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Professional Positions

2018-	Professor, Department of Economics, Notre Dame
2011-	Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research
2021-	President, Association for the Study of Generosity in Economics (ASGE)
2024-	Board of Advisors, SCORE Strand 3 Initiative, Templeton Religion Trust
2018-	Faculty Member, Notre Dame Program for Interdisciplinary Educational Research
2024-	Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Educational Initiatives (IEI)
2020-	Special Sworn Status Employee, United States Census Bureau
2024-	Unpaid Voluntary Employee, Internal Revenue Service, US Department of the Treasury

Past Positions

2019-2023	Board of Directors, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC)
2015-2019	Executive Director, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC)
2016-2019	Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Economics, Notre Dame
2013-2019	Advisory Board, Association for the Study of Generosity in Economics (ASGE)
2011-2016	Executive Committee, Association of Christian Economists (ACE)
2014	Guest Editor, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*
2011-2015	Board of Directors, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC)
2011-2014	Stepan Family Associate Professor of Economics, Notre Dame
2011-2018	Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Notre Dame
2006-2011	Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research
2006	Visiting Researcher, National Bureau of Economic Research
2005-2011	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Notre Dame
2003-2005	Pre-Doctoral Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research
2000-2003	Teaching and Research Assistant at Duke University
1999	Research Assistant at the U.S. International Trade Commission

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, May 2005, Duke University, Durham, NC

B.A. in Economics, May 2000, *summa cum laude*, Miami University, Oxford, OH

Awards and Fellowships

- Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, 2024-2025
- Principal Investigator, Church Sexual Abuse Crisis Research Grant, $49,262, 2019-2021
- Henkels Grant, $10,000, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 2019
- Small Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 2019
- Principal Investigator, $144,829 Grant from the John Templeton Foundation, 2014-2016
- Principal Investigator, $10,000 internal FRSPI Grant, 2015
- Principal Investigator, $61,094 Grant from the John Templeton Foundation, 2012
- Principal Investigator, $8,000 internal Seng Award, 2011
- Principal Investigator, $165,461 Grant from the NICHD, 1R03HD057362-01A2, 2009-2011
- Principal Investigator, $46,650 Grant from the John Templeton Foundation, 2009
- Principal Investigator, $150,000 Grant from the NICHD, 1R03HD058947-01A1, 2009-2011
- Principal Investigator, $3,000 internal Seng Award, 2011
- Principal Investigator, $148,426 Spiritual Capital Research Grant from the Metanexus Institute, 2006-2008
- Dissertation Fellowship, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2004-2005
- Summer Research Grant, Duke University, 2004 (declined)
- Dissertation Fellowship, Louisville Institute of Religious Research, 2004
- Dissertation Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2003-2004
- Conference Travel Fellowship, Duke University, 2004
- Dissertation Fellowship, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2003-2004
- Study Grant, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 2003
- SBGB Award, Duke University Department of Economics, 2002-2003
- Research Stipend, Center for the Study of Philanthropy and Voluntarism, 2002
- Calvin Hoover Fellowship, Duke University, 2000-2001
- Joseph H. Hogan Research Fellowship, Miami University, 1999-2000

Teaching Awards

- Department Teaching Award, Spring 2024
- Departmental Teaching Award, Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
- The 2023 Senior Class Award for Outstanding Teaching
- Departmental Teaching Award, Spring 2016
- Departmental Teaching Award, Fall 2015
- Faculty Fellow, the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning at Notre Dame, 2013-2014
- Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C. Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2012

Publications

"Deaths of Despair and the Decline of American Religion," forthcoming at the *Journal of The European Economic Association* (with Tyler Giles and Tamar Oostrom)

"The Effect of Emergency Financial Assistance on Mobility, SNAP Receipt, and Presence of Dependents" *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings* 115: 85-89 (2025) (with David Phillips, Kevin Rinz, and James Sullivan)

"Every Day is Earth Day: Evidence on the Long-term Impact of Environmental Voluntarism" *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 15 (2023), 230-258. (with Vivek Moorthy)

"Tax Evasion, Efficiency, and Bunching in the Presence of Enforcement Notches," *International Tax and Public Finance* 30 (2023), 43-68

"Impure Impact Giving: Theory and Evidence," *Journal of Political Economy* 129 (2021), 1553-1614. (with Mark Wilhelm)

"Is Fertility a Leading Economic Indicator?" *Economic Journal* 131 (2021), 541-565. (with Kasey Buckles and Steven Lugauer)

"Religious Institutions and Economic Wellbeing," in Melissa S. Kearney and Ron Haskins, eds., "How Cultural Factors Shape Children's Economic Outcomes," *Future of Children* 30, no. 1 (2020).

"Beyond the Classroom: The Implications of School Vouchers for Church Finances," *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 101 (2019), 588-601 (with Kevin Rinz and Jay Frymark)

"Economic Scholarship and Contemporary Religious Vitality," *Faith & Economics*, Spring (2019), 30-34.

Publications, continued

"Economics and Church State Research: Past, Present, Future", in *Advances in the Economics of Religion* (edited by Jean-Paul Carvalho, Sriya Iyer, and Jared Rubin, Palgrave, 2018), 155-168 (with Tim Weninger)

"Political Campaigns and Church Contributions: Evidence from Church Bulletins," *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 155 (2018), 403-426 (with Kevin Rinz, Tim Weninger, and Chungeun Yoon)

"The Incidental Fertility Effects of School Condom-Distribution Programs." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 37 (2018), 464-492 (with Kasey Buckles)

"Where Does Voucher Funding Go? How Large-Scale Subsidy Programs Affect Private-School Revenue, Enrollment, and Prices" *Journal of Public Economics* 136 (2016), 62-85 (with Kevin Rinz)

"Does Church Attendance Cause People to Vote? Using Blue Laws' Repeal to Estimate the Effect of Religiosity on Voter Turnout," *British Journal of Political Science,* January (2016), 1-20 (with Alan Gerber and Jonathan Gruber)

"Do Religious Proscriptions Matter? Evidence from a Theory-Based Test," *Journal of Human Resources* 49 (4) (2014), 1053-1093.

"Public Goods, Hidden Income, and Tax Evasion: Some Non-standard Results from the Warm-Glow Model," *Journal of Development Economics* 109 (2014), 188-202.

"Economics, Religion, and Culture: A Brief Introduction," *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 104 (2014), 1-3. (with Daniel Chen)

"The Effect of Education on Religion: Evidence from Compulsory Schooling Laws," *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 104 (2014), 52-63.

"Season of Birth and Later Outcomes: Old Questions, New Answers," the *Review of Economics and Statistics* 95(3) (2013), 711-724. (with Kasey Buckles)

"Substitution and Stigma: Evidence on Religious Competition from the Catholic Sex-Abuse Scandal," the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 5(3) (2013), 227-253.

"The Power of the Pill for the Next Generation," the *Review of Economics and Statistics* 94 (2012), 37-51. (with Elizabeth Oltmans Ananat)

"Christian Scholarship in Economics at American Research Universities," *Faith & Economics* 58 (2011), 8-10.

Publications, continued

"Rethinking the Study of Religious Markets," in *The Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Religion*, edited by Rachel McCleary (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), 257-275.

"Crowd Out and Diversity," *Journal of Public Economics* 93 (2009), 729-740.

"The Church vs. the Mall: What Happens When Religion Faces Increased Secular Competition?" *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 123 (2008), 831-862. (with Jonathan Gruber)

Reprinted in: *Recent Developments in Economics and Religion*, Paul Oslington, Paul S. Williams, and Mary Hirschfeld, eds., Cheltenham, United Kingdom: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2018.

"Race and Charitable Church Activity," *Economic Inquiry* 46 (2008), 380-400.

"Faith-Based Charity and Crowd Out During the Great Depression," *Journal of Public Economics* 91 (2007), 1043-1069. (with Jonathan Gruber)

"Are Church and State Substitutes? Evidence from the 1996 Welfare Reform," *Journal of Public Economics* 89 (2005), 2245-2267.

Reprinted in: *The Economics of Philanthropy and Fundraising, Volume I: Theory and Policy Toward Giving*, James Andreoni, ed., Cheltenham, United Kingdom: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015.

Reprinted in: *Recent Developments in Economics and Religion*, Paul Oslington, Paul S. Williams, and Mary Hirschfeld, eds., Cheltenham, United Kingdom: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2018.

Working Papers

"On the Economics of Large Charitable Gifts," Working paper, 2025.

"How Do Foundations Help Charities? Evidence on the Impact of Nonmonetary Support" (with Teresa Harrison and Sherry Liu), Working paper, 2025.

"Tax Incentives for Charitable Giving: New Findings from the TCJA", NBER Working paper 32737, 2024. (with Xiao Han and Mark Ottoni-Wilhelm)

"The Effect of Emergency Financial Assistance on Employment and Earnings," NBER Working paper 32856, 2024, with David Phillips, Kevin Rinz, and James Sullivan.

Working Papers, cont'd

"Measuring the Marginal Benefit of a Charitable Donation: Toward a Simple, Feasible, Approach," Working Paper, 2024

Presentations (Since 2011)

2025
SUNY Geneseo (PBK Speaker), Geneseo, NY; Clemson University (PBK Speaker), Clemson, SC; ASSA Meetings (panelist & discussant), San Francisco, CA; SPI conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; Baylor University, Waco, TX; Lever for Change, Chicago, IL (via zoom)

2024
ASSA Meetings (discussant), San Antonio, TX; Centre College (PBK Speaker), Danville, KY; Holy Cross College (PBK Speaker), Worcester, MA; ARNOVA Conference, Washington, DC; NTA Conference, Detroit, MI; The Generosity Commission and The Giving Institute (webinar)

2023
ACE Conference (Keynote Speaker), Holland, MI; UC Denver, Denver, CO; ASSA Meetings (discussant), New Orleans, LA; NTA Annual Meetings, Denver, CO

2022
Science of Philanthropy Conference (Keynote Speaker), Indianapolis, IN; SIEPR Conference, Stanford University; ASREC Conference, London (Conference Organizer); Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida; ASREC Conference (via zoom); The Alford Group, Chicago, Illinois (via zoom);

2021

University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (via zoom); Utah State University, Logan, Utah (via zoom) (discussant); Indiana University East, Richmond Indiana (via zoom) (Keynote Speaker)

2020

Cambridge University, Cambridge, England; ASSA Meetings (Session Organizer), San Diego, CA, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY (via zoom); Science of Philanthropy Conference, University of Chicago (via zoom); ASREC Conference (via zoom)

2019 - 2011

2019 Copenhagen University, Copenhagen, DK, University of California Irvine, Irvine CA, Science of Philanthropy Conference, University of Chicago, Future of Children Conference, Princeton, NJ, ASREC Conference, Boston MA. ASSA Meetings (Session Organizer), Atlanta, GA; Southern Economic Association Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL **2018** ASREC

Conference, Orange, CA. Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT; National Tax Association Conference, New Orleans, LA. **2017** University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA; Cambridge University, Cambridge, England; APPAM Conference, Chicago, IL; Institute for Educational Initiatives, Notre Dame, IN; ASREC conference, Boston, MA; ASSA Meetings (Session Organizer), Chicago, IL; ASREC Conference, Boston, MA. **2016** Giving Institute Conference, Chicago, Illinois; Advances with Field Experiments Conference, the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois; The Alford Group, Chicago, Illinois; ASSA Meetings (Session Organizer), San Francisco, CA; ASREC conference, Orange, California **2015** NBER Education/Children's Meeting, Cambridge, MA; ASSA Meetings (Session Organizer), Boston, MA; ASREC conference, Boston, MA; Cleveland Federal Reserve, Cleveland, OH, Science of Philanthropy Initiative, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; H2D2 Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI **2014** NBER Education Meeting, Washington DC; Science of Philanthropy Initiative Conference (Session Chair), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; ASREC conference, Orange, California; University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC **2013** Beijing Forum, Peking University, Beijing, China; Bocconi University, Milan, Italy; Stockholm University (Economics), Stockholm, Sweden; Stockholm School of Economics (SITE), Stockholm, Sweden; Science of Philanthropy Initiative Conference (Session Chair), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL; NBER Conference on Economics and Religion (Conference Organizer), National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA; George Mason University, Fairfax, VA; ASREC conference, Washington, DC; Celebrating 25 Years of Warm-Glow Conference, UCSD, San Diego, CA **2012** Texas A&M University, College Station, TX ; ASSA Meeting, Chicago, IL; ASREC conference, Orange, CA, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON **2011** Princeton University, Princeton, NJ; Ohio State University, Columbus, OH; Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; ASREC conference, Washington, DC; University of California-San Diego, San Diego, CA; ASSA Meeting, Denver, CO; ACE Meeting, Denver, CO

Media Coverage

This research has been covered by *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The Economist, The Christian Science Monitor*, *Reader's Digest*, *Newsweek, The Atlantic Monthly*, *Christianity Today*, CNN, Fox News, CNBC, National Public Radio, the BBC, and other newspapers, radio stations and television stations.

Teaching

Economics 10011 – Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate), taught in 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2024

Economics 30331 – Econometrics (Undergraduate), taught in 2009

Economics 40575 – Public Economics (Undergraduate), taught in 2006, 2009

Economics 43501 – Charity & Voluntarism (Undergraduate writing intensive), taught in 2021, 2023, 2025

Economics 70700 – Public Economics (PhD Level), taught in 2008, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022

Students Supervised

Undergraduate (first placement)

James McHugh (degree expected May 2026)

Annabelle Sauer (Lab for Economic Opportunity, Notre Dame)

Jack Sitarski (UCLA, Economics)

Corey McNeilly (Teach for America)

Jivesh DeSousa (Duke University, Economics)

Kevin Baker (Yale, Economics)

Tim Bossidy (Travelers)

Graduate (first placement)

Christopher Monjaras, Advisor (Expected 2026)

Haley Wilbert, Committee member (Expected 2026)

Timothy Spilde, Advisor (US Department of the Treasury)

Henry Downes, Committee member (University of Georgia) - Shaheen Award winner for outstanding Notre Dame Graduate in the Social Sciences

Briana Felegi, Advisor (Virginia Tech)

Tyler Giles, Advisor (Wellesley College) - Shaheen Award winner for outstanding Notre Dame Graduate in the Social Sciences

Vivek Moorthy, Committee member (College of the Holy Cross)

Wenbo Li, Co-advisor w/Abbie Wozniak, (Ma Yinchu School of Economics, Tianjin University)

Chungeun Yoon, Committee member (KDI School of Public Policy and Management)

Lena Lindbjerg Sperling (Copenhagen Business School Assessment Committee, 2019)

Reyes Ruiz, Advisor (Altor Investment Bank)

Kevin Rinz, Advisor (US Census Bureau)

Kathryn Baker, Committee member (Marquette University)

Ning Jha, Committee member (Central University of Finance and Economics, Beijing)) - Shaheen Award winner for outstanding Notre Dame Graduate in the Social Sciences (declined)

Other Services

Mentor for the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP) 2021, 2023, 2024

Mentor in the Notre Dame *Building Bridges Mentoring Program*, various years from 2013-

Notre Dame's *First Lecture* Series, 2025

Chair's Advisory Committee, Economics Department, Notre Dame, 2021-2024

Alumni Advisory Group, Economics Department, Miami University, 2013-2020

Award Committee for Henkels Grants, ISLA, 2020

External Reviewer for Economics Department at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, 2019

Program Chair, Association for the Study of Generosity in Economics, 2016-2019

Recruiting Committee, Economics Department, Notre Dame, 2013-2014, 2023-2024

Advisory Board, Association for the Study of the Grants Economy, 2013

Awards Committee for the Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C. Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2013

Nominating Committee, Association of Christian Economists, 2008

Reviewer for *The American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, The American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, The American Economic Review, The American Economic Review Insights, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Demography, The Eastern Economic Journal, Econometrica, The Economic Journal, Economic Inquiry, Economica, The Economics of Education Review, Economics Letters, Education Economics, Faith & Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, Health Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, The Journal of Accounting and Public Policy, The Journal of African Economics, The Journal of Applied Econometrics, The Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, The Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, The Journal of the European Economic Association, The Journal of Economic Literature, The Journal of Human Resources, The Journal of Labor Economics, The Journal of Law & Economics, The Journal of Political Economy*, *The Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, The Journal of Public Economics*, *The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, The Journal of Urban Economics, The Keynes Fund, The National Tax Journal, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Oxford Economic Papers, Palgrave Macmillan, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Quantitative Economics, The Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Rationality and Society, The Review of Behavioral Economics, The Review of Economics and Statistics, The Review of Religious Research, The Review of Social Economy*, *Religions*, *The Scandinavian Journal*

of Economics, Science, The Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Social Choice and Welfare, The Southern Economic Journal, Social Forces, Sociology of Religion, The World Bank Economic Review, The John Templeton Foundation, The Smith Richardson Foundation, and the National Science Foundation.