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Current Positions and Work History

January 2020 to present:

- Dean of the Lutgert College of Business, Florida Gulf Coast University

April 2019 to January 2020:

- Interim Dean of the Lutgert College of Business, Florida Gulf Coast University

January 2015 to June 2020:

- Director of the Regional Economic Research Institute, Florida Gulf Coast University
- Professor of Economics, Florida Gulf Coast University

August 2012 to December 2014:

- Professor of Economics, Jacksonville State University

August 2006 to July 2012:

- Associate Professor of Economics, Jacksonville State University

August 2000 to July 2006:

- Assistant Professor of Economics, Jacksonville State University

August 1999 to July 2000:

- Visiting Professor of Economics, Jacksonville State University

September 1997 to June 1999:

- Graduate Instructor, Auburn University

Education

Ph.D., Economics (2000): Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

Dissertation: *Essays on Extremism in Public Choice Economics*

Advisor: David N. Laband; Members: John D. Jackson, Richard A. Ault, Avery Abernathy

M.A., Economics (1993): St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas

B.S., Public Relations (1987): University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

Tested Fields of Research

Public Economics, Finance

Current Public Service

Member, Cyber Florida Governing Council, June 2020 to present

Board Member, Education Facilities Authority (Lee County), September 2018 to present

Board Member, Southwest Florida Economic Development Alliance, April 2019 to present

Member, Village of Estero Economic Development Partnership, July 2018 to present

Member, Florida Council of Business Economists, March 2018 to present

Southwest Florida Community Foundation FutureMaker, September 2015 to present

Member, Comprehensive Economic Development Committee (CEDS), May 2015 to present

Member, Opportunity Naples Steering Committee, May 2015 to present

Interviewee over 50 times a year, on average, for the Fort Myers News-Press, the Naples Daily News, the Charlotte Sun, WGCU Radio, WINK-TV, ABC-7, NBC-2, Hello Southwest Florida, others

**Florida Gulf
Coast
University
Service
Activities**

Co-chair, President's Task Force on the College With No Name (CNN Committee), February 2019 to present

Chair, University Ad-hoc Committee on Revising the FGCU Strategic Plan 2016-2021, July 2017 to February 2018

Member, Search Committee for Center for Agribusiness Director, May 2018 to August 2018

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Director of Agribusiness Center, September 2018 to March 2019

Member, Search Committee for Lutgert College of Business Graduate Program Coordinator, June 2018 to August 2018

Member, University Marketing Campus Communicators Network, August 2017 to July 2018

Chair, Ad-hoc Committee on the Executive MBA, October 2015 to September 2016

**Regional
Economic Re-
search Institute
Regular Pub-
lications**

Editor and Publisher of

Regional Economic Indicators (monthly)

Lee County Business Climate Survey (quarterly)

Collier County Business Climate Survey (quarterly)

Industry Diversification Report (quarterly)

Workforce Now Report (annually)

Economic Almanac of Southwest Florida (annually)

Immokalee Economic Overview (annually)

Collier County Vital Signs Report (annually)

Top 100 Employers of Southwest Florida (biennially)

**Regional
Economic Re-
search Institute
One-time Pub-
lications / Con-
sulting Projects**

Editor and Publisher of *Vital Signs 2019* (Report for the Collier County Community Foundation), October 2019

“Construction Management Degree Demand”, February 2019

“Economic Impact Study of a Proposed Engine Manufacturing Plant in Lee County, Florida”, February 2019

“Cluster Analysis of Southwest Florida”, April 2017

“Economic Impact Study of a Proposed Manufacturing Plant in Lee County, Florida”, April 2017

“STEM Building Economic Impact Study”, October 2017

“Economic Impact of an Anonymous Firm”, November 2016

“Florida Gulf Coast University: Economic and Community Impact, Academic Year 2014-2015,” May 2016

“Economic Impact of 2013 ‘Dunk City’ ”, April 2016

“An Economic Impact Study of Three New Academic Programs at Florida Gulf Coast University”, January 2016

Conducted three separate economic reports analyzing the effect of proposed business expansions in LaBelle, Florida, and greater Hendry County, August 2015

“Collier County Wage Project”, August 2015

“Taxi Pricing Regulations in Fort Myers, Florida”, July 2015

“Naples Players Economic Impact”, May 2015

**Academic
Publications**

“Degredados, Their Human Agency, and Micro Institutions in Colonial Brazil: An Institutional Reinterpretation” (with Fernando Zanella), *Journal of Economic Issues*, March 2015, XLIX(1), pp. 143-156

“Ngrams and the Austrian School” *Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics*, Fall 2014, 17(3), pp. 365-397

“Diversity Yes, Force, No: How Markets Punish Workplace Racism” *Journal of Business Diversity*, 14(1), 2014, pp. 74-79

“Binge Drinking in the United States: Do Religion and Region Matter?” (with Falynn Turley), *Journal of Business Inquiry*, 13(1), 2014, pp. 3-11

“War and the Austrian School: Ludwig von Mises and F.A. Hayek” (with William L. Anderson and Scott A. Kjar), *Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, 6(1), 2011, pp. 28-33

“The Debate Over Money Manipulations: A Short History” *The Intercollegiate Review*, Fall 2010, pp. 3-11

“The University-as-Monopolist: Why Parking Problems Persist at University Campuses” (with Bill H. Schmidt), *Journal of Applied Business and Economics* (Special Edition: Environmental Developments in Business Research), 2010, 10(6), pp. 39-43

“Western Expansion as a Common Pool Problem: The Contrasting Histories of the Brazilian and North-American Pioneers” (with Fernando Zanella), *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, July 2009, 68(3), pp. 775-789

“Internal vs. External Explanations in Economics” with (Walter Block and Alexandre Padilla), *Procesos de Mercado: Revista Europea de Economia Politica*, 2008(2), pp. 35-132

“An Institutional Analysis of Voter Turnout: The Role of Primary Type and the Expressive and Instrumental Voting Hypotheses” (with Peter T. Calcagno), *Constitutional Political Economy*, June 2008, 19(2), pp. 94-110

“The Role of Economic Efficiency in Medical Malpractice Reform Policy” (with Benjamin B. Boozer and Robert J. Landry), *International Journal of Business and Public Administration*, Summer 2008, 5(2), pp. 20-33

“Institutions, Incentives, and Disaster Relief: The Case of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Following Hurricane Katrina” (with William L. Anderson and Robert P. Murphy), *International Journal of Social Economics*, Summer 2008, 35(7), pp. 501-511

“The Carriage Trade Trend” (with Doris Bennett), *Journal of Health Care Finance*, Spring 2007, 33(3), pp. 74-78

“Why Health Costs Spiral: The Case of Emergency Department Regulation” (with Benjamin B. Boozer), *Journal of Business and Economic Perspectives*, Vol. XXIII, No. 1, Spring/Summer 2006, pp. 6-15

“Efficiency Wages: A Critical Assessment” (with Bill H. Schmidt), *Journal of Social, Political, and Economic Studies*, Summer 2006, 31(2), pp. 163-174

“Incumbent Spending and Gubernatorial Elections: An Investigation of Primary Type and Candidate Deviation” (with Peter T. Calcagno), *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*, 23(1-2), 2005, pp. 3-18

“Primary Election Systems and Candidate Shirking” (with Peter T. Calcagno and Richard A. Ault), *Eastern Economic Journal*, Summer 2004, 30(3), pp. 365-376

“Enron: Market Exploitation and Correction” (with Ronnie J. Clayton and William Scroggins), *Journal of Financial Decisions*, April 2002, 14(1), pp. 1-15

“The Microsoft Corporation in Collision with Antitrust Law” (with William L. Anderson, Walter Block, Thomas J. DiLorenzo, Ilana Mercer, and Leon Snymon), *Journal of Social, Political, and Economic Studies*, Spring 2001, 26(1), pp. 287-302

“Who Gets the Goods? Moderate Voting Records, Diminishing Returns, and PAC Contributions” (with Gregory M. Dempster), *Economics & Politics*, November 2000, 12(3), pp. 321-333

“Matrimony and Microeconomics: A Critique of Becker’s Analysis of Marriage” *Journal of Markets and Morality*, March 1998, 1(1) pp. 67-74

“Government Regulation and Income Inequality in the United States, 1970-1990” *Applied Economics Letters*, December 1998, 5(12), pp. 805-808

**Conference
Proceedings
and
Presentations
Since 2008**

“Does Money Buy Wins? A Longitudinal Analysis of Finance and Performance in College Football” (with David W. Palmer and Ronnie J. Clayton), *Southern Finance Association Meetings* (November 17-20, 2016), Destin, Florida

“The Leno Effect: Toward a Political Economy of ‘Tonight Show’ Monologues”, *Western Economics Association Meetings* (June 28-July 2, 2015), Honolulu

“The Financial Determinants of NCAA Football Championship Series Power Ratings” (with David Palmer and Ronnie Clayton), *Southern Finance Association Meetings*, (November 21-24, 2013), Fajardo, Puerto Rico, and the *Eastern Finance Association Annual Meetings* (April 8-11, 2015), New Orleans

“Luck, Human Agency, and Micro Institutions in Colonial Brazil”, *Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History Conference* (February 14-16, 2013), Seoul, South Korea, and the *Eastern Economics Association Annual Meetings* (May 9-11, 2013), New York City

“Operating Strategies and Economic Factors in the Airline Industry: The Southwest Effect Extended” (with Richard Cobb and David W. Palmer), *Southeast Decision Science Institute Meetings* (February 23-25, 2011), Savannah, Georgia

“Corporations as Counterweights: The Role of Transnational Firms as Checks on State Power in the 21st Century” (with Peter G. Klein), *Public Choice Society Meetings* (March 11-14, 2010), Monterey, California

“Who Wins? The Role of Economic Freedom on Olympic Performance”, *Association for Private Enterprise Education Meetings* (April 11-14, 2010), Las Vegas, Nevada

“Why Productivity Matters: A Panel Study of Airline Profitability Before and After 9/11” (with Richard Cobb), *Academic Business World Conference* (May 26-28, 2008), Nashville, Tennessee

"Medical Malpractice Reform Policy: Why Economic Efficiency Matters" (with Benjamin B. Boozer and Robert J. Landry), *International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines* (January 3-5, 2008), Orlando, Florida

Editorial Duties Editor, *Journal of Business Inquiry*, 2013-present
Editorial Board Member, *Financial Decisions*, 2010-present
Editor, *JSU Economic Update*, 2010-2014 (bi-monthly)

Working Papers “Economic Freedom and Olympic Performance” with Peter T. Calcagno

“Does Money Buy Wins? A Longitudinal Analysis of Finance and Performance in College Football” with David W. Palmer and Ronnie J. Clayton

“Economic Diversity and Economic Freedom: Evidence from the States” with John Shannon

“The Leno Effect: Toward a Political Economy of ‘Tonight Show’ Monologues”

Books and Book Chapters Author, *The Encyclopedic Dictionary of Austrian Economics*, forthcoming

Author, “Forward” to new edition of *Planned Chaos*, Auburn, Ala.: Ludwig von Mises Institute, 2009 [1947]

Co-author, “Fuel Efficiency Standards Should Not Be Raised” (with David N. Laband) in Nakaya, Andrea C. (Ed.), *Oil*, Farmington Hills, Michigan: Greenhaven Press, 2006

Author, “Contingent Workers Will Not Benefit from Union Representation” in Haley, James (Ed.), *Work*, Detroit: Gale Group, 2002

Co-author, *Human Nature & Economics: Theological Anthropology and Economic Science*, (with Gregory M.A. Gronbacher, Patricia Donohue-White, and Gloria Zuñiga), Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2001

**Book Reviews
and Referee
Work**

Book review of *Common Sense School Reform* for the *Journal of School Choice*, September 2008, 2(3), pp. 351-354

Book review of *The Dinosaur Among Us: The World Bank and its Path to Extinction* for the *Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics*, Winter 2007, 10(4), pp. 330-332

Book review of *The Marketplace of Christianity* for the *Journal of Markets and Morality*, Fall 2007, 10(2), pp. 419-421

Book review of *The Church and the Market: A Catholic Defense of the Free Economy* for the *Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics*, Winter 2005, 8(4), pp. 95-97

Referee for *Public Choice*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Economics and Politics*, *The Independent Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics*, *Journal of Private Enterprise*, *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*, *International Journal of Social Economics*, *Financial Decisions*, *Journal of Financial Economic Policy*, and the *Journal of the Alabama Academy of Science*

**Dissertation
Committees**

Committee Member, (S. Keith Lowe, "Grade Inflation and Market Benefits: A Higher Education Analysis") University of Alabama, 2005-2007

Committee Member, (Glen Tenney, "The Effect of Interest Rate Ceilings on Competition in the Pawn Industry"), Touro University, 2003-2004