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## Professional Appointments

**Brown University**, Assistant Professor of Political Theory (Research), Sept 2017–present.

**King's College London**, Lecturer in Political Economy, Sept 2012–Aug 2017.

Program Director of the Masters in Political Economy, Aug 2015–Aug 2017.

**Duke University**, Fellow, Center for the History of Political Economy, Aug 2011–April 2012.

**San Jose State University**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Aug 2009–Aug 2012.

## Education

PhD in Economics, George Mason University, April 2009.

MA in Economics, George Mason University, April 2006.

BBA in Economics, Loyola University New Orleans, May 2003.

## Research Grants and Awards

2017 – £1.5 Million John Templeton Foundation, "The Ideal of Self-Governance", Grant 60688 (Co-PI)

2016 – £10,000 Faculty of Social Science and Public Policy, KCL, Research Fund Award

2016 – £2,230 Faculty of Social Science and Public Policy, KCL, Teaching Fund Award

2014 – Winner Gordon Tullock Prize, Best Article Published in *Public Choice* by a Junior Scholar

2008 – Winner Don Lavoie Memorial Award, Distinguished Graduate Student Paper

## Publications

### *Journal Articles*

**Skarbek, E.** Aid, Ethics, and the Samaritan's Dilemma: Strategic Courage in Constitutional Entrepreneurship. *Journal of Institutional Economics* 12 (2) 2016: 371-393.

**Skarbek, E.** The Chicago Fire of 1871: A Bottom Up Approach to Disaster Relief. *Public Choice* 160(1) 2014:155-180.

**Skarbek, E.** Experts and Entrepreneurs. *Advances in Austrian Economics* 17, 2012: 99-110.

Skarbek, D., **Skarbek, E.**, Skarbek, B., Skarbek, E. Sweatshops and Non-Monetary Compensation: Evidence from El Salvador. *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* 71(3) 2012:539-561.

**Skarbek, E.**, Green, P. Associations and Order in the Cultural and Political Economy of Recovery. *Studies in Emergent Order* 3, 2011: 69-79.

**Skarbek, E.** Peter J. Boettke's Approach to Mentoring 'Mainline' Economists. *Journal of Private Enterprise* 26(1) 2011: 143-152.

**Skarbek, E.** Coordinating the Reconstruction of Haiti. *Journal of International Peace Operations* 26(1) 2011: 143-152.

Boettke, P., **Skarbek, E.**, Snow, N. [The Context of Context: The Evolution of F.A. Hayek's Epistemic Turn in Economics and Politics](#). *Advances in Austrian Economics* 13, 2010: 69-86.

**Skarbek, E.** [The Political Economy of Urban Reconstruction, Development, and Planning](#). *Erasmus Journal of Philosophy and Economics* 2(1) 2009: 148-151.

**Skarbek, E.** [Remittances and Reputations of Hawala Money Transfer Systems: Self-Enforcing Exchange on an International Scale](#). *Journal of Private Enterprise* 24(1) 2008: 95-117.

**Skarbek, E.**, Block, W. [The Economics of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge](#). *Energy and Environment* 18(1) 2007: 74-85.

### Working Papers

**Skarbek, E.** [Fiscal Equivalence and Public Administration](#). For *Social Philosophy and Policy*, 2020.

**Skarbek, E.** [Adam Smith's Principle of Fiscal Equivalence](#). For the International Adam Smith Society Tokyo Conference, March 2020

**Skarbek, E.**, Skarbek, D., Freire, D. [The Political Economy of Urban Growth and The Chicago Fire of 1871](#).

**Skarbek, E.**, Boettke, P. [Lionel Robbins on The Nature and Significance of A Priori Knowledge](#).

### Book Chapters

**Skarbek, E.** [F.A. Hayek and the Early Foundations of Spontaneous Order](#). In: Sandra Peart and David Levy (ed.). *F. A. Hayek and the Modern Economy: Economic Organization and Activity*. Palgrave, 2013.

**Skarbek, E.**, Kashdan, A. [Earth, Wind, and Fire! Federalism and Incentives in Natural Disaster Response](#). In: Emily Chamlee-Wright and Virgil H. Storr (ed.). *The Political Economy of Hurricane Katrina and Community Rebound*. Edward Elgar, 2010.

### Book Reviews & Other Publications

**Skarbek, E.** [Book Review: Adam Smith: His Life, Thought, and Legacy](#), Edited by Ryan Patrick Hanley. *The Adam Smith Review*, forthcoming.

**Skarbek, E.** [Book Review: Institutional Diversity in Self-Governing Societies: The Bloomington School and Beyond](#), Edited by Filippo Sabetti and Dario Castiglione. *The Independent Review*, 2018, 23 (2).

**Skarbek, E.** [Blog Posts](#). *EconLog*, 2016-2017.

**Skarbek, E.**, Skarbek, D. [It's Time to Get Rid of FEMA](#). *The Atlantic*, September 12, 2011.

**Skarbek, E.** [Housing Voucher Choice Program – More Than Just Lagniappe for New Orleans](#). *Mercatus Policy Series* 13, 2007.

**Skarbek, E.** [The Housing Voucher Choice Program](#). *Mercatus On Policy*, 2007.

### Field Research

Crisis and Response in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina, Global Prosperity Initiative, 2006 – 2007

Conducted field research in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, including several weeks interviewing in the Ninth Ward and St. Barnard Parish, as well as follow up visits in March 2006 and June 2007.

## Teaching

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy: Post-Graduate Certificate in Academic Practice in Higher Education, King's College London, 2014

### **Brown University**

History of Economic Thought  
20th Century Political Economy

### **King's College London**

Constitutional Political Economy (graduate)  
Understanding Institutions and Economic Development (graduate)  
MA Political Economy and MA Public Policy Dissertation (graduate)  
Principles of Economics  
History of Economic Thought  
Undergraduate Dissertation

### **San Jose State University**

Workshop in Public Policy Analysis (graduate)  
Principles of Microeconomics  
Public Choice Economics

## Service

2017-Director, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Research Seminar, Brown University

2017-Interim Program Director, Masters in Public Policy, King's College London

2016-2017 Program Director, Masters in Political Economy, King's College London

2015-2017 Director, Department of Political Economy Research Seminar, King's College London

2013-2017 Chair, Self-Governance Research Group, King's College London

2010-2011 Director of the Center on Entrepreneurial Innovation, The Independent Institute

Referee: *Advances in Austrian Economics*, *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, *Econ Journal Watch*, *Edward Elgar*, *Erasmus Journal of Philosophy and Economics*, *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *Journal of International Peace Operations*, *Journal of Private Enterprise*, *Public Choice*, *Palgrave Macmillan*, *The Templeton Foundation*.

Editorial Board: *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*, *Palgrave Studies in Classical Liberalism*

## Invited Talks and Public Presentations

2019 April Historical Political Economy at Cornell, Ithaca, NY

2018 June King's College London London, UK

2018 March Institute for Humane Studies, Public Choice Charelston, SC

2017 December Smith-Tocqueville Center, Michigan State University East Lansing, MI

2017 November Mont Pelerin Society Stockholm, Sweden

2017 October Friedberg Economics Institute Jerusalem, Israel

2017 September Bridgewater State University Bridgewater, MA

2017 September Loyola University New Orleans New Orleans, LA  
2017 April King's College London, SSPP Research Showcase London, UK  
2017 February State University of New York Purchase, NY  
2017 February Troy University Troy, AL  
2016 November Bristol Festival of Economics Bristol, UK  
2016 June Freedom Week, Institute for Economic Affairs Cambridge, UK  
2016 April Institute for Economic Affairs London, UK  
2016 January SOAS University of London London, UK  
2015 July CEVRO Institute Prague, Czech Rep.  
2015 July Institute for Economic Affairs Cambridge, UK  
2015 July Institute for Humane Studies London, UK  
2015 April Adam Smith Institute London, UK  
2015 March University of Ghent Belgium  
2014 October George Mason University Fairfax, VA  
2014 July Gruter Institute for Law and Behavioral Research London, UK  
2014 July Institute for Economic Affairs London, UK  
2014 December Institute of Economic Affairs London, UK  
2014 March Charles Street Symposium, Legatum Institute London, UK  
2013 November Texas Tech University Lubbock, TX  
2013 March Adam Smith Society London, UK  
2013 March Cambridge Economics Society Cambridge, UK  
2012 November London School of Economics London, UK  
2012 February James Madison University Harrisonburg, VA

## Memberships

American Economic Association  
American Political Science Association  
History of Economic Thought Society  
Public Choice Society  
Society for the Development of Austrian Economics

## References

Available on Request