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EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D. in Economics, George Mason University
 Mercatus Ph.D. Fellow
2015 M.A. in Economics, George Mason University
2011 B.A. in Economics, George Mason University
 Magna Cum Laude
2011 B.A. in Philosophy, George Mason University
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WORK EXPERIENCE

2016 – Present Southern Methodist University, Cox School of Business, Dallas, TX
 Managing Director, Bridwell Institute for Economic Freedom (2020 – Present)
 Research Assistant Professor (2018 – Present)
 Assistant Director, O’Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom (2017 – 2020)
 Research Associate, O’Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom (2016 – 2017)

2015 – 2016 Mercatus Center at George Mason University
 Program Manager, Spending and Budget Initiative

2020 – 2024 West Virginia University, College of Business and Economics
 Adjunct Lecturer

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Meg Patrick Tuszynski and Richard E. Wagner. 2024. *Reason, Ideology, and Democracy: A Study in Entangled Political Economy*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

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Meg Tuszynski. 2020. "Entanglement and Perverse Spontaneous Orders." In *Emergence, Entanglement, and Political Economy*. New York, Springer: 87-102.

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Policy Papers

Meg Tuszynski. 2023. "Tearing Down Barriers to Prosperity: How More Economic Freedom Can Reduce Poverty and Boost Prosperity in Pennsylvania" *Commonwealth Foundation Working Paper*.

David Mitchell, Dean Stansel, and Meg Tuszynski. 2018. "Is Arkansas Prepared for the Next Economic Downturn." *Arkansas Center for Research in Economics Policy Review*.

Meg Tuszynski. 2016. "On the Feasibility of Public Employee Buyouts for Alleviating West Virginia's Fiscal Strain." *Cardinal Institute Working Paper*.

Papers Under Review

Edward J. Lopez and Meg Tuszynski. 2025. "Economic Freedom and Gender Inequality: Enabling and Constraining Institutions." Under Review at the *Journal of Institutional Economics*.

Meg Tuszynski and Richard E. Wagner. 2025. "Reconceptualizing public choice inside a theory of complex social systems." Under Review at the *Journal of Contextual Economics*.

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MEDIA

Print Media

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Dean Stansel and Meg Tuszynski. January 31, 2018. "Americans are on the Move to Freer Pastures." *Washington Examiner*.

Dean Stansel and Meg Tuszynski. September 15, 2016. "Is America on the Wrong Economic Path?" *Investor's Business Daily*.

Audiovisual Media

Meg Tuszynski. February 26, 2025. "Championing Economic Freedom: A Conversation with Dr. Meg Tuszynski." Podcast appearance on Next Steps Forward with Chris Meek.

Meg Tuszynski. July 23, 2024. "Economic Freedom Empowers Women's Careers." Podcast appearance on Let the People Prosper Show.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Entangled Political Economy Research Network (2020 – present) – current Assistant Director

Mont Pelerin Society (2015 – present)

Society for the Development of Austrian Economics (2014 – present)

Southern Economic Association (2014 – present)

Association for Private Enterprise Education (2013 – present)