

# David B. Skarbek

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## Education

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Ph.D. in Economics, George Mason University - Expected Spring 2010  
M.A. in Economics, George Mason University, January 2008  
B.S. in Economics, San Jose State University, May 2006

## Areas of Research

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- Applied Microeconomics
- Political Economy
- Law & Economics
- Development Economics

## Academic Publications

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### 1. Journal Articles

“Putting the ‘Con’ into Constitutions: The Economics of Prison Gangs” The Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization Forthcoming.

“Criminal Constitutions” (with Peter T. Leeson) Global Crime. Forthcoming.

“Self-Governance in San Pedro Prison” The Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy 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 Peter T. Leeson) The Cato Journal 29(3) 2009: 391-397.

“F.A. Hayek’s Influence on Nobel Prize Winners” Review of Austrian Economics 22(1) 2009: 109-112.

“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 Brian 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 Benjamin Powell) Journal of Labor Research 27(2) 2006: 263-274.

## 2. Book Chapters

“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.

“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).

## Under Review

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“Anarchy, Groups, and Conflict: An Experiment on the Emergence of Protective Associations” Adam Smith, David Skarbek, and Bart Wilson

“What’s the Opportunity Cost of Sweatshop Labor?” David Skarbek, Emily Schaeffer, Brian Skarbek, and Erin Skarbek

“The Industrial Organization of Street Gangs” David Skarbek and Russell Sobel

## Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

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Research Grant (\$5,000) Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research	2009
Robert K. Merton Award, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research	2009
Don Lavoie Memorial Essay Contest Winner, Society for the Development of Austrian Economics	2009
Runner Up, Essay Contest for Excellence in the Pursuit of Measurement, Fraser Institute	2009
Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellowship	2009-10
Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship	2009
Fellowship-In-Absentia, American Institute for Economic Research	2009
Summer Fellowship, American Institute for Economic Research	2009
Mercatus Center Ph.D. Fellowship	2008-09

Roy A. Foulke Award, American Institute for Economic Research	2008
Fellowship-In-Absentia, American Institute for Economic Research	2008
Summer Fellowship, American Institute for Economic Research	2008
Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship	2008
H.B. Earhart Fellowship, Earhart Foundation	2006-08
Hayek Fund Scholarship, The Institute for Humane Studies	2008
Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship	2007
Hayek Fund Scholarship, The Institute for Humane Studies	2007
Global Technology Initiative Scholar, San Jose State University	2006
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies	2005-06
James F. Willis Award for Excellence in Economics, San Jose State University	2004

### Paper Presentations

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- 2009 Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. November.  
2009 International Society for New Institutional Economics, Berkeley, CA. June  
2009 Association of Private Enterprise Education, Guatemala City, Guatemala. April.  
2009 Public Choice Society, Las Vegas, NV March.  
2008 Austrian Student Scholars Conference, Grove City College, PA November.  
2008 European School for New Institutional Economics. Cargèse, Corsica. May.  
2008 Association of Private Enterprise Education. Las Vegas, NV April.  
2008 Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX March.  
2007 Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA November  
2007 Association of Private Enterprise Education. Cancun, Mexico. April.

### Courses Taught

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Intermediate Microeconomics (Econ 306), George Mason University

- Fall 2008 – two sections
- Designed and taught courses

### Policy Publications

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“Are ‘Sweatshops’ Bad for Third World Workers?” (with Benjamin Powell) Economic Education Bulletin American Institute for Economic Research, 45(4) April 2005.

### Popular Press Publications

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“Don’t get Into a Lather over Sweatshops” (with Benjamin Powell) *The Christian Science Monitor*, August 2, 2005.

“Sweatshops are – surprisingly - the best option for poor workers” (with Benjamin Powell) *The Free Lance-Star* (VA), August 7, 2005.

“Third World Work in the Apparel Industry: No Sweat?” (with Benjamin Powell) *East Valley Tribune, Scottsdale Tribune (AZ)*, June 7, 2005.

“Monopoly: Parker Brothers Gets It Wrong” (with Benjamin Powell) *The Free Market*. 22(6): June 2004.

## Referee

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Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization; Econ Journal Watch; Review of Austrian Economics

## References

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