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Citizenship: United States

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Research interests

Public Choice Economics, Education, Health, Political Science, Sports

Employment

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| 2019 – Present | Harding University – Searcy, Arkansas
Assistant Professor of Economics and Finance |
| 2005 – 2019 | National Federation of Independent Business – Nashville, Tennessee
Managing Director of Compliance |

Education

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| 2021 – 2025 | Middle Tennessee State University – Murfreesboro, Tennessee
PhD in Economics
Mentors: Professors Daniel J. Smith, Ennio E. Piano, and Charles L. Baum |
| 2014 – 2016 | Middle Tennessee State University – Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Masters of Business Administration |
| 2003 – 2009 | Middle Tennessee State University – Murfreesboro, Tennessee
MA in History
Mentors: Professors Amy L. Sayward, Jerry Brookshire |
| 1988 – 1993 | Harding University – Searcy, Arkansas
BBA in Management and Accounting |

Working Papers

- 2026 **Has NIL Nationalized College Football Recruiting? Evidence from Geographic Recruiting Patterns**
Chris L. Barker.
- 2025 **Capitalism and Wealth Concentration, 2000-2019**
Chris L. Barker, Daniel J. Smith..
[SSRN Link](#)
- 2024 **The Impact of the Bowl Championship Series on Competitive Balance in Major College Football**
Chris L. Barker, Daniel J. Smith.
[SSRN Link](#)
- 2023 **Property Rights and Economic Teaching: An Examination of Economics Textbooks**
Chris L. Barker.

Teaching experience

ECON 2010	Principles of Macroeconomics
ECON 2020	Principles of Microeconomics
FIN 3430	Managerial Finance
FIN 3440	Principles of Investments
FIN 3550	Real Estate Finance
FIN 3850	Risk Analysis and Insurance
FIN 4350	International Financial Management
FIN 4450	Advanced Financial Management

Presentations

February 2026 (upcoming)	A Clash of Belief: How Communism and Christianity are in Opposition <i>Harding University Liberty and Character Forum</i>
October 2024	Thinking Economically <i>Harding University Colloquium on the Liberal Arts</i>

University committees and service

August 2020 – Present	University Academic Assessment Committee (College of Business Administration)
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Professional memberships

2025 – Present	American Economic Association
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Technical skills

Programming languages

Proficient in: R programming language, Stata statistical software

Familiar with: Quarto, Python

Software

LaTeX, Git