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EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant Director, O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, Southern Methodist University, (Fall 2017-present)
- Research Assistant Professor, O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, Southern Methodist University, (Spring 2018-present)
- Research Associate, O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, Southern Methodist University, (Spring 2016-Fall 2017)
- Program Manager for the Spending and Budget Initiative, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, (Spring 2015 – Spring 2016)
- Research Assistant to Tyler Cowen (Fall 2013-Spring 2015)
- Research Assistant to Chris Coyne (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)
- Research Associate for the Spending and Budget Initiative, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Koch Associate, (June 2011-July 2012)
- Research Assistant to Dr. Peter Boettke (Spring 2010)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics, George Mason University (Fall 2016)
 - Mercatus PhD Fellow (Fall 2012-Spring 2015)
 - Dissertation: *Incentives Matter: Examining the Problematic Nature of Public Aid in the United States*
 - Committee: Richard Wagner (Chair), Peter Boettke, and Virgil Storr
 - Primary Fields: Austrian Economics, Public Choice, New Institutional Economics
- M.A. Economics, George Mason University (Spring 2015)
- B.A. Economics, George Mason University, *Magna Cum Laude* (Spring 2011)
 - Undergraduate Apprenticeship Program mentored by Don Boudreaux (Summer 2010)
- B.A. Philosophy, George Mason University *Magna Cum Laude* (Spring 2011)
 - Independent Study in Phenomenology and Austrian Economics (Spring 2011)
 - Oxford University, Hertford College, Study Abroad (Fall 2009)

PUBLISHED ACADEMIC PAPERS

- “Entanglement and Perverse Spontaneous Orders” in David Hebert and Diana Thomas, eds. *Emergence, Entanglement, and Political Economy*. New York: Springer, forthcoming.
- “Samaritan’s Dilemmas, Wealth Redistribution, and Polycentricity” (with Richard Wagner) in Richard E. Wagner, ed. *James M. Buchanan: A Theorist of Political Economy and Social Philosophy*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.
- “Targeted State Economic Development Incentives and Entrepreneurship” (with Dean Stansel) *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy* 7(3) 2018: 235-247.
 - Received the Journal’s Highly Commended Paper Award
- “Sub-National Economic Freedom: A Review and Analysis of the Literature” (with Dean Stansel) *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy* 48(1): 2018, 61-71.
- “Aging Populations and the Size of Government” (with Ryan Murphy) *IREF Working*

Paper No. 201802

- “Institutions, Trade, and Economic Prosperity: An Examination of the U.S. and Mexican States” (with Dean Stansel) *Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center Working Paper*
- “Economic Freedom in the United States, 1980 to the Present” (with Dean Stansel). *Economic Freedom of the World 2016 Annual Report*, pp. 257-272.
- “From mixed economy to entangled political economy: a Paretian social-theoretic orientation” (with Richard Wagner). *Public Choice* 164(1-2) 2015: 103-116.
- “Review of Nicholas Wapshott *Keynes Hayek: The Clash that Defined Modern Economics*,” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 46(1) 2012: 97-102.

POLICY PAPERS

- “Is Arkansas Prepared for the Next Economic Downturn” (with Dean Stansel and David Mitchell) *Forthcoming as an ACRE Policy Review*
- “On the Feasibility of Public Employee Buyouts for Alleviating West Virginia’s Fiscal Strain” *Forthcoming as a Cardinal Institute Working Paper*

UNDER REVIEW

- “The California Horse: How Does Internal Migration Affect States’ Economic Freedom?” (with Dean Stansel and Alexandre Padilla) *Under Review at Regional Studies*

WORKING PAPERS

- “Some Dynamics of Socioeconomic Relationships: Well-Being, Social Capital, Economic Freedom, Economic Growth, and Entrepreneurship” (with Ryan Murphy and Jeremy Jackson)
- “Polycentric governance and economic development: the Hanseatic League as a decentralized foundation of the German state.” (with Stefanie Haffele and Megan Teague) *Journal Article*
- “Examining the Relationship Between Immigration and State Institutions” (with Dean Stansel) *Journal Article*
- “Targeted Business Incentives and Firm Deaths” (with Dean Stansel) *Journal Article*
- “Do More Decentralized State Governments Provide Higher Levels of Economic Freedom” (with Dean Stansel and Jason Sorens) *Journal Article*
- “A Public Choice Analysis of the Passage of the 1935 Social Security Act” (with Dean Stansel) *Journal Article*

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

- “Americans are on the Move to Freer Pastures” (with Dean Stansel). *Washington Examiner*. January 31, 2018.
- “Is America on the Wrong Economic Path?” (with Dean Stansel). *Investor’s Business Daily*. September 15, 2016.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

- “Public Choice 1: Governments and Markets”, high-school economics unit for Teaching Free Enterprise in Texas program (Summer 2018)
 - Presented to high school teachers at over a dozen events in Texas, Kansas, and Georgia
- “Public Choice 2: The Political Process”, high-school economics unit for Teaching Free Enterprise in Texas program (Summer 2018)
 - Presented to high school teachers at over a dozen events in Texas, Kansas, and Georgia
- “Taxation and Government Finance” (with Dean Stansel), high-school economics unit

for Teaching Free Enterprise in Texas program (Summer 2016)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Economic Freedom and Environmental Quality in the United States” *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, Las Vegas, NV (Spring 2018)
- “Institutions and Trade: An Examination of the U.S. States and Mexico” (with Dean Stansel) *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, Las Vegas, NV (Spring 2018)
- “Economic Freedom and Federal Aid” (with Dean Stansel) *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, Lahaina, HI (Spring 2017)
- “The Changing Nature of the Art and Science of Association” *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, Lahaina, HI (Spring 2017)
- “Targeted Business Incentives and Firm Deaths” (with Dean Stansel) *Southern Regional Science Association Meeting*, Memphis, TN (Spring 2017)
- “Examining the Relationship Between Immigration and State Institutions” (with Dean Stansel) *Southern Economic Association 86th Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C. (Fall 2016)
- “Why the 1996 Clinton Welfare Reforms are a Poor Model for Encouraging Work and Financial Independence” *Southern Economic Association 86th Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C. (Fall 2016)
- “Samaritan’s Dilemmas, Wealth Redistribution, and Polycentricity” (with Richard Wagner) *53rd Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society*, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Spring 2016)
- “From an Art and Science of Association to a Science of Alms: The Evolution of Public Aid Dependency” *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, Cancun, Mexico (Spring 2015)
- “From an Art and Science of Association to a Science of Alms: The Evolution of Public Aid Dependency,” *52nd Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society*, San Antonio, TX (Fall 2015)
- “From Mixed Economy to Entangled Political Economy: Paretian Insights into the Two Faces of Entrepreneurship,” *Southern Economic Association 84th Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA (Fall 2014).
- “Using Bauer to Counter Banerjee: Innovation in India’s Electronic Waste Industry,” *Southern Economic Association 84th Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA (Fall 2014).
- “The Poverty of US Anti-Poverty Strategies.” *Graduate Student Paper Workshop*, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Fall 2014)
- “In Defense of Unbridled International Trade in Electronic Waste,” *Graduate Student Paper Workshop*, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Spring 2014)
- “Institutional Entrepreneurship in Native America: Two Case Studies of Successful Reform,” *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, Las Vegas, NV (Spring 2014)
- “The Creation of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*: When Politics Trumps Health,” *51st Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society*, Charleston, SC (Spring 2014)
- “Criminal Justice Interventions in Native America: A Case Study in Failure,” *Graduate Student Paper Workshop*, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Fall 2013)
- “New Zealand’s Agricultural Revolution: Lessons for the U.S.,” *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference Session Chair*, Las Vegas, NV (Spring 2012)
- “Subsidizing Hunger: De-Romanticizing the Story of Ethanol Subsidies,” *Association of Private Enterprise Education*, Undergraduate Poster Competition, Nassau, Bahamas (Spring 2011)
- “The Problems with Cap-and-Trade,” *Cato Institute*, Koch Summer Fellowship

Presentation, Washington, D.C. (Fall 2009)

CONFERENCES AND COLLOQUIA

- Applied Research in the Political Economy, *Mercatus Center*, Fairfax, VA (Spring 2019)
- A Free Society and the Academy, *Mercatus Center*, Arlington, VA (Spring 2019)
- Applied Research in the Political Economy, *Mercatus Center*, Arlington, VA (Spring 2018)
- Mercatus Center Academic Outreach Workshop: Strategic Planning, Measurement, Reporting, & Development, *Mercatus Center*, Tampa, FL (Fall 2017)
- Applied Research in the PPE Framework Colloquium, *Mercatus Center, Graduate Student Programs*, Fairfax, VA (Summer 2015)
- Thought Leaders Summit, *Charles Koch Institute/Institute for Humane Studies*, Arlington, VA (Summer 2015)
- Property Rights, Markets, and Freedom, *PERC/Liberty Fund*, Bozeman, MT (Summer 2014)
- Mercatus Center at George Mason University Colloquium: Murray Rothbard on Power and Market, *Mercatus Center*, Fairfax, VA (Spring 2014)
- Mercatus Center at George Mason University Colloquium: Armen Alchian on Economic Forces at Work, *Mercatus Center*, Fairfax, VA (Fall 2013)
- Advanced Topics in Liberty: Hayek's Social and Political Thought, *Liberty Fund/Institute for Humane Studies*, Arlington, VA (Spring 2013)
- Contracts and Constitutions in James Buchanan's Limits of Liberty, *Liberty Fund*, Las Vegas, NV (Spring 2012)
- Liberty and the American Founding, *Liberty Fund/ISI*, Philadelphia, PA (March 2011)
- Bertrand de Jouvenel's *Ethics of Redistribution* Roundtable, *Liberty Fund, cosponsored by Students for Liberty*, Washington, D.C. (February 2011)
- The End of Globalizing Capitalism? Classical Liberal Responses to the Global Financial Crisis, *Special Meeting of the Mont Pelerin Society*, New York City, (March 2009)
- Exploring Liberty Spring Break Seminar, *Institute for Humane Studies*, University of California, Santa Cruz, (March 2010)
- Exploring Liberty Weekend Seminar, *Institute for Humane Studies*, University of Mary Washington (January 2011)
- Freedom University, *Foundation for Economic Education*, Irvington, NY (July 2007)
- Freedom: 101, *Foundation for Economic Education*, Irvington, NY (July 2006)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center Research Grant for "Institutions, Trade, and Economic Prosperity: An Examination of the U.S. and Mexican States" with Dean Stansel and Jose Torra (Fall 2017)
- Charles Koch Foundation Grant for Research on the Foundations of Well-Being (Spring 2016)
- Mercatus Center Ph.D. Fellowship (Fall 2012 – Spring 2015)
- IHS JIN Fellowship (Fall 2012 – Spring 2015)
- Mercatus Graduate Student Summer Research Fellow (Summer 2013, Summer 2014)
- Outstanding Graduating Senior in Economics (Spring 2011)
- Highest Honors for Graduating Senior in Philosophy (Spring 2011)
- James Buchanan Essay Contest, First Place (Spring 2010)
- Thomas Sowell Scholarship (Fall 2008 - Spring 2010)
- GMU Foundation 4-Year Scholarship (Fall 2007 - Spring 2011)
- Fenton English 4-Year Scholarship (Fall 2007 - Spring 2011)

- Academic Competitiveness Grant (Fall 2007 – Spring 2009)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Workshop in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Weekly, Fall 2012 – Spring 2015)
- Graduate Student Paper Workshop, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Weekly, Fall 2012 – Spring 2015)
- “Advanced Econometrics Seminar” workshop lead by Stephen Matteo Miller
George Mason University, Arlington, VA (Spring 2015)
- “Discovering Your Inner Liberal Educator: How to Create a Successful Career as a Teacher-Scholar” workshop lead by Emily Chamlee-Wright and Steven Horwitz,
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Summer 2014)
- Fieldwork Workshop lead by Emily Chamlee-Wright, George Mason University,
Fairfax, VA (Summer 2014)
- Mercatus Graduate Student Programs Lecture Series, featuring Mario Rizzo (October 2012)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- America’s Future Foundation, Dallas Chair (Fall 2016 – present)
- Mont Pelerin Society (Spring 2015 – present)
- Society for the Development of Austrian Economics (Spring 2014 – present)
- Southern Economic Association (Spring 2014 – present)
- Association for Private Enterprise Education (Spring 2013 – present)

COURSES TAUGHT

- Markets and Freedom, BUSE 3310
Southern Methodist University (May Term 2018)
- Economies in Transition, ECON 380
George Mason University (Fall 2014)