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Education:

Ph.D., The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Economics, May 1992. Dissertation: "The Costs and Benefits of the Underground Storage Tank Corrective Action Requirements: Qualitative and Quantitative Aspects."
Areas of Specialization: Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Economic Development.
M.A., Economics, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1989.
B.S., Economics, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota, 1987.

Academic and Professional Experience:

Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Economics, The University of Tennessee, July 2024 - present.
Courses: Introductory economics each fall and spring semester, Fall 2002 - present.
Government and Business, Spring semester 2025 - 2026
Intermediate Microeconomics, Fall semester 2024 - 2026

Lecturer, Department of Economics, The University of Tennessee, August 2002 - July 2024.

Courses: Principles of Microeconomics, Spring 2017
Public Finance: Expenditure Analysis, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2013.
Labor Economics: Fall semester 2012, 2014 – 2022
Environmental Economics: Spring 2010.
Government and Business: Spring semester 2016, 2017, 2019-2022, 2024

Adjunct Faculty, MBA Program, Carson-Newman University, Fall 2016. Taught online managerial economics.

Economics Lecturer, Pellissippi State Technical Community College, 1993 - 1996.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Bemidji State University, June 1992 - July 1993. Taught introductory and intermediate level courses, including International Economics and Money and Banking.

Research Assistant, Energy, Environment, and Resources Center, The University of Tennessee, August 1989 - May 1992. Major projects included: Estimation of resource requirements for the cleanup of underground storage tank releases and related literature reviews.

Summer Intern, Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C., May - August, 1989. Conducted study of the effectiveness of a risk communication activity undertaken by EPA/OPPE.

Research Assistant, Center for Business and Economic Research, The University of Tennessee, September 1988 - May, 1989. Major projects included: study of unemployment compensation benefits and taxation in Tennessee and other selected states; Tennessee potential highway fund sources and incidence.

Professional Service and Development:

AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, May 2026. Poster session presentation, "Reframing 'Why Am I Here?': AI as a Tool for Student Engagement in Economics"
AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, May 2025.
AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, May 2024.
University of Tennessee Innovative Teaching and Learning Conference, March 2024.
University of Tennessee Innovative Teaching and Learning Conference, March 2023.
University of Tennessee Innovative Teaching and Learning Conference, Virtual event, March 2022.
AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, Virtual event, June 2021.
University of Tennessee Innovative Teaching and Learning Conference, Virtual event, March 2021.
Innovative Educators Virtual Summit, Hawkes Learning, Virtual event, March 2021.

UTK Teaching & Learning Innovation workshops, topic: large classes, March 2021.
 2020 Virtual Economics Teaching Conference, National Economics Teaching Association and Cengage Events, October 2020.
 BLS Data Users Conference, "Overview of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic's Impact on BLS and the Labor Market." Virtual event, September 2020.
 University of Tennessee, Virtual Vol Bootcamp, July 2020.
 AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, May 2019.
 University of Kentucky Annual Economics Teaching Workshop, April 2019.
 SGA Open Educator Award, April 2019.
 AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, June 2018.
 2018 Tennessee Empirical Applied Microeconomics Festival, mini-conference, May 2018.
 AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, June 2017.
 AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, June 2016.
 Tennessee Empirical Applied Micro Festival, mini-conference, May 2016.
 AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education, discussant, June 2015.
 University of Tennessee Creative Teaching Grant, 2014.
 University of Tennessee Faculty Summer Teaching Institute, June 2014.
 2014 Economist Educators Conference at Harvard, Sponsored by N. Gregory Mankiw and Cengage Learning, May 2014.
 Reviewer for Greg Mankiw's Essentials of Economics, 7th edition; Cengage Learning, 2013.
 Principles of Economics Technology Symposium, Washington D.C., April 2011, Sponsored by McGraw-Hill.
 22nd Annual Teaching Economics Conference: Instruction and Classroom Based Research, Hosted by Robert Morris University & McGraw Hill/Irwin Publishing Company, February 2011.

Presentations and Publications:

"Social Insurance in Developing Countries: Are There Net Benefits to Program Participation?" Journal of Developing Areas, co-authored with Matthew Murray, January 1992.

Underground Storage Tanks: Resource Requirements for Corrective Action, The University of Tennessee - Energy, Environment and Resources Center, co-authored with Sunita Kumar and Milton Russell, December 1991.

"Environmental Legislation and Market Structure: The Case of the Underground Storage Tank Legislation and the Retail Motor Fuel Industry," co-authored with Sunita Kumar and Milton Russell, presented to the Southwestern Social Science Association, Sixty-Ninth Annual Meeting, March 1991.

"Hazardous Waste Remediation: Tax Versus Regulatory Burdens," co-authored with Milton Russell, presented at the National Tax Association Eighty-Third Annual Conference, November 1990; published in Proceedings of the Eighty-Third Annual Conference on Taxation, Columbus, Ohio: National Tax Association, 1991.

"The Inside Story: A Guide to Indoor Air Quality--How Well Is It Working?: Risk Communication Series." Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C. (EPA 230-01-90-073), January 1990.