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EDUCATION

June 1991 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Oregon, Eugene Oregon.
May 1980 M.A. in Economics, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
May 1978 B.A. in Economics, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 1991 - present Professor of Economics, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan, August 2000 to present.
Associate Professor of Economics, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan, August 1995 to July 2000.
Assistant Professor of Economics, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan, August 1991 to July 1995.
August 1997 - June 1998 Visiting Professor, School of Health Administration and Policy, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.
September 1987 - June 1991 Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.
August 1981 - August 1987 Instructor of Economics, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

July 1999 – June 2005 Director of Graduate Program, Department of Economics, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti Michigan.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

June 1980 - July 1981 Industry Economist, U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Automotive Fuel Economy Standards, Washington D.C.

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Health Economics, Econometrics, Financial Economics, Industrial Organization, Economics of the Stock Market, Money and Banking, International Economics, Contemporary Economic Issues, Principles of Microeconomics

Graduate

Health Economics, Econometrics, Financial Economics, Microeconomic Theory

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Health Economics, Applied Econometrics, Industrial Organization, Labor Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journals:

“Does Extending Health Insurance to the Uninsured Improve Population Health Outcomes?,” forthcoming in Applied Health Economics and Health Policy (with Jennifer Rice).

“Determinants of Healthcare Spending: A State Level Analysis,” forthcoming in Applied Economics. (With Jennifer Rice).

“Accuracy of Retrospective Memory and Covariation Estimation In Patients with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder,” Behaviour Research Therapy, 46, 2008. (With Andrew Gloster et al.)

“Erectile Dysfunction Risk Recognition in a Urology Clinic Practice,” British Journal of Urology, 95, 2005. (With David Rowland and Arthur Burnett).

“Psychosocial Influences on 305 Adults Survival after Bone Marrow Transplantation: Depression, Smoking, and Behavioral Self-Regulation,” Journal of Psychosomatic Research, 57(2), 2004. (With Flora Hoodin, Karen Kalbfleish, and Voravit Ratanatharathorn).

“Regression Strategies for Analyzing the Study and Pharmacological Treatment of Sexual Response: ANOVA and Beyond,” Annual Review of Sex Research, Volume XIV, January 2004. (With David Rowland).

“Transforming Ideas Into Research,” Clinical Researcher, May 2003. (With David Rowland).

“How Important Are Economic Factors in Choice of Medical Specialty?,” Health Economics, January 2003. (With Alfredo Esposto).

“Effects of Selegiline during Smoking and Short-Term Abstinence,” Psychopharmacology, September 2002. (With Elisabeth Houtsmuller and Maxine Stitzer).

“Estimating a Health Production Function for the U.S.: Some New Evidence,” Applied Economics, 34, 2002.

“Testing and Analytical Procedures for Laboratory Studies Involving Non-Responders during a Limited Observation Period,” Pharmacology, Biochemistry and Behavior, 68, 2001. (With David Rowland).

“Physician Choice of Medical Specialty: Do Economic Incentives Matter,” Applied Economics, September 2000.

“The Impact of Medical Malpractice Insurance Cost on Physician Behavior: The Role of Income and Tort Signal Effects,” Applied Economics, 31, 1999

“Nepotism, Discrimination, and the Persistence of Utility Maximizing Owner-Operated Firms: Reply” Southern Economic Journal, April, 1999. (With Larry Singell).

“Do Physicians Employ Aides Efficiently? Some New Evidence on Solo Practitioners,” Journal of Economics and Finance, Summer/Fall 1998.

“The Labor Supply Behavior of Self-Employed Solo Practice Physicians,” Applied Economics, 30, 1998.

“Are Malpractice Insurance Premiums a Tort Signal That Influence Physician Hours Worked?,” Economics Letters, September 1997.

“The Self-Employed Utility Maximizing Physician,” Journal of Human Resources, 32(1), Winter 1997. (With Kelly Eakin).

“Nepotism, Discrimination, and the Persistence of Utility Maximizing Owner-Operated Firms,” Southern Economic Journal, 63(4), April 1997. (With Larry Singell).

“Using a Regression Approach to Study the Influence of Male Fetuses on the Genital Morphology of Neonatal Female Rats,” Multivariate Behavioral Research, 32(1), 1997. (With David Rowland and Els Houtsmuller).

“Estimating the Choice Behavior of Self-Employed Business Proprietors: An Application to Dairy Farmers,” Southern Economic Journal, 60(3), January 1994.

“Virtual Prices and a General Theory of the Owner-Operated Firm,” Southern Economic Journal, 58(4), April 1992. (With Kelly Eakin).

Book Chapters

“Transforming Ideas into Research,” in The Clinical Research Survival Guide, Remedica Publishing Co., London, UK, August 2002. (With David Rowland).

Reports:

The 1996 Survey of Arizona Physicians: A Report to the Arizona Council for Graduate Medical Education, School of Health Administration and Policy, Arizona State University, March 1998. (With William Johnson).

Economic Analysis of Social Benefits and Costs of Automobile Crash Protection, Analysis Support Paper for Safety Standard No. 208, U.S. Department of Transportation, July 1981. (With Robert Reck).

The Use of Weighted Vehicle Miles Traveled Estimates in Corporate Average Fuel Economy, U.S. Department of Transportation, May 1981.

“Energy Supply and Price in the 1970’s,” and “The Motor Vehicle Market in the 1970’s,” in Automotive Fuel Economy Program Fifth Annual Report to the Congress, U.S. Department of Transportation, January 1981.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

“Estimating the Effect of Private Health Insurance Coverage on Population Health Outcomes: A Panel Data Approach” Midwest Economic Association Meetings, Minneapolis, MN., March 2007.

“Does Extending Health Insurance Coverage to the Uninsured Improve Population Health?,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, Charleston, SC., November 2006.

“Does Extending Health Insurance Coverage to the Uninsured Improve Population Health?,” American Society of Health Economists Meetings, Madison Wisconsin, June 2006.

“A Panel Data Analysis of State Healthcare Spending,” Midwest Economics Association Meetings, Chicago, IL., March 2006.

“Are We as a Nation Getting Our Money’s Worth from Increased Spending on Health Care?,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, Washington D.C., November 2005

“Determinants of Health Care Spending: A State Level Analysis,” Midwest Economics Association Meetings, Milwaukee, WI, March 2005.

“Panel Data Estimation of a Health Outcome Production Function for the U.S.,” Midwest Economics Association Meetings, St. Louis, MO, March 2003.

“The Effect of Medical Malpractice Risk on Physician Time Allocation and Productivity,” Southern Economics Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA, November 2002.

“Psychosocial Factors Affecting Survival of 305 Bone Marrow Transplant Recipients,” Society of Behavioral Medicine Meetings, Washington, D.C., April 2002.

“Does Medical Malpractice Risk Reduce Technical Efficiency in Physicians’ Medical Practice?,” Midwest Economics Association Meetings, Chicago, IL, March 2002.

“An Empirical Analysis of Physician Specialty Choice Under Conditions of Uncertainty,” Midwest Economics Association Meetings, Cleveland, OH., March 2001.

“Physician Choice of Medical Specialty: Do Economic Incentives Matter?,” Midwest Economics Association Meetings, Chicago, IL., March 2000.

“The Effect of the Medical Malpractice Climate on Technical Efficiency in Physicians’ Practices,” Southern Economics Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA., November 1999.

"Estimating a Health Production Function for the United States: Some New Evidence," Midwest Economics Association Meetings, Nashville, TN., March 1999.

“An Empirical Analysis of the Role of Economic Factors in Medical Specialty Choice,” Southern Economics Association Meetings, Baltimore, MD., November 1998.

“Are Malpractice Insurance Premiums a Tort Signal That Induce Physicians to Practice Defensively? Evidence from Physician Hours Worked,” Midwest Economics Association Meetings, Kansas City, MO., March 1997.

“The Impact of Medical Malpractice Insurance Costs on Physician Behavior: The Role of Income Effects,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, Washington D.C., November 1996.

“The Labor Supply Behavior of Self-Employed Solo Practice Physicians,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA., November 1995.

“An Analysis of Efficiency in the Provision of Medical Care Services of Solo Practice Physicians,” Midwest Economic Association Meetings, Cincinnati, OH., March 1995.

“Estimating the Labor Supply Behavior of Physicians when Medical Practice and Work/Leisure Decisions Are Interdependent,” Atlantic Economic Society Sessions on Recovering Technologies, Montreal, Canada, October 1994.

“ Nepotism, Discrimination, and the Persistence of Utility Maximizing Owner-Operated Firms,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA., November 1993.

“An Analysis of Work/Leisure Choices of Self-Employed Business Proprietors,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, Washington D.C., November 1993.

“Estimating the Choice Behavior of Self-Employed Business Proprietors: An Application to Dairy Farmers,” Southern Economic Association Meetings,” Nashville TN., November 1991.

“The Self-Employed Utility Maximizing Physician,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, Nashville TN., November 1991.

“Virtual Prices and a General Theory of the Owner-Operated Firm,” Southern Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA., 1990.

“Alterations in the Milk Support Price and the Behavior of Family Operated Dairy Farms: An Alternative Approach,” Midwest Business Economics Association Meetings, Chicago IL., March 1985.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Does Extending Health Insurance Coverage to the Uninsured Improve Population Health?,” Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, March 2007.

“Using Health Care Provider Profiling to Assess the Cost and Quality of Medical Care,” Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, March 2000.

“Provider Profiling: What Is It and How Is It Used?” Christensen Associates, Madison Wisconsin, May 1999.

“The State of the Physician Workforce In Arizona,” Arizona Council For Graduate Medical Education, Phoenix Arizona, March 1998.

“The Economics of Medical Malpractice,” Valparaiso University, Valparaiso Indiana, March 1997.

TESTIMONY

Testimony to Governor's Select Task Force on Health Care Professional Liability Insurance, Tallahassee, Florida, December 2002.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Teacher of the Year Award, Eastern Michigan University Economics Club, 2006-2007.

Teacher of the Year Award, Eastern Michigan University Economics Club, 2003-2004.

Course of the Year Award, Financial Economics, Eastern Michigan University Economics Club, 2002 - 2003.

Award of Excellence for paper presentation, "Psychosocial Factors Affecting Survival of 305 Bone Marrow Transplant Recipients," Society of Behavioral Medicine Meetings, Washington D.C., April 2002.

Sabbatical Leave Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2004-2005 (Top ranked full-year proposal in University).

Sabbatical Leave Award, Eastern Michigan University, 1997 - 98. (Second ranked one-semester proposal in University).

EMU Chapter, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Faculty.

EMU Chapter Honor Society of Omicron Delta Epsilon Advisor

Cambridge Who's Who Among Professionals in Research, Medicine, and Healthcare

Department of Economics GTF Teaching Award, University of Oregon, 1989 - 90.

Department of Economics GTF Teaching Award, University of Oregon, 1990 - 91.

Honorable Mention, University GTF Teaching Award, University of Oregon, 1989 - 90.

Best Ph.D Field Research Paper, University of Oregon, 1989 - 90.

REFEREE

Health Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Canadian Journal of Economics, Review of Social Economy, Economic Inquiry, International Review of Law and Economics

REVIEWER

National Science Foundation, Irwin Publishers

CONSULTING ACTIVITY

Christensen Associates: Research on Physician Profiling (1999)

Zenith Insurance: Research on Physician Profiling (1998)

Health Resources Associates: Research on Physician Workforce (1997-98)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Health Economics Association

American Society of Health Economists

American Economic Association

Southern Economic Association

Midwest Economic Association

American Association of Wine Economists

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

University Task Force for Health Care Initiatives, Summer 2000
University Sabbatical and Research Committee, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1998-99
University Graduate Council, 1999-2000, 2000-2001
University Administrative Policies Committee, 1999-2000, 2000-2001
Department Search Committee, 1994-95, 2003-2004
Department Graduate Committee, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1998-99,
1999-200, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-
2009
Department Personnel Committee, 1993-94, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004
Department Ad Hoc Committee on Promotion and Tenure Standards, 1992-93
Department Professional and Student Affairs Committee, 1991-92.