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CURRENT AND PAST POSITIONS

Professor, Dept. of Economics,
University of Notre Dame, 2023-

Professor, Dept. of Economics,
Michigan State University, 1996-2023

Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics,
Michigan State University, 1990-1996

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics,
Michigan State University, 1985-1990

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Duke University, 1985
Thesis Title: Empirical Investigations of Life-Cycle Labor Supply Models.

M.A. in Economics, Duke University, 1983

B.A. in Economics, West Virginia University, 1981

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Progress through Regression: The Introduction and Diffusion of the Empirical Cobb-Douglas Production Function, Cambridge University Press, 2021.

Articles:

Days of Work over Half a Century. Industrial and Labor Relations Review, vol. 78 no.1, January 2025. (coauthored with Dan Hamermesh)

Narratives and Empirical Strategies in Zvi Griliches's Early Research. History of Political Economy, Vol. 55, no. 3, 2023.

Statistical Inference in Economics in the 1920s and 1930s: The Crop and Livestock Forecasts of the US Department of Agriculture. History of Political Economy, vol. 53 suppl., 2021.

Keynes's Treatise, Statistical Inference, and Statistical Practice in Interwar Economics in the United States. Journal of the History of Economic Thought, Vol. 43, no. 4, December 2021.

"Income, Wages, and Household Production Theory" Economics Letters. Volume 192, June 2020. (coauthored with Dan Hamermesh).

The Origins of the CES Production Function. History of Political Economy Vol. 52, No. 4, August 2020.

The Introduction of Human Capital Theory into Education Policy in the United States. History of Political Economy, vol. 49, No. 4, December 2017 (coauthored with Laura Holden)

Theory and Measurement: Emergence, Consolidation, and Erosion of a Consensus, (coauthored with Dan Hamermesh). History of Political Economy, Annual Supplement to vol. 49, 2017.

Statistical Inference in Economics, 1920-1965: Changes in Meaning and Practice. Journal of the History of Economic Thought, Vol. 39, Issue 2, 2017.

The Genealogy of the Labor Hoarding Concept. Research in the History of Thought and Methodology, vol. 33, 2015.

Retrospectives: The Cyclical Behavior of Labor Productivity and the Emergence of the Labor Hoarding Concept, Journal of Economic Perspectives, vol. 28, 2014.

"Wage Discrimination over the Business Cycle", IZA Journal of Labor Policy 2013 2:7. (Paper coauthored with Dan Hamermesh)

"Retrospectives: The Introduction of the Cobb-Douglas Regression", Journal of Economic Perspectives, vol 26, 2012.

"Air Conditioning, Migration, and Climate Related Wage and Rent Differentials" Research in Economic History, vol. 28, 2012.

"Making Consumers Comfortable: The Early Decades of Air Conditioning in the US", Journal of Economic History, vol. 71, 2011.

"The Introduction of The Cobb-Douglas Regression and its Adoption by Agricultural Economists" History of Political Economy 43 (suppl), 2011

“Explaining the Spread of Residential Air Conditioning, 1955-1980.” Explorations in Economic History 45, Sept. 2008.

“More Evidence on the Need for an Ergonomic Standard” American Journal of Industrial Medicine vol. 45, April 2004 (paper coauthored with Karen Roberts).

“Claiming Behavior in Workers’ Compensation” Journal of Risk and Insurance vol. 70, December 2003 (paper coauthored with Karen Roberts).

“Do High Claim Denial Rates Discourage Claiming? Evidence from Workers’ Compensation Insurance” Journal of Risk and Insurance vol. 68, December 2001.

“The Concept of Applied Economics: A History of Ambiguity and Multiple Meanings” History of Political Economy vol. 32 (supp.) 2000. (Paper coauthored with Roger Backhouse)

“Business Success and Businesses’ Beauty Capital” Economics Letters, vol. 67 (2000). (Paper coauthored with Dan Hamermesh, Gerard Pfann, and Ciska Bosman).

"Why Most Workers with Occupational Repetitive Trauma Do Not File for Workers' Compensation." Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine vol. 42, Jan. 2000. (paper coauthored with Karen Roberts, Ken Rosenman, Joseph Gardiner, and Ed Welch)

“Statistical Economics, 1900-1950” History of Political Economy, December 1999.

“Institutional Economics: A Case of Reproductive Failure?” History of Political Economy, vol. 30 (supp.) 1998, edited by Malcolm Rutherford and Mary Morgan.

“What Percentage of Workers with Work Related Illnesses Receive Workers’ Compensation Benefits?” Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine vol. 40 no. 4, April 1998. (paper coauthored with Karen Roberts, Ken Rosenman, and Ed Welch)

“Beauty, Productivity, and Discrimination: Lawyer’s Looks and Lucre. Journal of Labor Economics, 16 (1) January 1998.(paper coauthored with Dan Hamermesh)

“Innovation in the Russian Economy.” Economic Development and Cultural Change 46 (2) Jan. 1998. (paper coauthored with Susan Linz)

"The Sources and Extent of Wesley Mitchell's Reputation: An Application of Citation Analysis to the Journal Literature of the Early Twentieth Century." History of Political Economy, Summer 1996.

"Beauty and the Labor Market." American Economic Review, December 1994. (paper coauthored with Dan Hamermesh).

"The Transition to Management by Scientists and Engineers: A Misallocation or Efficient Use of Resources? Human Resource Management, Winter 1994 (paper coauthored with Karen Roberts).

"Private Sector Scientists and Engineers and the Transition to Management." Journal of Human Resources, Winter 1994 (paper coauthored with Karen Roberts).

"Thorstein Veblen on War, Peace, and National Security." in Economics and National Security, ed. Craufurd Goodwin, annual supplement to History of Political Economy, vol. 23, 1991 (paper coauthored with Warren Samuels. A longer version of the essay appears as Chapter 2 of Economic Thought and Discourse in the 20th Century, by W. Samuels, J. Biddle, and T. Patchek-Schuster. Aldershot: Edward Elgar Publishing, 1993).

"Is There a Bandwagon Effect in the Market for Personalized License Plates?" Economic Inquiry, April 1991.

"Sleep and the Allocation of Time." Journal of Political Economy, Part 1, Oct. 1990 (paper coauthored with Daniel Hamermesh).

"Purpose and Evolution in Commons's Institutionalism." History of Political Economy, Spring 1990.

"The Role of Negotiational Psychology in Commons's Proposed Reconstruction of Political Economy." Review of Political Economy, March 1990.

"On the Attribution of Causality and Responsibility in Macroeconomics." Methodus, Dec. 1990 (paper coauthored with Warren Samuels).

"Choice Among Wage-Hours Packages: An Empirical Investigation of Labor Supply." Journal of Labor Economics, Oct. 1989 (paper coauthored with Gary Zarkin).

"Worker Preferences and Market Compensation for Job Risk." Review of Economics and Statistics, Nov. 1988 (paper coauthored with Gary Zarkin).

"Intertemporal Substitution and Hours Restrictions." Review of Economics and Statistics, May 1988.

"Veblen, Twain, and the Connecticut Yankee." History of Political Economy, Winter 1985.

Edited Volumes and Book Chapters:

Exploring the History of Statistical Inference in Economics. Durham, Duke University Press, 2021 (a collection of papers co-edited with Marcel Boumans. Biddle and Boumans also coauthored the 26-page introduction to the volume)

"Comment on Nestoriak and Ruser" in Labor in the New Economy, K. Abraham, J. Spletzer, and M Harper, editor. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010.

“H. Gregg Lewis” in Elgar Companion to the Chicago School of Economics. Ross Emmett, editor. Edward Elgar, 2010.

The Adequacy of Workers’ Compensation Cash Benefits. in Workplace Injuries and Diseases: Prevention and Compensation: Essays in Honor of Terry Thomason. John Burton, Karen Roberts, and Matthew Bodah, eds. W.E. Upjohn. 2005. (with Robert Reville and Les Boden)

A Companion to the History of Economic Thought. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2003. (A collection of papers coedited with John Davis and Warren Samuels).

“Research Styles in the History of Economic Thought” in A Companion to the History of Economic Thought. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2003.

“Introduction to Wesley Clair Mitchell’s ‘Money Economy and Economic Efficiency’” Research In the History of Economic Thought and Methodology Vol. 19-A, 2001. (paper coauthored with Luca Fiorito).

Economics Broadly Considered: Essays in Honor of Warren J. Samuels. London: Routledge, 2001. (A collection of papers coedited with John Davis and Stephen Medema).

“Introduction: Economics Broadly Considered – a Glance at Warren J. Samuels’ Contributions to Economics”. In Economics Broadly Considered: Essays in Honor of Warren J. Samuels. London: Routledge, 2001. (coauthored with John Davis and Stephen Medema).

“Permanent Partial Disability from Occupational Injuries” in Ensuring Health and Income Security for an Aging Workforce, edited by P. Budetti, R. Burkhauser, J.M. Gregory, and H.A. Hunt, Upjohn Institute, 2001. (coauthored with Robert Reville and Les Boden).

The History of Applied Economics. Durham NC: Duke University Press, 2000. (A collection of papers coedited with Roger Backhouse, issued also as a supplement to the journal History of Political Economy.)

“J. R. Commons as a Dissenting Economist.” Against the Grain: Dissenting Economists of the Twentieth Century, edited by R. Holt and S. Pressman, Edward Elgar, 1999. (coauthored with Warren Samuels).

“Social Science and the Making of Social Policy: Wesley Mitchell’s Vision”, pp. 43-79 in The Economic Mind in America: Essays in the History of American Economics edited by M Rutherford, London: Routledge 1998.

“Wesley Mitchell,” pp. 313-315 in the Handbook of Methodology, edited by J. Davis, U. Maki, and W. Hands, Edward Elgar, 1998.

“The Historicism of John R. Commons’s *Legal Foundations of Capitalism*.” In Methodology of the Social Sciences, Ethics, and Economics in the Newer Historical School, edited by Peter Koslowski, Springer Verlag, 1997 (with Warren Samuels).

“H. Gregg Lewis.” in American Economists of the Late Twentieth Century, edited by Warren Samuels, Edward Elgar, 1996.

"J.R. Commons' Legal Foundations and its Contributions to Institutionalism." Introduction to a German edition of The Legal Foundations of Capitalism. Verlag, 1995.(coauthored with Warren Samuels. An almost identical essay serves as an introduction to a paperback edition of The Legal Foundations of Capitalism published by Transaction Books).

"Who Benefits from the Activities of America's Religious Congregations?" in Who Benefits from the Non-Profit Sector, ed. C. Clotfelter. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1992.

"The Ideas of the Past as Tools for the Present: The Instrumental Presentism of John R. Commons." in The Estate of Social Knowledge, eds. J. Brown and D. Van Kueren. Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 1991.

Book Reviews and Non-refereed Articles:

Review of Malcolm Rutherford's The Institutional Movement in American Economics, 1918-1947, in Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology, Vol. 30A, 2012.

In Memorium: Warren J. Samuels (1933-2011). Journal of Income Distribution. New Series, vol. 20, Sept.-Dec. 2011. (with Paul Menchik).

“Comments on Jan Golinski's *Making Natural Knowledge*” in The Journal of the History of Economic Thought vol. 23, no. 2, June 2001.

Review of The Spread of Economic Ideas, ed. by D. Colander and A.W. Coats, in History of Political Economy, Summer 1992.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

“An Evaluation of New Mexico Workers' Compensation Permanent Partial Disability and Return to Work” (coauthored with Robert Reville, Les Boden, and Christopher Mardesich). Prepared for the New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration, Published by RAND, 2001.

“Estimation and Analysis of Long Term Wage Losses and Wage Replacement Rates of Washington State Workers' Compensation Claimants” 1998. (Prepared for and submitted as part of a government requested audit of the Washington State workers' compensation system).

“Description and Analysis of Measures of Post-Injury Return to Work Patterns of Washington State Workers' Compensation Claimants.” 1998. (Prepared for and submitted as part of a government requested audit of the Washington State workers' compensation system).

"The Internal Labor Market of the Naval Avionics Center: A Descriptive Analysis." Technical Paper NPS-AS-92-008PR, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey CA, 1991 (paper coauthored with Karen Roberts and Stephen Mehay)

"Mobility Patterns at the Naval Avionics Center: Promotions, Separations, and Retirements." Technical Paper, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey CA, 1991 (paper coauthored with Karen Roberts).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate: Senior Research Seminar in Economics
 Law and Economics
 Econometrics
 History of Economic Thought
 Labor Economics

Graduate: History of Economic Thought
 Labor Economics

Co-leader of a selective undergraduate seminar on "Liberty and Responsibility in the Political Economy", 2011-2016.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Coeditor, Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology, 1989-2013

Editorial Board, History of Political Economy, 2000 - 2018

Editorial Board, Journal of the History of Economic Thought, 2014-

History of Economics Society:

President, 2015-16

President Elect, 2014-2015

Vice President, 2012-2013

Executive Committee, 1999-2002

Referee for several journals in the fields of labor economics and the history of economic thought.