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Employment

Searle Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Duke University, Fall 2010–present.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, George Mason University, 2010.

M.A. Economics, George Mason University, 2008.

B.S. Economics, San Jose State University, 2006.

Research Interest

My research examines how people who lack resources, freedom, and political rights evade, overthrow, and adapt to formal institutions to secure gains from cooperation.

Research

Journal Articles

“Prison Gangs, Norms, and Organizations” Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization Forthcoming.

“Governance and Prison Gangs” American Political Science Review 105(4) 2011: 702-716.

“Anarchy, Groups, and Conflict: An Experiment on the Emergence of Protective Associations” (with A. Smith and B. Wilson) Social Choice & Welfare Forthcoming.

“Sweatshops, Opportunity Costs, and Non-Monetary Compensation: Evidence from El Salvador” (with E. Skarbek, B. Skarbek, and E. Skarbek) American Journal of Economics & Sociology Forthcoming.

“What Aid Can’t Do: Reply to Ranis” (with P. Leeson) The Cato Journal 31(1) 2011: 83-86.

“Putting the ‘Con’ into Constitutions: The Economics of Prison Gangs” The Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization 26(2) 2010: 183-211.

“Criminal Constitutions” (with P. Leeson) Global Crime 11(3) 2010: 279-298.

“Self-Governance in San Pedro Prison” The Independent Review 14(4) 2010: 569-585.

“Alertness, Local Knowledge, and Johnny Appleseed” Review of Austrian Economics 22(4) 2009: 415-424.

“What Can Aid Do?” (with P. Leeson) The Cato Journal 29(3) 2009: 391-397.

“F.A. Hayek’s Influence on Nobel Prize Winners” Review of Austrian Economics 22(1) March 2009.

“Market Failure and Natural Disasters: A Reexamination of Anti-Gouging Laws” Public Contract Law Journal 37(4) 2008: 771-780.

“The Price is Right: Regulation, Reputation, and Recovery” (with B. Skarbek) Dartmouth Law Journal 6(2) 2008: 235-276.

“Occupational Licensing and Asymmetric Information: Post-Hurricane Evidence from Florida” The Cato Journal 28(1) 2008: 71-80.

“Sweatshops Wages and Third World Living Standards: Are the Jobs Worth the Sweat?” (with B. Powell) Journal of Labor Research 27(2) 2006: 263-274.

Working Papers

“The Industrial Organization of Street Gangs” (with R. Sobel) Journal of Gang Research *Revise & Resubmit*

“The Collective Action Problem of Onboard Slave Revolt” (with A. Marcum)

“Toward the Isolation of the Effect of Prison Gang Membership on Recidivism: Evidence from Illinois State Prison Records” (with A. Seals and B. Dooley)

Book Chapters

“Self-Governance, Property Rights, and Illicit Commerce” in Research Handbook on Austrian Law and Economics Todd Zywicki and Peter Boettke (eds). Edward Elgar. Forthcoming.

“Restricting Reconstruction: Occupational Licensing and Natural Disasters” in The Political Economy of Hurricane Katrina and Community Rebound Emily Chamlee-Wright and Virgil Henry Storr (eds). Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publisher. 2010: 72-83.

“Adam’s Apple: Using Johnny Appleseed to Teach the Invisible Hand” with Joshua Hall in Expanding Teaching and Learning Horizons in Economic Education Franklin G. Mixon, Jr. and Richard J. Cebula (eds). New York: Nova Science Publishers. 2009: 199-206.

Book Reviews

Review of *Mafias on the Move: How Organized Crime Conquers New Territories*, by Federico Varese
Public Choice 151(1-2) 2012: 405-407.

Teaching

Duke University

The Rule of Law, Spring 2012

Senior Research and Independent Study, Fall 2011
Analysis of Political Decision Making, Fall 2011
Quantitative Political Analysis, Fall 2010, Spring 2011

George Mason University

Intermediate Microeconomics, Fall 2008

Grants, Awards, & Fellowships

Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, The Institute for Humane Studies, 2010.
Israel M. Kirzner Award for Outstanding Dissertation in Austrian Economics, 2010.
Don Lavoie Memorial Essay Contest Winner, Society for the Development of Austrian Economics, 2009.
Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research, 2009.
Robert K. Merton Award, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research, 2009.
Essay Winner for Excellence in the Pursuit of Measurement, Fraser Institute, 2009.
Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2010.
Mercatus Center Ph.D. Fellowship, 2008-2009.
Roy A. Foulke Award, American Institute for Economic Research, 2008.
Fellowship-In-Absentia, American Institute for Economic Research, 2008, 2009.
Summer Fellowship, American Institute for Economic Research, 2008, 2009.
H.B. Earhart Fellowship, Earhart Foundation, 2006-2008
Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship, 2007, 2008, 2009.
Global Technology Initiative Scholar, San Jose State University, 2006.
James F. Willis Award for Excellence in Economics, San Jose State University, 2004.

Membership in Professional Societies

American Economic Association
American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association

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