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EDUCATION

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Ph.D., Economics, 2000

Dissertation: "The Political Economy of Legislative Organization"

M.A., Economics, 1998

Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC

B.A., Economics and Philosophy, 1996

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA

Department of Economics, Finance, and Quantitative Analysis

Professor

2016-present

Department of Exercise Science and Sport Management

Professor

2012-2016

Department Chair

2012-2015

Department of Social Work and Human Services

Interim Department Chair

2014-2015

Department of Health, Physical Education, and Sport Science

Department Chair

2011-2012

Interim Department Chair

2011

Professor

2011-2012

Associate Professor

2006-2011

Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee, TN

Department of Economics

Associate Professor

2006

Assistant Professor

2003-2006

Visiting Assistant Professor

2001-2003

North Georgia College & State University, Dahlonega, GA

Department of Business Administration

Assistant Professor

2000-2001

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Department of Economics

Instructor

1999-2000

Research Associate/Fellow, Mercatus Center

1997-2000

Political Economy Research Center (PERC), Bozeman, MT

Graduate Research Fellow Summer

1998

AFFILIATIONS

Bagwell Center for the Study of Markets and Economic Opportunity

Faculty Affiliate

2017- present

Journal of Sports Economics

Associate Editor

2019-present

Editorial Board

2017-present

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Yes, There Is an Economic Consensus that Professional Sports Facilities Are Inadvisable Public Investments: A Reply to Johnson, Fort, and Rosentraub,” with Brad Humphreys, *Economic Development Quarterly*, In Press.

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“Determinants of Attendance in Major League Soccer,” *Journal of Sport Management*, 2020, 34(1): 53-63.

“Monitoring and Employee Shirking: Evidence from MLB Umpires” *Journal of Sports Economics*, 2019, 20(6): 850-872.

“Determinants of Revenue in Sports Leagues: An Empirical Assessment,” *Economic Inquiry*, 2019, 57(1): 121-140.

“Full Cost of Attendance Scholarships and College Choice: Evidence from NCAA Football,” with Joshua D. Pitts, *Journal of Sports Economics*, 2018, 19(7) 977-989.

“Hired To Be Fired: The Publicity Value of Managers,” *Managerial and Decision Economics*, 2017, 38 (7): 929-940.

“Monopsony and Competition: The Impact of Rival Leagues on Player Salaries during the Early Days of Baseball,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 2017, 65: 55-67.

“What Is Right with Scully-Estimates of a Player’s Marginal Revenue Product,” *Journal of Sports Economics*, 2013, 14 (1): 87-96.

“Did Jose Canseco Really Improve the Performance of His Teammates by Spreading Steroids? A Critique of Gould and Kaplan,” *Econ Journal Watch*, 2013, 10 (1).

“The Impact of Pitch Counts and Days of Rest on Performance among Major-League Baseball Pitchers,” with Sean Forman, *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*, 2012, 26(5): 1181-1187.

“Working in the Land of the Metricians,” with David Berri, *Journal of Sports Economics*, 2010, 11(1): 29-47.

“Peak Athletic Performance and Ageing: Evidence from Baseball,” *Journal of Sports Sciences*, 2009, 27(6): 599-610.

“Spatially Targeted Government Spending and Heterogeneous Constituent Cost Shares.” with Frank Stephenson, *The Journal of Private Enterprise*, 2009, 24(2): 1-17.

“Pigou at the Plate: Hitting Externalities in Baseball,” with Doug Drinen, *Journal of Sports Economics*, 2008, 9(2): 211-224.

“Does the Baseball Labor Market Properly Value Pitchers?” *Journal of Sports Economics*, 2007, 8(6): 616-632.

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BOOKS

This One Will Be Different: False Promises and Fiscal Realities of Publicly Funded Stadiums, Oxford University Press, 2026, forthcoming.

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“Public Choice and Stadium Subsidies,” with Dennis Coates and Brad Humphreys, *Elgar Encyclopedia of Public Choice*, Jong-A-Pin and Bjørnskov, Elgar, 2025.

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POLICY PAPERS

“A Home Run for Cobb? A Comprehensive Report on the Economic Impact of Truist Park and The Battery Atlanta on Cobb County,” *Bagwell Center Policy Report*. March 2022.
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“Reply to Zimbalist: ‘Report on the Fiscal Impact of Truist Park and the Battery,’” July 2022.
[\(https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4165031\)](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4165031)

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[\(https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3526169\)](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3526169)

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RESTING PAPERS

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“Searching for Illicit Behavior through Changes in Productivity: The Case of Roger Clemens and Performance-Enhancing Drugs.” [\(https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2905360\)](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2905360)

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Review of *A Two-Way Street* by George A. Krause. *Public Choice*, 2003 (July), Vol. 116(1-2): 225-228.

EDITORIALS

“Before Taxpayers Pony Up for Dan Snyder’s New Stadium, Consider This Cautionary Atlanta Tale” *Washington Post*, March 16, 2022.

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“Bob Ott’s Braves Stadium Numbers Don’t Break Even.” *Marietta Daily Journal*, February 18, 2018.

“The Myth of the Hotel-Motel Tax.” *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, February 13, 2013.

“Fire the Dirty, Reward the Clean.” *New York Times*, August 8, 2012.

“Revenue Falls Short at Coolray Field.” *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, September 9, 2011.

“Encouraging the Poor to Stay Poor.” *New York Times*, August 28, 2010.

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“The Minimum Wage Locks the Poor Out of Work.” *News & Observer* (Raleigh), July 3, 1996.

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Recent: Contemporary Economics Issues, Principles of Microeconomics, Public Economics

Past: Advanced Sports Economics (graduate) Econometrics, Growth Theory, Industrial Organization, Money and Banking, Principles of Finance, Quantitative Methods, Risk and Insurance, Senior Research Seminar Sports Economics, Sports Finance, Statistical Methods (graduate)