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Appointment

University of Florida, Food & Resource Economics Department

Assistant Professor – Economics of International Development

July 2017 – Present

Education

University of Wisconsin–Madison: Ph.D, Agricultural & Applied Economics 2017

American University: B.S., Economics; B.A., International Relations 2008

Research

Fields

Development Economics; Production Economics; Applied Econometrics; Trade

Working Papers

Travis McArthur. 2016. “Direct Measurement of Efficiency Gains from Land Titling: PROCEDE’s Effect upon the Productivity of Mexican Agriculture.” Selected Paper for the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association. (*Previous version of “Property Rights and Efficiency: Evidence from Mexico’s Land Titling Program”*)

Dean Baker and Travis McArthur. 2009. “The Value of the ‘Too Big to Fail’ Big Bank Subsidy.” Center for Economic and Policy Research, Reports and Issue Briefs No. 2009-36.

Dean Baker, Robert Pollin, Travis McArthur, and Matt Sherman. 2009. “The Potential Revenue from Financial Transactions Taxes.” Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Working Paper No. 212.

Work in Progress

Property Rights and Efficiency: Evidence from Mexico’s Land Titling Program

Allocative Inefficiency under Heterogeneous Technology in Bolivian Agriculture

Economies of Scope in Bolivian Agriculture (with Bradford Barham and Jean-Paul Chavas)

The Influence of International Investment Agreements on U.S. Exports

Academic Labor in the Higher Education Production Function: A Decomposition

Presentations

2017 Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons
 2017 Congreso Anual de Economía y de Políticas Públicas (*Invited*)
 2017 Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC)
 2017 University of Florida
 2017 International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
 2017 IMPAQ International
 2017 American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting
 2016 University of California, Davis
 2016 Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting
 2012 U.S. International Trade Commission (*Invited*)

Teaching

2015 Teaching Assistant, Applied Econometric Analysis II, University of Wisconsin–Madison
 2014 – 2016 Instructor, Introduction to R Workshop, University of Wisconsin–Madison
 2006 Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomics, American University

Honors & Awards

2016 USDA International Research Travel Allowance (Mexico)
 2012 – 2016 USDA National Needs Fellowship Grant
 2004 – 2008 American University Presidential Scholarship
 2008 Phi Beta Kappa Society Induction
 2008 Best Quantitative Study by an Undergraduate, Mathias Student Research Conference

Professional & Policy Experience

2009 – 2012 Trade and Finance Researcher, Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch; Washington, DC
 2009 Intern, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR); Washington, DC
 2009 Intern, Institute for Policy Studies; Washington, DC
 2008 Intern, Unión de Agricultores Minifundistas de Guatemala; Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
 2007 Intern, Centre for Domestic Training and Development; Nairobi, Kenya
 2006, 2007 Intern, Oxfam America; Washington, DC
 2005 Intern, Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch; Washington, DC

Miscellaneous*Programming Languages*

R, MATLAB, GAMS, C++

Spoken Languages

Spanish (proficient)

Contributions to Open Source Projects

GitHub repositories: <https://github.com/tmcarthur>

Senior Developer, [micEcon](#) Project: Microeconomic Analysis & Modelling in R

Contributor, [ggplot2](#), The Grammar of Graphics for R

Membership in Professional Associations

American Economic Association (AEA)

Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

Association for Integrity & Responsible Leadership in Economics & Associated Professions (AIRLEAP)

Nonacademic Activities*Nonacademic Service*

2017 Member, Core Organizing Committee, March for Science – Madison, WI
 2017 Vice President, Contract Enforcement Committee, Teaching Assistants' Association
 2016 – 2017 Graduate Student Representative to the Graduate Committee, Department of
 Agricultural & Applied Economics of the University of Wisconsin–Madison
 2014 – 2015 Treasurer, Teaching Assistants' Association
 2006 Co-facilitator, Community Action and Social Justice Coalition, American University
 2003 State Delegate, Green Party of Florida

Nonacademic Awards

2016 David Newby Award, by the Teaching Assistants' Association
 2007 “I’ll Be There” Award (group award to American University Labor Solidarity Committee), by
 DC Jobs with Justice

Labor Union Membership

2013 – 2017 AFT Local 3220 – Teaching Assistants' Association (TAA); Madison, WI
 2009 – 2012 SEIU Local 500; Washington, DC