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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

1994 – 2002 University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, Wisconsin

Ph.D. Economics: 2003

M.S. Economics, 1997

Major field of macroeconomics and monetary theory. Minor fields of mathematics and international trade.

Dissertation: “Three Essays in Macroeconomics: How Well Does the United States Unemployment Insurance System Work?”

1. “Reforming Unemployment Insurance: Asset and Labor Market Implications”
2. “How Much Can the United States Unemployment Insurance System Be Improved?”
3. “Optimal Unemployment Insurance With Duration Dependence in the Employment Process: Incorporating Active Labor Market Policies into an Optimal Unemployment Insurance System”

1990 – 1993 University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California

B.A. Economics, with Honors

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008-present Associate Professor

Department of Economics, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington

2003-2008 Assistant Professor

Department of Economics, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington

2001 – 2003 Visiting Assistant Professor

Department of Economics, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington

1996 – 2001 Teaching Assistant

Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, Wisconsin

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Interests and Specialties, and Courses Taught

My teaching duties have included the following courses:

- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Economic Issues
- Introductory Econometrics
- Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory
- Economics of Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment
- Labor Economics
- Money and Banking
- Economic Research
- Independent Study: Mathematical Economics
- Independent Study: Economic Research

I am also capable of teaching the following courses as department needs warrant:

- Time-series Econometrics
- International Economics
- Forecasting
- Growth Theory
- Advanced Macroeconomic Theory
- Finance

Teaching Awards and Honors

Recipient of 2007 CWU Alumni Association's Excellence in Teaching Award

Nominated 2005-2009 for CWU College of Business Excellence in Teaching Award

Graduate Faculty Status and Master's Committees

Associate Member of the Graduate Faculty at CWU

Currently serving on three Master's committees for Resource Management (REM) students

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Current Projects

1. Continuing our research on the impacts of unions on higher education, my co-authors and I examine whether faculty unions impact the intra-institution dispersion of wages. In particular, we examine whether there are dispersion-reducing impacts across disciplines.
2. Emigrants from less developed countries remit substantial funds to family-members in their 'home' nations – sometimes equating to several percent of GDP. We investigate whether these remittances reduce the rate of population growth in the emigrant nation by inducing a demographic transition. This has profound macroeconomic implications for social welfare in the origin nation.

Publications

1. “*The Effects of AACSB Accreditation on Faculty Salaries and Productivity*” with Dr. David Hedrick, CWU Department of Economics, Dr. John Krieg, WWU Department of Economics, and Dr. Steven Henson, WWU Department of Economics; Journal of Education for Business, forthcoming.
2. “*Administrative Costs in Higher Education: How Fast are they Really Growing?*” with Dr. David Hedrick, CWU Department of Economics, and Dr. Steven Henson, WWU Department of Economics; Education Economics, March 2009, 17(1), 123-137.
3. “*The Fallacy of Sustainable Biofuels Feedstock Production: You ARE Putting a Tiger in Your Tank*” with Dr. Timothy Dittmer, CWU Department of Economics; Challenge, September-October 2008, 51(5), pp. 20-39.
4. “*Reducing America’s Oil Dependence: An Overview of the Options*” with Dr. Robert Carbaugh, CWU Department of Economics; Challenge, November-December 2006, 49(6), pp. 55-77.
5. “*Are Subsidies for Biodiesel Economically Efficient?*” with Dr. Timothy Dittmer, CWU Department of Economics; Energy Policy, December 2006, 34(18), pp. 3993-4001.

Under Review

1. “*Faculty Unions in Higher Education: Is There Really a Salary Premium?*” Revise and resubmit at Industrial and Labor Relations Review.
2. “*Restructuring the Detroit Three: What Form Should It Take?*” under review at The Economists’ Voice.
3. “*Examples of Collateralized Debt Obligations and Their Risks*” under review at the Journal of Economics and Finance Education.

Conference Papers and Presentations

1. Presented "*Collective Bargaining and Collegiate Faculty: Is There Really a Salary Premium?*" at the Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI 2008
2. Presented "*The Effects of AACSB Accreditation on Faculty Salaries and Productivity*" at the Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI 2008
3. Presented "*Are Subsidies for Biodiesel Economically Efficient?*" at the Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC 2004

Working Papers

1. Wassell, Jr. and Peter Saunders. "Time Series Evidence on Social Security and Private Saving: The Issue Revisited." Available online 1/2008.
2. Wassell Jr, Charles, and David Hedrick. "Are there Economics of Scale in Fighting Wildfires?" Available online 1/2008.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University

- Member, Central Washington University Retirement and Insurance Committee, 2005-present
- Member, Central Washington University Carbon Reduction Task Force, 2007

Faculty Senate

- Member, Central Washington University General Education Committee, 2003-present

College

- College of Business Faculty Committee, 2007-present
- College of Business Student Committee, 2001-2007

Department

- Department of Economics Personnel Committee, 2006-present
- Department of Management/Marketing Personnel Committee, 2008-2009
- Member, search committees for tenure track assistant/associate economics professors, 2006-2008

Other

- Member, Resource Management (REM) Advisory Board, 2009-present
- Member, Central Washington University Environmental Research and Education Task Force, 2006-present
- Program Faculty, Environmental Studies, 2005-present
- Program Faculty, Resource Management (REM) Program, 2001-present
- One of several co-authors of the successful (funded) 2008 CWU “Center for the Environment and Environmental Studies Major” Spheres of Distinction proposal

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Membership in Professional Associations

- American Economic Association
- Western Economic Association International
- Econometric Society

Pertinent Consultantships

- Consultant (2008-2009) enXco, Inc., Escondido, California
- Consultant (2006) Swinomish Tribal Community, La Conner, Washington
- Consultant (2004) Nakaty Enterprises, Ellensburg, Washington
- Researcher/Consultant (1995) Illinois Coal Gas, Inc., New York, New York
- Research Assistant (1994) Philip Cook, Professor of Economics, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

Referee and Review Experience

- Referee for the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*
- Referee for *Education Economics*
- Reviewed “Introduction to Econometrics” by Stock & Watson, in preparation for a second edition of the textbook
- Reviewed several chapters of “Economics: Principles and Applications” by Holahan

Papers and Presentations at Professional Meetings

- REM Colloquium, Central Washington University
- Forum on Central Washington biofuels use and production, Ellensburg 2006

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