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Employment

- Acadiana Business Economist Endowed Chair, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 2018-
- Vice-President & Senior Regional Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, 2016-2018
- Regional Economic Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, 2015-2016
- Professor of Economics, Old Dominion University, 2011-2015
- Professor of Economics, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, 2008-2011
- Associate Professor of Economics, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, 2006-2008
- Associate Professor of Government, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2005-2006
- Assistant Professor of Economics, Duquesne University, 2001-2005
- Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, 2000-2001

Other Relevant Experience

- Co-Editor (in-chief), *Public Finance Review*, 2021-present.
- Co-Editor, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 2020-present.
- Survey of Professional Forecasters, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, 2013-2015, 2018-
- Associate Director, Economic Forecasting Project, Old Dominion University, 2011-2015.
- Co-Editor, State of the Region Report, Old Dominion University, 2013-2015.
- Guest Editor, "Symposium on Local Taxation." *Public Finance and Management* 12(1), 2012.
- Member, Governor's Council of Economic Advisors (Arkansas), 2008 - 2011.
- Visiting Scholar, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, July 2003.

Education

- Ph.D., Economics, West Virginia University, 1999
- M.A., Economics, West Virginia University, 1998
- B.A., Economics and Political Science, Youngstown State University, 1995

Honors/Awards

- 2015, Highly Commended Paper, *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*.
- 2009, Balsley-Whitmore Research Grant, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
- 2005, Outstanding Paper Award for best paper published in *Public Finance Review*.
- 2005, Apple Polishing Teaching Award, Duquesne University.
- 2004, Runner-up for Musgrave Prize for best paper published in the *National Tax Journal*.
- 2003, Presidential Scholarship Award, Duquesne University.
- 2003, School of Business Distinguished Research Award, Duquesne University.
- 2002, Faculty Research Grant, School of Business, Duquesne University.
- 2000, A.J. Dadisman Award for Outstanding Doctoral Research, West Virginia University.
- 1999, Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher, Department of Economics, WVU.

Refereed Journal Articles

Sobel, Russell S. and Gary A. Wagner and Peter T. Calcagno (2022). "The Political Economy of State Economic Development Incentives: A Case of Rent Extraction." *Economics & Politics*, forthcoming..

Wagner, Gary A. and Douglas E. Walker (2021). "Did Video Gaming Expansion Boost Municipal Revenues in Illinois?." *Southern Economic Journal*, 88, 649-679.

Portillo, Javier E. and Gary A. Wagner (2021). "Do Cultural Districts Spur Urban Revitalization: Evidence from Louisiana." *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 188, 651-673.

Wagner, Gary A. and Erick M. Elder (2021). "Campaigning For Retirement: State Teacher Union Campaign Contributions and Pension Generosity." *European Journal of Political Economy*, 68, 101991.

Komarek, Timothy and Gary A. Wagner (2021). "Local Fiscal Adjustments from Depopulation: Evidence from the Post-Cold War Defense Contraction." *National Tax Journal* 74(1), 9-43.

Komarek, Timothy and Gary A. Wagner (2020). "The Distributional Effects of Job Loss From Fiscal Consolidation: Evidence from The Budget Control Act of 2011." *Economics Letters* 106, 109515.

Wagner, Gary A. and Jamie Bolgona Pavlik (2020). "Patent Intensity and Concentration: The Effect of Institutional Quality on MSA Patent Activity." *Papers in Regional Science*, 99(4), 857-898.

Wagner, Gary A. and Erick M. Elder (2020). "A Simple Measure of Pension Generosity." *Applied Economics Letters* 27(19), 1581-1586.

Wagner, Gary A. and Timothy Komarek and Julia Martin (2017). "Is the Light Rail 'Tide' Lifting All Property Values? Evidence from Hampton Roads, VA." *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 65, 25-37.

Elder, Erick M. and Gary A. Wagner (2016). "Can Public Pensions Fulfill Their Promises? An Examination of Pennsylvania's Two Largest Public Pensions." *Municipal Finance Journal* (3), 1-22.

Elder, Erick M. and Gary A. Wagner (2015). "Political Effects on Pension Underfunding." *Economics & Politics* 27(1), 1-27.

Bruce, Don and Jon Rork and Gary A. Wagner (2014). "State Income Tax Reciprocity Agreements and Small Businesses." *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy* 3(1), 118-140.

Elder, Erick M. and Gary A. Wagner (2013). "Revenue Cycles and Risk-Sharing in Local Governments: An Analysis of State Rainy Day Funds." *National Tax Journal* 66(4), 939-960.

Erick, Elder M. and Gary A. Wagner (2012). "A Simple Approach to Balancing Government Budgets Over the Business Cycle." *Applied Economics Letters* 19(7), 677-681.

Rork, Jon and Gary A. Wagner (2012). "What Happens When Reciprocity Agreements Spillover?." *Public Finance Review* 40(1), 86-115.

Pan, Jie and Gary A. Wagner (2011). "The Effects of State Tax Preferences on the Living Arrangements and Welfare of the Elderly." *Internal Advances in Economic Research* 17(2), 193-210.

Garrett, Thomas A. and Gary A. Wagner (2009). "Red Ink the Rearview Mirror: Local Fiscal Conditions and the Issuance of Traffic Tickets." *Journal of Law & Economics* 52(1), 71-90.

Rork, Jon and Gary A. Wagner (2008). "Do Regions Matter in Interjurisdictional Competition? Evidence from State Taxation." *Economics Letters* 101(2), 116-118.

Jordan, Meagan M. and Gary A. Wagner (2008). "Revenue Diversification in Arkansas Cities: The Budgetary and Tax Effort Impacts." *Public Budgeting & Finance* 28(3), 68-82.

Wagner, Gary A. and Erick M. Elder (2007). "Revenue Cycles and the Distribution of Shortfalls in U.S. States: Implications for An 'Optimal' Rainy Day Fund." *National Tax Journal* 60(4), 727-742.

Wagner, Gary A. and Erick M. Elder (2007). "How Well Are Eight District States Prepared for the Next Recession?." *FRB St. Louis Regional Economic Development* 3(2), 75-87.

Garrett, Thomas A. and Gary A. Wagner and David C. Wheelock (2007). "Regional Disparities in the Spatial Correlation of State Income Growth." *The Annals of Regional Science* 41(3), 610-618.

Wagner, Gary A. and Russell S. Sobel (2006). "State Budget Stabilization Fund Adoption: Preparing for the Next Recession or Circumventing Fiscal Constraints." *Public Choice* 126(1-2), 177-199.

Garrett, Thomas A. and Gary A. Wagner and David C. Wheelock (2005). "A Spatial Probit Analysis of State Banking Regulation." *Papers in Regional Science* 84(4), 575-595.

Wagner, Gary A. and Erick M. Elder (2005). "The Role of Budget Stabilization Funds in Smoothing Government Expenditures Over the Business Cycle." *Public Finance Review* 33(4), 439-465.

Wagner, Gary (2004). "The Bond Market and Fiscal Institutions: Have Budget Stabilization Funds Reduced State Borrowing Costs?." *National Tax Journal* 57(4), 785-804.

Garrett, Thomas A. and Gary A. Wagner (2004). "State Government Finances: World War II to the Current Crisis." *Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review* , 9-25.

Sobel, Russell S. and Gary A. Wagner (2004). "Expressive Voting and Government Redistribution: Testing Tullock's Charity of the Uncharitable." *Public Choice* 119(1-2), 143-159.

Wagner, Gary (2003). "Are State Budget Stabilization Funds Only the Illusion of Savings? Evidence from Stationary Panel Data." *Quarterly Review of Economics & Finance* 43(2), 213-238.

Wagner, Gary (2001). "Political Control and Public Sector Savings: Evidence from the States." *Public Choice* 109(1-2), 149-173.

Wagner, Gary A. and Tod S. Porter (2000). "Location Effects in the Determination of Beginning Teacher Salaries: Evidence from Ohio." *Education Economics* 8(2), 109-127.

Wagner, Gary A. and Russell S. Sobel (2000). "New Empirical Evidence of the Role of Interest Groups in Influencing the Size and Growth of Government." *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice* 28(2-3), 83-100.

Sobel, Russell S. and Gary A. Wagner (1998). "On the Determinants of Congressional Bill Sponsorship and Voting Behavior with an Application to Government Growth Theories." *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice* 17(2-3), 89-115.

Other Publications, Comments, and Research Reports

Wagner, Gary (2018). "Rust and Renewal: A Cincinnati Retrospective." *Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland*

Wagner, Gary A. and C. Luke Watson (2014). "Economics of Early Childhood Development Programs." In *The State of Early Childhood in Virginia*. Edited by Angela Eckhoff and Pete Baker. Virginia Early Childhood Policy Center, Old Dominion University.

Agarwal, Vinod B. and Gary A. Wagner (2013). "It Could Have Been (Much) Worse." In *State of the Region*. Edited by James Koch. Regional Studies Institute at Old Dominion University., 4-35.

Agarwal, Vinod B. and Gary A. Wagner (2013). "Our Housing Market Turns the Corner." In *State of the Region*. Edited by James Koch. Regional Studies Institute at Old Dominion University., 38-55.

Wagner, Gary A. and Vinod B. Agarwal (2013). "Coal: A Very Important Economic Engine in Hampton Roads." In *State of the Region*. Edited by James Koch. Regional Studies Institute at Old Dominion University., 58-73.

Agarwal, Vinod B. and Gary A. Wagner (2012). "Gathering Steam: The Regional Economy Recovers (Slowly)." In *State of the Region*. Edited by James Koch. Regional Studies Institute at Old Dominion University., 4-43.

Wagner, Gary (2012). "How Much is Too Much? Comparing Inequality and the Cost of Living in Hampton Roads to New York City." In *State of the Region*. Edited by James Koch. Regional Studies Institute at Old Dominion University., 46-67.

Wagner, Gary (2010). "Commentary on Can State and Local Governments Rely on Alternative Tax Sources?." *Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Regional Economic Development* 6(1), 102-107.

Denning, Shea Riggsbee and Gary A. Wagner (2007). "The Property Tax." In *County and Municipal Government in North Carolina*. Edited by David Lawrence. University of North Carolina., 46-67.

Wagner, Gary (2006). "Financing Government: Revenue Variability and the Role of Rainy Day Funds." *Popular Government* 71(3), 24-30.

Sobel, Russell S. and Gary A. Wagner (2005). "Expressive Voting and Redistribution." In *Encyclopedia of Public Choice*. Edited by C.K. Rowley and F. Schneider. Kluwer Academic Publishers., 569-571.

Sobel, Russell S. and Gary A. Wagner (2003). "Cyclical Variability in State Government Revenue: Can Tax Reform Reduce It?." *State Tax Notes* 29(3), 569-576.

Funded Research

- \$9,400, Acadiana Planning Commission, 2021.
- \$520,132, Louisiana Workforce Commission, 2018-2020.

Academic Conference and Seminar Presentations

- Eastern Economic Association (2021)
- International Atlantic Economic Society (2020, 2014, 2010, 2009, 2007)
- Midwest Economics Association (2001)
- National Tax Association (2014, 2013, 2012, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2001)
- Public Choice Society (2020, 2014, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2001)
- Southern Economic Association (2019, 2018, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999)
- Western Economic Association (2020, 2015, 2012)
- College of Charleston (2019, 2016)
- Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (2010)
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (2010, 2007)
- Oklahoma University (2001)
- Texas Tech University (2020)
- Troy University (2019)

- University of Central Arkansas (2006, 2001)
- University of North Carolina-Charlotte (2006)
- University of Missouri at St. Louis (2003)
- Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center (2003)
- Vassar College (2005)
- West Virginia University (2014, 2011, 2005, 2002)
- Wichita State University (2011)

Public Presentations

I have delivered more than 350 public (non-academic) presentations to various business and governmental organizations.

Professional Service

Ad hoc reviewer for:

Annals of Regional Science, Applied Economics, Applied Economics Letters, B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis & Policy, Canadian Public Policy, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Development Quarterly, Economics of Governance, Eastern Economic Journal, Economic Inquiry, Economics Letters, Growth and Change, International Regional Science Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy, Journal of Insurance Regulation, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Municipal Finance Journal, National Tax Journal, Papers in Regional Science, Pew Charitable Trusts, Public Budgeting and Finance, Public Choice, Public Finance Review, Public Finance and Management, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Regional Studies, Southern Economic Journal, Southern Journal of Entrepreneurship

- Testified on pension finance to Pennsylvania House Government Committee (2015)
- Co-Chair, State and Local Program, National Tax Association Spring Symposium (2013)
- Program Committee, National Tax Association Fall Conference, Providence, RI (2012)
- Editorial Board, Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy, 2010-2015
- Member, Commission to Modernize State Government Finance (North Carolina, 2005)

Media Coverage

I have participated in more than 300 interviews with organizations such as The Economist, Bloomberg News, CNN, Wall Street Journal, Fox Business, New York Times, Boston Globe, Philadelphia Inquirer, USAToday.com, MSN Money, Popular Science, and The Guardian. I have also participated in more than 100 live television and/or radio interviews.