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Employment

King's College London

Lecturer in Political Economy, Department of Political Economy, 2012 — .

Duke University

Searle Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2010 — 2012.

Education

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

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

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

Other Affiliations

Associate Member, Extra-Legal Governance Institute, University of Oxford, 2013 —.

Member, Editorial Board, *Global Crime*, 2012 —.

Research Fellow, The Independent Institute, 2009 —.

Research Interest

My research examines how extralegal governance institutions form, operate, and evolve, and in particular, how people enforce property rights and trade in the absence of effective governments.

Research

Book

The Social Order of the Underworld: How Prison Gangs Govern the American Penal System New York: Oxford University Press. July 2014.

Journal Articles

“Prison Gangs and the Community Responsibility System” (with M. Garrett Roth) Review of Behavioral Economics Forthcoming

“The Effect of Prison Gang Membership on Recidivism” (with B. Dooley and A. Seals) Journal of Criminal Justice 42(3) 2014: 267-275

“Why Didn’t Slaves Revolt More Often During the Middle Passage?” (with A. Marcum) Rationality & Society 26(2) 2014: 232-262.

“The Governance Institutions of a Drug Trafficking Organization” (with J. Kostelnik) Public Choice 156(1-2) 2013: 95-103.

“The Industrial Organization of Street Gangs” (with R. Sobel) Journal of Gang Research 20(1) 2012: 1-17.

“Anarchy, Groups, and Conflict: An Experiment on the Emergence of Protective Associations” (with A. Smith and B. Wilson) Social Choice & Welfare 38(2) 2012: 325-353.

“Prison Gangs, Norms, and Organizations” Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization 82(1) 2012: 96-109.

“Sweatshops, Opportunity Costs, and Non-Monetary Compensation: Evidence from El Salvador” (with E. Skarbek, B. Skarbek, and E. Skarbek) American Journal of Economics & Sociology 71(3) 2012: 539-561.

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

•Reprinted in *Transnational Organized Crime* (ed. James Sheptycki) Sage Publications, 2014.

“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: 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 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. Pow-

ell) Journal of Labor Research 27(2) 2006: 263-274.

Book Chapters & Conference Proceedings

“Polycentrism and Prison Gangs” (with A. Marcum) The Annual Proceedings of the Wealth and Well-Being of Nations. Upton Forum. Beloit College. 2012.

“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

King’s College London

Economics of Crime, Spring 2014

Political Economy of Organized Crime, Spring 2014

Research Methods for Politics, Fall 2013

Principles of Economics, Fall 2012 - Spring 2013

Duke University

The Rule of Law, Spring 2012

Senior Research and Independent Study, Fall 2011, Spring 2012

Analysis of Political Decision Making, Fall 2011

Quantitative Political Analysis, Fall 2010, Spring 2011

George Mason University

Intermediate Microeconomics, (2 sections) Fall 2008

Research Grants

\$20,500 — Research Grant, The Earhart Foundation (for *The Social Order of the Underworld*), 2012.

\$5,500 — Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research (to work on “Governance and Prison Gangs”), 2009.

Awards & Fellowships

FEE Prize, for Best Article in Austrian Economics, given to “Prison Gangs, Norms, and Organizations” (Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization), 2013.

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.

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

Hayek Fund Scholarship, The Institute for Humane Studies, 2007, 2008, 2010.

Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship, 2007, 2008, 2009.

Global Technology Initiative Scholar, San Jose State University, 2006.

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2005-2006.

James F. Willis Award for Excellence in Economics, San Jose State University, 2004.

Conference Presentations

Association for Private Enterprise Education

- 2014 Las Vegas “The Problem with Prison Gangs”
- 2013 Hawaii “Prison Gangs and Governance”
- 2010 Las Vegas “The Political Economy of Prison Gangs”
- 2009 Guatemala “Honor Among Thieves: Organized Crime and Monitoring Malfeasance”
- 2008 Las Vegas “Trees and Titles: Johnny Appleseed and Property Rights Entrepreneurship”
- 2007 Cancun “Price Gouging Laws and the Process of Recovery after Hurricanes”

European Society for New Institutional Economics: 2008

- 2008 Corsica “Prison Gangs”

International Society for New Institutional Economics

- 2013 Florence “Prison Gangs and Polycentric Governance Regimes”
- 2009 Berkeley “Criminal Extortion”

National Bureau of Economic Research, Summer Institute

- 2012 Cambridge “Prison Gangs, Norms, and Organizations”

Public Choice

- 2010 Monterey
- 2009 Las Vegas
- 2008 San Antonio

Southern Economics Association

2009 San Antonio “Why the Inside Rules the Outside: The Economics of Criminal Gang Control”
2007 New Orleans “Price Gouging Laws and Regulatory Inconsistency”

Referee

American Journal of Political Science
Econ Journal Watch
The Independent Review
International Journal of Business Management and Administration
Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics
Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization
Journal of Qualitative Criminology & Criminal Justice
National Science Foundation
Oxford University Press
Public Choice
Rationality & Society
Review of Austrian Economics
Review of Behavioral Economics
Templeton Foundation

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