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Positions Held

Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, 1996-Present.
Adjunct, Baylor Executive MBA Program, 2012-
Adjunct, University of Texas at Dallas, various years
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, Microeconomics

Honors and Awards

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.

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Refereed Journal Acceptances and Publications

- “Income Inequality, Media Fragmentation, and Increased Political Polarization,” with John V. Duca. Forthcoming, *Contemporary Economic Policy*.
- “The Increasingly Media Fragmented and Opinionated American Voter,” with John V. Duca. Forthcoming, *Social Science Quarterly*.
- “Income Inequality and Political Polarization: Time Series Evidence Over Nine Decades,” with John V. Duca. Forthcoming, *Review of Income and Wealth*.
- “Are Income Tax Rates Destined to Rise? The Fiscal Imbalance and Future Tax Policy,” with Alan D. Viard. *National Tax Journal* 68: 235-50, July 2015.
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- “Consumer Sovereignty in a Modern Global Era.” *Journal of Private Enterprise* 22: 107-120, Fall 2006.
- “A Single Welfare Benefit Level for Europe?” *Southern Economic Journal* 70: 184-194, July 2003.
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- “Migration, Labor-Leisure Choice, and Pareto Suboptimal Redistribution.” *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 29: 559-574, September 1999.
- “International Capital Markets and Central Bank Sovereignty,” with Thomas R. Saving. *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 154: 261-279, March 1998.
- “Deficits, 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.
- “Human Capital, Committee Power and Legislative Outcomes.” *Public Choice* 92: 301-316, September 1997.
- “Congressional Committees and the Political Economy of Federal Outlays,” with R. Michael Alvarez. *Public Choice* 92: 55-73, July 1997.

Current Research

- “What Drives Economic Policy Uncertainty in the United States?”
- “Is the Value Added Tax a Money Machine?”

Book/Monograph Chapters, Magazine Articles, and Fed Publications

- “Texas Health Coverage Lags and Medicaid Expands in U.S.,” *Southwest Economy*, Fourth Quarter 2015.
- “Budget Balancing Act: Health and Education Stretch Texas’ Resources,” *Southwest Economy*, Third Quarter 2014.
- “U.S. Budget Deficits Shrink, but Long-Run Issues Remain,” *Economic Letter*, March 2014.
- “Barbecue vs. Gumbo: Economic Traits Tie Neighboring Texas and Louisiana,” with Michael

- Weiss, *Southwest Economy*, Fourth Quarter 2013.
- “Falling Off the Fiscal Cliff,” *Economic Letter*, December 2012.
- “Determining Creditworthiness and Texas’ Case for a Top Credit Rating,” *Southwest Economy*, Issue 4, 2012.
- “States Still Feel Recession’s Effects Two Years After Downturn’s End,” *Southwest Economy*, Issue 4, 2011.
- “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, 2011.
- “Federal Health Care Law Promises Coverage for All, but At a Price,” *Economic Letter*, March 2011.
- “Can the Nation Stimulate Its Way to Prosperity? The Economics of Fiscal Policy,” *Economic Letter*, August 2010.
- “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.
- “Why Did Texas Have a Jobless Recovery?,” with Pia M. Orrenius. In *The Face of Texas*, October 2005.
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- “Improving Public School Financing in Texas,” with Fiona Sigalla and Lori Taylor. *Southwest Economy*, November/December 2001.
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- “Some Pleasant Economic Side Effects: How Growth Improves America’s Living Standards.” *Southwest Economy*, July/August 2000.
- “Welfare Reform, Technological Change, and Unemployment: From Where Will All The Workers Come?” *Economic and Financial Review*, Second Quarter 2000.
- “Privatization and the Transition to a Market Economy.” *Economic Review*, Fourth Quarter 1998.
- “Is The Unemployment Rate ‘Too Low’?” *Southwest Economy*, November/December 1998.
- “Tough Love: Implications for Redistributive Policy.” *Economic Review*, Third Quarter 1997.
- “A Five-Year Plan for Economic Policy,” with Thomas R. Saving. *Jobs and Capital: The Journal of the Milken Institute*, Summer 1997.
- “An End to Welfare As We Know It?” *Southwest Economy*, January/February 1997.