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## Academic Positions

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Assistant Professor of Economics, Creighton University July 2015 –  
Scholar Institute for Economic Inquiry July 2015 –

Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Free Market Institute, Texas Tech University July 2014- July 2015

## Education

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West Virginia University - Morgantown, West Virginia  
Doctor of Philosophy, Economics May 2014  
Master's of Arts, Economics May 2012

Capital University - Columbus, Ohio  
Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Mathematics, summa cum laude May 2010

## Areas of Interests

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Primary: Public Economics, Institutional Analysis, Comparative Economics  
Secondary: Regional Economics, Spatial Econometrics

## Publications

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“Was Adam Smith Right About Religious Competition?” (forthcoming) (with Peter J. Boettke and Joshua C. Hall). *Forum for Social Economics*.

“It’s a Small World After All: Internet Access and Institutional Quality,” (with Andrew T. Young). 2014. *Contemporary Economic Policy* 1-19.

“Foreign Aid, Institutional Quality, and Growth,” (with Andrew T. Young). 2014. *European Journal of Political Economy* 36, 195-208.

“Vend It Like Beckham: David Beckham’s Effect on MLS Ticket Sales,” (with Robert A. Lawson and E. Frank Stephenson). 2008. *International Journal of Sport Finance* 3(4), 189-195.

## Working Papers

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“Globalization and Culture.”

“Aiding the Underground: Foreign Aid and the Shadow Economy,” (with Travis Wiseman).

“Spatial Spillovers and the Evolution of Institutions.”

“The Internet, Emotional Contagion, and Foreign Aid,” (with Andrew T. Young).

“Individualism and Economic Freedom,” (with Ryan Murphy).

“Just (Don’t) Do It: Child Brides and the Garment Industry,” (with Ben Powell).

## Popular Writings

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- “U.S. decline in economic freedom is troubling for Nebraska” *Lincoln Journal Star* (September 2015).  
“WV Needs Freedom to be ‘Open for Business’” *The State Journal* (March 2013).  
“Shopping Big Business Can Support Your Local Community, too” *The State Journal* (December 2012).  
“WV Must End Targeted Tax Incentives” *The State Journal* (October 2012).

## Teaching Experience

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### Creighton University, Omaha, NE

Introductory Macroeconomics (ECO 205) Fall 2015

### Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Applied Business Economics (BECO 4310) Spring 2015

### West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

Comparative Economic Systems (ECON 454) Fall 2013

Principles of Macroeconomic (ECON 202 Online) Summer 2013

Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 201) Spring 2013

Art of Teaching Workshop participant, Institute for Humane Studies Summer 2014

## Conference Presentations

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“Just (Don’t) Do It: Child Brides and the Garment Industry”. The Southern Economic Association Annual Conference 2015.

“Spatial Spillovers and the Institutions of the European Union”. The Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE) Annual Conference 2015.

“Determinants of Internet Access”. Public Choice Society Annual Conference 2015.

“Aiding the Underground: Foreign Aid and the Shadow Economy”. The Southern Economic Association Annual Conference 2014.

“Aiding the Underground: Foreign Aid and the Shadow Economy”. Free Market Institute, Texas Tech University, Department Seminar Spring 2014.

“Aiding the Underground: Foreign Aid and the Shadow Economy”. APEE Annual Conference 2014.

“Spatial Spillovers and the Evolution of Institutions”. Public Choice Society Annual Conference 2014.

“Globalization and Culture”. The Southern Economic Association Annual Conference 2013.

“The Internet, Emotional Contagion, and Foreign Aid”. APEE Annual Conference 2013.

“It’s a Small World After All: Internet Access and Institutional Quality”. The Southern Economic Association Annual Conference 2012.

“Foreign Aid, Institutional Quality, and Growth”. APEE Annual Conference 2012.

## Fellowships and Awards

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**Becker Fellowship**, West Virginia University Fall 2012 – Spring 2014

**Visiting Dissertation Fellow**, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University Fall 2013

**Adam Smith Fellowship**, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University Fall 2012

**Humane Studies Fellowship**, Institute for Humane Studies Fall 2010- 2013

**Charles G. Koch Doctoral Cap**, West Virginia University Fall 2010-2012

**Kendrick Summer Research Grant**, West Virginia University Summer 2011, 2012

## **Media Appearances**

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KOGA-AM, Ogallala, NE (Radio). “Midwest Opinions.” Topic: Nebraska and the decline of U.S. economic freedom. October 7, 2015.

KFOR-AM/FM, Lincoln, NE (Radio). “Lincoln Live.” Topic: Nebraska and the decline of U.S. economic freedom. October 1, 2015.

KLIR, KZEN-FM, Central City, NE. With Ryan Kumtf. Topic: Nebraska and the decline of U.S. economic freedom. September 24, 2015.

KFAB-AM (Radio). “Grow Omaha.” Topic: Nebraska and the decline of U.S. economic freedom. September 19, 2015.

WTKI-AM/FM, Decatur, AL (Radio). “The Fred Holland Show.” Topic: United States Relationship with Cuba. February 24, 2015.

KFYO-AM, Lubbock TX (Radio). “The Chad Hasty Show.” Topic: United States Relationship with Cuba. January 23, 2015.

*Free to Exchange*, KTTZ TV and the Free Market Institute. Topic: Shadow Economies in the United States. Fall 2014.

## **Public Lectures**

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Speaker on the Free Market Road Show 2015, hosted by the Austrian Economics Center. Spring 2015.

Panelist, “Entrepreneurship and its enemies. How to set our creative energy free”, Sofia, Bulgaria.

Panelist, “Entrepreneurship and growth”, Skopje, Macedonia.

Panelist, “To grow or not to grow? From secular stagnation to robust recovery”, Pristina, Kosovo.

Panelist, “Entrepreneurship and its enemies. How to set our creative energy free”, Tirana, Albania.

Panelist, “To grow or not to grow? From secular stagnation to robust recovery”, Podgorica, Montenegro.

Panelist, “Entrepreneurship and its enemies. How to set our creative energy free”, Zagreb, Croatia.

Panelist, “To grow or not to grow? From secular stagnation to robust recovery”, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Panelist, “To grow or not to grow? From secular stagnation to robust recovery”, Belgrade, Serbia.

Panelist, “End the War on Drugs” for Students for Liberty. Fall 2014

Graduate student speaker at “Undergraduate Research in Economics and Liberty Conference”, hosted by Troy University. Summer 2013.

## **Referee Service for Academic Journals**

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*European Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Economics and Finance Education*, and *Journal of Private Enterprise*

## **Professional Memberships**

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American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, the Association of Private Enterprise Education, Public Choice Society

## References

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