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Positions Held

Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, 1996-Present.
Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Study of Public Choice, George Mason University,
1995-1996.

Education

Ph.D., California Institute of Technology, June 1996.
M.A., California Institute of Technology, June 1993.
B.A., Rice University, Magna Cum Laude, May 1991.

Research and Teaching Interests

Public Finance, Public Choice, Labor Economics

Honors and Awards

Senior Fellow, National Center for Policy Analysis, 2005-.
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for Study of Public Choice, George Mason University, 1995-96.
Pass with Distinction, Qualifying Exam on Political Economy, Caltech, 1992.
Jacob K. Javits Fellowship for the Humanities and Social Sciences, 1991-95.
Phi Beta Kappa, 1991.
U.S. Senate Internship, 1990.
National Merit Scholarship, 1987-91.

Refereed Journal Publications

- “The Political Economy of the Mutual Fund Revolution,” with John V. Duca. *Economic Inquiry* 46: 454-479, July 2008.
- “Consumer Sovereignty in a Modern Global Era.” *Journal of Private Enterprise* 22: 107-120, Fall 2006.
- AA Single Welfare Benefit Level for Europe?@ *Southern Economic Journal* 70: 184-194, July 2003.
- AAutocracy, Bureaucracy, Democracy, Monopoly: Dimensions of Government Power,@ with Stephen P.A. Brown. *Economic Inquiry* 40: 239-249, July 2002.
- AMigration, Labor-Leisure Choice, and Pareto Suboptimal Redistribution.@ *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 29: 559-574, September 1999.
- AInternational Capital Markets and Central Bank Sovereignty,@ with Thomas R. Saving. *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 154: 261-279, March 1998.
- ADeficits, Democrats, and Distributive Benefits: Congressional Elections and the Pork Barrel in the 1980s,@ with R. Michael Alvarez. *Political Research Quarterly* 50: 809-832, December 1997.
- AHuman Capital, Committee Power and Legislative Outcomes.@ *Public Choice* 92: 301-316, September 1997.
- ACongressional Committees and the Political Economy of Federal Outlays,@ with R. Michael Alvarez. *Public Choice* 92: 55-73, July 1997.

Current Research

- “Why Do Wealthy States Provide Generous Social Insurance Programs?”
Submitted, *Southern Economic Journal*.
- “To Thine Own Self Be True? Gauging the Impact of Convictions on Voting Behavior”
Submitted, *Journal of Law and Economics*.
- “Do Fiscal Imbalances Still Matter?” Submitted, *National Tax Journal*.
- “What Does Government Spending Crowd Out?”
- “The Myth of the Irrational Voter.”
- “Unfunded Liabilities and Economic Growth.”

Book/Monograph Chapters, Magazine Articles, and Fed Publications

- “Consumer Sovereignty in Modern Times.” In *Introducing Microeconomic Analysis: Issues, Questions and Competing Views*, edited by Hassan Bougrine, Ian Parker, and Mario Seccareccia. Toronto: Emond Montgomery, forthcoming.
- “Stimulating Our Way to Prosperity? The Economics of Fiscal Policy.” *Economic Letter*, forthcoming.
- “What Drives Regional Growth, and What are the Implications for Texas?” *Southwest Economy*, Issue 1, 2009.
- “Will New Business Tax Dull Texas’ Competitive Edge?” *Southwest Economy*, April 2008.

- “Inequality and Economic Growth: Challenges to the Old Orthodoxy,” with Erwan Quintin. *Economic Letter*, Issue 1, 2008.
- “Fiscal Fitness: The U.S. Budget Deficit’s Uncertain Prospects.” *Economic Letter*, April 2007.
- “Globalization and Economic Growth,” *The Globalist*, July 2006.
- “Integration Versus Globalization: The European Bellwether.” *Economic Letter*, May 2006.
- AWhy Did Texas Have a Jobless Recovery?,@ with Pia M. Orrenius. In *The Face of Texas*, October 2005.
- AEuropean Economic Integration: A Conflict of Visions.@ *Southwest Economy*, July/August 2005.
- ASocial Security and Medicare Reform: No Free Lunch,@ with Alan D. Viard. *Southwest Economy*, January/February 2005.
- AEconomic Recovery Gains Steam in Texas,@ *Southwest Economy*, January/February 2004.
- ASocial Security Restructuring: Tough Decisions Ahead,@ with Alan D. Viard. *Southwest Economy*, September/October 2003.
- AAAn Even Greater Society? Welfare Reform Revisited.@ *Southwest Economy*, September/October 2002.
- AImproving Public School Financing in Texas,@ with Fiona Sigalla and Lori Taylor. *Southwest Economy*, November/December 2001.
- ACensus Data Show the Economy Matters.@ *Southwest Economy*, July/August 2001.
- ASome Pleasant Economic Side Effects: How Growth Improves America=s Living Standards.@ *Southwest Economy*, July/August 2000.
- AWelfare Reform, Technological Change, and Unemployment: From Where Will All The Workers Come?@ *Economic and Financial Review*, Second Quarter 2000.
- APrivatization and the Transition to a Market Economy.@ *Economic Review*, Fourth Quarter 1998.
- AIIs The Unemployment Rate >Too Low=?” *Southwest Economy*, November/December 1998.
- ATough Love: Implications for Redistributive Policy.@ *Economic Review*, Third Quarter 1997.
- AA Five-Year Plan for Economic Policy,@ with Thomas R. Saving. *Jobs and Capital: The Journal of the Milken Institute*, Summer 1997.
- AAAn End to Welfare As We Know It?@ *Southwest Economy*, January/February 1997.