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### Employment

**Florida Gulf Coast University**, Fort Myers, FL  
Associate Professor of Economics, Fall 2009-present  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Fall 2004-Spring 2009

**Eastern New Mexico University**, Portales, NM  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Fall 2002-Spring 2004

**George Mason University**, Fairfax, VA  
Adjunct Professor, Spring 2001

### Education

**George Mason University**, Fairfax, VA  
Ph.D., Economics, August 2002

Dissertation Title: *Interjurisdictional Competition and Local Economic Performance: A Theoretical and Empirical Examination*

Dissertation Advisors: W. Mark Crain (chair), Gordon Tullock, Todd Zywicki

Major Fields: Public Finance, Political Economy, Public Choice, Contemporary History of Thought

M.A., Economics, December 2000

**Wake Forest University**, Winston-Salem, NC  
B.A., Economics and Politics (double major), May 1991

Graduated Cum Laude and with Honors Degree in Economics

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Local Government Investment and Long-Run Economic Growth,” *Journal of Social, Political, and Economic Studies*, 34, 2 (Summer 2009), 244-59.

“State Fiscal Crises: Are Rapid Spending Increases to Blame?” (with David Mitchell, University of South Alabama), *Cato Journal*, 28, 3 (Fall 2008), 435-48.

“Housing Tenure and Mobility with an Acquisition-Based Property Tax: The Case of Florida,” (with Howard Finch, FGCU, and Gary Jackson, FGCU), *Journal of Housing Research*, 16, 2 (Fall 2007), 117-29.

“Economic Freedom, Corruption, and Growth” (with Mushfiq Swaleheen, FGCU), *Cato Journal*, 27, 3 (Fall 2007), 343-58.

“Interjurisdictional Competition and Local Government Spending in U.S. Metropolitan Areas,” *Public Finance Review*, 34, 2 (March 2006), 173-94.

“Local Decentralization and Local Economic Growth: A Cross-Sectional Examination of U.S. Metropolitan Areas,” *Journal of Urban Economics*, 57 (January 2005), 55-72.

**Works in Progress**

“Local Taxes and Economic Growth in U.S. Metropolitan Areas” with Mushfiq Swaleheen (FGCU) (revisions in progress; targeted for *National Tax Journal*).

“Local Government Finance and Entrepreneurial Activity in U.S. Metropolitan Areas” with Brad Hobbs (FGCU) and Stephan Gohmann (University of Louisville) (revisions in progress; targeted for *Journal of Business Venturing*).

“The Determinants of the Severity of State Fiscal Crises” with David Mitchell (University of South Alabama) (revisions in progress; targeted for *Public Budgeting and Finance*).

“Interjurisdictional Competition and Economic Growth in U.S. Metropolitan Areas” (revisions in progress; to be presented for third time in 11/09; targeted for *Journal of Urban Economics*).

“An Economic Freedom Index for U.S. Metropolitan Areas” with Brad Hobbs (FGCU) and Stephan Gohmann (University of Louisville) (in progress; to be presented for second time in 11/09).

“Does Interjurisdictional Competition Reduce Local Bureaucrats’ Salaries? A New Test of the Leviathan Model” (in progress).

“The Effect of Controlled School Choice on the Provision of Education in Florida” (in progress).

**Other Recent Publications**

“Higher Taxes, Less Growth: The Impact of Tax Burden on Economic Growth in U.S. Metropolitan Areas,” *NFAP Policy Brief*, April 2009, National Foundation for American Policy, Arlington, Virginia, [www.nfap.com](http://www.nfap.com).

“State budgets: Rapid spending increases come home,” *Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram*, Sunday February 22, 2009.

“Interjurisdictional Competition and Local Economic Performance: A Cross-Sectional Examination of U.S. Metropolitan Areas,” George Mason University, *Working Papers in Economics*, No. 02.16, Spring 2002.

**Presentations**

“An Economic Freedom Index for U.S. Metropolitan Areas” with Brad Hobbs (FGCU) and Stephan Gohmann (University of Louisville), Association of Private Enterprise Education, Annual Meeting, Guatemala, April 7, 2009.

“Interjurisdictional Competition and Economic Growth in U.S. Metropolitan Areas,” Association of Private Enterprise Education, Annual Meeting, Guatemala, April 6, 2009.

“Interjurisdictional Competition and Economic Growth in U.S. Metropolitan Areas,” Southern Economic Association, 78th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 23, 2008.

“Local Government Finance and Entrepreneurial Activity in U.S. Metropolitan Areas” (with Brad Hobbs, FGCU, and Stephan Gohmann, University of Louisville), Southern Economic Association, 78th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 22, 2008.

“Economic Freedom and Entrepreneurial Activity at the Local Level,” (with Brad Hobbs, FGCU, and Stephan Gohmann, University of Louisville), Association of Private Enterprise Education, Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 8, 2008.

“Government Spending and Economic Growth in U.S. Metropolitan Areas,” (with Mushfiq Swaleheen, FGCU), Southern Economic Association, 77th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 19, 2007.

“Corruption, Economic Freedom, and Economic Growth” (with Mushfiq Swaleheen, FGCU), Association of Private Enterprise Education, Annual Meeting, Cancun, Mexico, April 9, 2007.

“State Fiscal Crises: Are Rapid Spending Increases to Blame?” (with David Mitchell, St. Mary’s College of California), Southern Economic Association, 76th Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC, November 20, 2006.

“The Effects of Competition on the Provision of Education in Florida,” Southern Economic Association, 75th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 19, 2005.

“Economic Growth in a Cross Section of Metropolitan Areas,” Southern Economic Association, 74th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 21, 2004.

“Does Competition Restrain the Growth of Local Government Spending? A Cross-Sectional Examination of U.S. Metropolitan Areas,” Southern Economic Association, 73rd Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 22, 2003.

“Interjurisdictional Competition and Local Economic Performance: A Cross-Sectional Examination of U.S. Metropolitan Areas,” Southern Economic Association, 71st Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, November 19, 2001.

**Invited Lectures**

“Interjurisdictional Competition and Local Economic Well-Being,” James Buchanan Center Brown Bag Seminar, George Mason University, November 6, 2001.

“The Myth of America’s Underfunded Cities,” Economics Faculty Workshop Lecture, Wake Forest University, November 12, 1998.

**Other Conference Participation**

Chair and Discussant, Southern Economic Association, 78th Annual Meeting, Session 9O, “Leviathan and Fiscal Federalism,” Washington, DC, November 23, 2008.

Discussant, Southern Economic Association, 78th Annual Meeting, Session 22H, “Rent Seeking, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Freedom,” Washington, DC, November 22, 2008.

Discussant, Southern Economic Association, 77th Annual Meeting, Session 10B, “Applied Panel Data for Political Economy,” New Orleans, LA, Nov. 19, 2007.

Discussant, Southern Economic Association, 76th Annual Meeting, Session 197P, "State and Local Level Government Growth," Charleston, SC, Nov. 20, 2006.

Discussant, Southern Economic Association, 75th Annual Meeting, Session 155K, "Education Production I," Washington, DC, November 19, 2005.

Discussant, Southern Economic Association, 74th Annual Meeting, Session 215R, "Foreign Direct Investment, Economic Development, and Growth I," New Orleans, LA, November 23, 2004.

Discussant, Southern Economic Association, 73rd Annual Meeting, Session 188P, "Topics in Public Sector Economics," San Antonio, TX, November 23, 2003.

Chair, Southern Economic Association, 71st Annual Meeting, Session 160N, "State Tax and Expenditure Policies," Tampa, FL, November 19, 2001.

Discussant, Southern Economic Association, 71st Annual Meeting, Session 8A, "Topics in Public Choice," Tampa, FL, November 17, 2001.

### Teaching

Courses taught: Public Sector Economics, Urban Economics, Economics of the Environment, Intermediate Price Theory (Intermediate Microeconomics), Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Business Research and Analysis, Managerial Research Methods (MBA course)

Attended "Creative Teaching Ideas for Your Basic Economics Course," Stavros Center for Economic Education, University of South Florida, Tampa, January 26, 2007 and February 6, 2009.

### Honors

Young Scholars Fellow, Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

F. A. Hayek Fund for Scholars Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, 2001, 2004, 2006.

Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Fellowship, Center for Study of Public Choice, George Mason University, 2001-2002

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002

Claude R. Lambe Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Market Processes, George Mason University, 1992-93

Omicron Delta Epsilon, National Economics Honor Society, 1990

Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, 1990

### Professional Affiliations

American Economic Association

Southern Economic Association

Association for Private Enterprise Education

Referee for *Journal of Urban Economics* (6), *Journal of Regional Science* (1), *Journal of School Choice* (1), *Agenda: A Journal of Policy Analysis and Reform* (1), and *State and Local Government Review* (1).

Aplia.com (on-line economics content provider founded by economist Paul Romer), served as problem set reviewer in 2003 and 2004

**Service** University General Education Council, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, FGCU  
Faculty Senate, 2005-06, 2006-07, FGCU  
College of Business Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09,  
FGCU  
Member, Economics Search Committee, 2007-08, FGCU  
Chair, Economics Search Committee, 2005-06, FGCU  
University Library Committee, 2003-04, ENMU  
College of Business Curriculum Committee, 2002-03, 2003-04, ENMU

**Other Employment History** Cato Institute, Washington, DC  
Fiscal Policy Analyst 1994-1999

- Authored over five dozen publications, including 27 policy studies for the Cato Institute and other public policy research organizations and 40 op-ed articles for the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Investor's Business Daily*, *Chicago Tribune*, and other publications. (Full list available upon request or at: [http://faculty.fgcu.edu/dstansel/pubs/cato\\_pubs.pdf](http://faculty.fgcu.edu/dstansel/pubs/cato_pubs.pdf).)
- Appeared on television and radio, and gave interviews to print reporters.
- Testified before Congress and state legislatures, and spoke on various policy forum panels.
- Organized and maintained a large database of historical statistics on the level, growth, and composition of state government finances and on the size and growth of state economies.

Research Assistant 1/92-8/92 and 6/93-12/93

Intern Fall 1991

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