist)  
*2022* Southern Economics Association (Panelist)  
CTaLE EconTEAching Webinar Series (panelist)  
*2021* Southern Economics Association, University of Houston  
*2013* Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education  
*2012* MISS Foundation Annual Conference  
*2010* Western Economics Association Annual Meeting (Session Organizer)  
Missouri Valley Economics Association  
*2009* Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Baylor University  
*2008* Missouri Valley Economics Association *2003* Texas Econometrics Camp

## **ORGANIZED SESSIONS**

Preparing for the Classroom: Approaches to Training Graduate Students for Teaching (co-organized with Emily Marshall) Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, 2022  
Building Undergraduate Research and Field Experiences, Western Economics Association International Meeting (co-organized with Eric Dodge), 2010

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES BLENDING TEACHING AND SERVICE**

Creator and Co-Organizer of the Economics Scholars Program for Undergraduate Economic Research 2007 – 2014  
Director, Snider Social Science Lab – Fall 2012 - 2014  
Mellon Course Partnership Grant – 2010 - 2014 – Course Exchange between Health Economics (offered within the department of economics) and Public Policy (course offered by Political Science Department)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Conference Committee: Journal of Economics Teaching Symposium August 2024 - Present

Advisory Board: Journal of Economics Teaching August 2024 - Present

Discussant: American Economics Association Annual Meeting, 2024

Committee for the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) Mentoring Breakfast, AEA Annual Meeting, 2024

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board, Pearson Publishing (Dec 2022 - Present)

Secretary: Kentucky Economics Association (2016 – 2019)

Referee: American Economic Review, AEA Papers and Proceedings, Oxford Economic Papers, Review of Economics and Statistics, Research Policy, Perspectives in Economic Education, The American Economist, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economics Teaching

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

### **Purdue University:**

Director of Undergraduate Studies 2025 - Present

Director of the Purdue Center for Economic Education 2022 - 2025

Promotion Review Committee for Senior Lecturer Position August 2024 - December 2024

Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee January 2024 - Present

Search Committee: Clinical Assistant Professor Search 2 positions, 2023 - 2024; 4 positions, 2024

Reviewer: Economic Scholars Program Applications, 2023

Undergraduate Yield Event Spring 2023

Application Review: Search for instructor, Fall 2022

### **Virginia Tech:**

Undergraduate Director, Dept. of Economics

Undergraduate Committee, (Dept. of Economics)

Undergraduate Committee (Dept. of Economics)

Enrollment Committee (Dept. of Economics)

Distance Learning Working Group 2 (University)

Advisory Committee for Impact Living Learning Community (University)

Economics Position Search Committee Chair - 2022 (Department)

Search Committee for Impact Living Learning Community Director (University)

Search Committee for Post-Doc position in Economics of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Panelist, Course Design Clinic Summer 2021 (University)

### **Khan Academy:**

Tiger Team: Content Being Valued (2018)

### **Thomas More College:**

Director of the Undergraduate Research Conference (2017)

### **Austin College:**

Chair of the Economics and Business Department

Public Health Undergraduate Program Development Committee

Presidential Faculty Salary Study

Presidential Scholarship Committee

Academic Skills Center Advisory Committee

Study Abroad

Internationalization Committee

Asian Studies Advisory Committee

Benefits Committee

Health Sciences Committee

Web Advisory Committee

Economics Position Search Committee, (2006, 2014 - Chair)  
Center for Global Studies Search Committee  
Occasional interviews with local CBS and NBC affiliates.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Economic Association, Southern Economics Association, National Association of Economic Educators

### **SOFTWARE**

STATA, SAS, SPSS, Brightspace, Blackboard, Moodle, Canvas, Slack, Trello, Jira, Variate, Content Management System (Proprietary: Khan Academy), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X