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Curriculum Vitae

Work:

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Education:

Ph.D., Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, 1994
Dissertation: "State Responses to Fiscal Stress"

M.A., Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, 1992

B.A., Economics, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, 1987

Appointments:

Director, North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (2016-Present)
Professor and Morris Chair in State and Local Government Finance and Policy, Michigan State University (2007-Present)

Fellow, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (2013-Present)

Fellow, CESifo Network (2011-Present)

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor/Department Chair, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (1998-2007)

Director, Fiscal and Economic Research Center, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (2006-2007)

State Specialist, University of Wisconsin-Extension (2005-2007)

Assistant Professor of Economics, Northern Illinois University (1994-1998)

Fulbright Scholar, Nagoya City University and Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan (1996-1997)

Instructor, United States Air Force Academy (1993)

Publications and Work in Progress:

Refereed Journal Articles:

"Angry, Scared, and Unsure: Mental Health Consequences of Contaminated Water in Flint, Michigan"
(with Courtney Cuthbertson, Joan Illardo, Cathy Newkirk, and Scott Loveridge), forthcoming in *Journal of Urban Health*.

“Forecasting State-level Suicide, Drug-induced Death, and Alcohol-induced Death Outcomes Using Google Trends” (with Jason Parker, Courtney Cuthbertson, Scott Loveridge, and William Dyar), forthcoming in Journal of Affective Disorders.

“How Effective are Property Tax Abatements? The Case of Michigan” (with Sung Kang and Laura Reese), forthcoming in Journal of Policy Analysis and Management.

“No Dog Left Behind: A Hedonic Pricing Model for Animal Shelters” (with Laura Reese and Will Dyar) forthcoming in the Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science.

“Population Growth, Land Allocation and Conflict in Mali”, Area Development and Policy (with John Staatz, Nango Dembele, and Aissatou Ouedraogo), Area Development and Policy Vol. 1, 2016.

“Information/Communication Technology and Natural Disaster Vulnerability” (with Hideki Toya, Economics Letters, Vol. 137, 2015.

"Assessment Inequity in a Declining Housing Market: The Case of Detroit", Real Estate Economics (with Timothy Hodge, Daniel McMillan, and Gary Sands), Real Estate Economics, Vol. 43 (2), 2015.

“Assessment Growth Limits and Mobility: Evidence from Home Sale Data in Detroit, Michigan”, National Tax Journal (with Tim Hodge and Gary Sands), Vol. 68 (3), 2015.

“Tax Base Erosion and Inequity from Michigan’s Assessment Growth Limit: The Case of Detroit,” Public Finance Review (with Tim Hodge, Daniel McMillen, and Gary Sands), Vol 43 (5), 2015.

“The Effects of Changes in Property Tax Rates and School Spending on Residential and Business Property Value Growth” (with Sung Kang and Laura Reese), Real Estate Economics, DOI: 10.1111/1540-6229.12077, 2015.

“A Reply to ‘Replication of Economic Development and the Impacts of Natural Disasters, (Economics Letters, 2007)’” (with Hideki Toya), Public Finance Review, Vol. 43 (2), 2015.

“‘Blamed for Incompetence and Lack of Foresight and Left to Die’: Response to William Tabb’s ‘If Detroit is Dead, Some Things Need to Be Said at the Funeral’” (with Eric Scorsone), Journal of Urban Affairs, Vol 37 (1): 21-25.

“The Child Adoption Marketplace: Parental Preferences and Adoption Outcomes” (with Gary Anderson and Mark Eiswerth), Public Finance Review, DOI: 10.1177/1091142114547412, 2014.

“Detroit Property Tax Delinquency—Social Contract in Crisis” (with James Alm, Timothy Hodge and Gary Sands), Public Finance and Management, Vol. 14 (3), 2014.

“Do Natural Disasters Enhance Societal Trust?” (with Hideki Toya), Kyklos, Vol 67 (2), 2014 .

“Making Ends Meet: Options for Property Tax Reform in Detroit” (with Gary Sands), Journal of Urban Affairs, Vol. 36 (4), 2014

“Memo from Motown: Is Austerity is here to Stay?” (with Laura Reese and Gary Sands), Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society, Vol. 7, No. 1, 2014.

“The Political Economy of Ethanol Subsidies” (with Chad Cotti and James Alm), Economics and Politics, Vol. 25 (2), 2013

- “Natural Disaster Impacts and Fiscal Decentralization” (with Hideki Toya), Land Economics. Vol. 89, No. 1, 2013.
- “Assessing the Impact of Gasoline Sales-Below-Cost Laws on Retail Price and Market Structure: Implications for Consumer Welfare” (with Jimmy Peltier and George Milne), Journal of Public Policy and Marketing, Vol. 32, No. 2, 2013.
- “Property Taxation, Education Finance Reform, and Tax Base Growth” (with Laura Reese and Sung Kang), Regional Science and Urban Economics. Vol. 42, No. 1-2, 2012.
- “Do Wisconsin Tax Increment Finance Districts Stimulate Growth in Real Estate Values?” (with David Merriman and Russ Kashian), Real Estate Economics, Vol. 39, No. 2, 2011.
- “Causes and Consequences of Fiscal Stress in Michigan Cities” (with Eric Scorsone), Regional Science and Urban Economics, Vol. 41 No. 4, 2011.
- “On Estimating Marginal Tax Rates and Tax Progressivities for the U.S. States” (with Robert Reed and Cynthia Rogers), National Tax Journal, Vol. 64, No. 1, 2011.
- “Property Value Assessment Growth Limits, Differential Tax Base Erosion and In-migration” (with Mehmet Tosun), Public Finance Review, Vol. 39, No. 2 2011.
- “The Relationship between Tax Increment Finance and Property Taxation” (with Russ Kashian), Regional Science and Urban Economics, Vol. 40, No. 6, 2010.
- “The Distributional Consequences of Michigan Property Tax Assessment Growth Limit” (with Charles Ballard and Timothy Hodge), National Tax Journal, Vol. 63, No. 2, 2010.
- “The Impact of State Government Subsidies and Tax Credits in an Emerging Industry: Ethanol Production 1980-2007” (with Chad Cotti), Southern Economics Journal, Vol. 76, No. 4, 2010.
- “An Examination of Inter-District Public School Transfers in Wisconsin” (with David Welsch and Bambi Statz), Economics of Education Review, Vol. 29, No. 1, 2010.
- “A Reevaluation of the Effect of Human Capital Accumulation on Economic Growth: Using Natural Disasters as an Instrument” (with Hideki Toya and Raymond Robertson), Eastern Economic Journal, Vol. 36, Vol. 1, 2010.
- “The Relationship between Tax Increment Finance and Municipal Land Annexation”, (with David Merriman and Russ Kashian), Land Economics Vol. 85, No. 4, 2009.
- “Voter Responses on Referenda to Exceed Revenue Limits”, (with Craig Maher), Public Budgeting and Finance, Vol. 29, No. 2, 2009.
- “Examining Angler Behavior Using Contingent Behavior Modeling: A Case Study of Water Quality Change at a Wisconsin Lake.” (with Mark Eiswerth and Russ Kashian), Water Resources Research Vol. 44 (W11426): 10.1029/2006WR005828. <http://www.agu.org/>.
- “Perfect Competition, Urbanization, and Tax Incidence in the Retail Gasoline Market” (with James Alm and Edward Sennoga), Economic Inquiry, Vol. 47, No. 1, 2009.

- “Changing Education Finance Policy, School Referenda Activity and Success Rates: Evidence from Wisconsin” (with Craig Maher), Public Finance Review, Vol. 36, No. 4, 2008
- “Do New Lottery Games Stimulate Retail Activity? Evidence from West Virginia” (with Mehmet Tosun), Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy, Vol. 38, No. 2, 2008.
- “Is Local Government Spending Converging?” (with Steven Deller), Eastern Economic Journal, Vol. 34, No. 1, 2008.
- “Cross-border Shopping and the Sales Tax: A Reexamination of Food Purchases in West Virginia”, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Vol. 7, No. 1 (Topics), Article 63, 2007.
- “Economic Development and the Impacts of Natural Disasters” (with Hideki Toya), Economics Letters, Vol. 94, 2007.
- “Lake Rehabilitation the Value of Shoreline Real Estate: Evidence from Delavan, Wisconsin” (with Mark Eiswerth and Russ Kashian), Review of Regional Studies, Vol. 36, No. 2, 2006.
- “A Small Sample Study of Traditional and On-line Courses with Sample Selection Adjustment” (with Jeffrey Anstine), Journal of Economic Education, Vol. 36, No. 2, 2005.
- “Do Motor Fuel Sales-Below-Cost Laws Lower Prices?” (with James Alm and James Peltier), Journal of Urban Economics, Vol. 57, No. 1, 2005.
- “Convergence in Government Spending: Theory and Cross-country Evidence” (with Hideki Toya and David Merriman), Kyklos, Vol. 57, No. 4, 2004.
- “Interstate Competition and the Limits of State Lottery Revenues” (with Mehmet Tosun), National Tax Journal, Vol. LVII, No. 2, 2004.
- “School Finance Litigation, Tax and Expenditure Limitations, and Education Spending,” (with William Blankenau), Contemporary Economic Policy, Vol. 22, No. 1, 2004.
- "A Hedonic Price Model of Bed and Breakfasts in Southeast Wisconsin"(with Ben Monty), Journal of Travel Research, Vol. 42, November 2003.
- “The Interrelatedness of Tax and Expenditure Limitations and Education Finance Reform” (with William Blankenau), Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy, Vol. 32, No. 1, 2002.
- “Do Natural Disasters Promote Long-run Growth?” (with Hideki Toya), Economic Inquiry, Vol. 40, No. 4, 2002.
- “Preserving Farmland via Property Tax Assessment Policy and the Willingness to Pay for Farmland Preservation,” (with Russ Kashian) Economic Development Quarterly, Vol. 16, No.1, 2002.
- "Risk, Natural Disasters, and Household Savings in a Life Cycle Model," Japan and the World Economy, Vol. 13, No. 1, 2001.
- "Did Distortionary Sales Taxation Contribute to the Growth of the Service Sector?" (with David Merriman), National Tax Journal, Vol. LII, No. 1, 2000.
- "Voting on Tax and Expenditure Limitation Measures" (with James Alm), Public Finance Review, Vol. 27,

No. 5, 1999.

"Tax and Expenditure Limitations and the Fiscal Relationships between State and Local Governments," Public Choice, Vol. 99, No. 1-2, 1999.

"Do Impact Fees Reduce Development?" (with Michael Peddle), Growth and Change, Vol. 29, No. 4, 1998.

"Property Tax Rate Changes and the Rate of Development" (with Jeffrey Zax), Journal of Urban Economics, Vol. 36, 314-332, 1994.

"Fiscal Stress, Tax Competition, and the Introduction of State Lotteries" (with James Alm and Michael McKee), National Tax Journal, Vol. 46, No. 4, 1993.

Books:

Cities at Risk: Planning for and Recovering from Natural and Human Disasters (co-edited with Pierre Filion and Gary Sands), Ashgate Press, 2015.

Book Chapters and Other Publications:

"The Role of Natural Disasters and Technology in the Formation of Social Capital", book chapter in Social Capital at the Community Level edited by John M. Halstead and Steven C. Deller. Published by Taylor & Francis/Routledge, 2015.

"Can a Greenbelt Help to Shrink Detroit's Wasteland?" Lincoln Land Lines, October, 2014, https://www.lincolninst.edu/pubs/2467_Will-a-Greenbelt-Help-to-Shrink-Detroit-s-Wasteland-

"Detroit's Bankruptcy Settlement Will not Solve the City's Problems." London School of Economics Blog: <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2014/03/10/detroits-bankruptcy-settlement-will-not-solve-the-citys-problems/>.

"Housing Affordability: Lessons from the United States." Working Paper 14/11. New Zealand Department of Treasury, Wellington: April, 2014, <http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/research-policy/wp/2014/14-11/twp14-11.pdf> (this is a refereed publication).

"Recreational Homes, Land Use and Taxes in the Great Lakes Region." (with Dan Erkkila, Bill Gartner, Bill, Ann Ziebarth, Steve Deller, Gary Green, Dave Marcoullier, Christine Vogt, and Richelle Winkler. University of Wisconsin Extension Brief, 2013

"Natural Disaster Preparedness and Recovery: Issues and Policy Options." NARDeP Policy Brief. August, 2013, http://www.nardep.info/uploads/Brief_DisasterPreparednessRecovery.pdf

Guest Column: "Communities Should Find Tax-Spend 'Niche'". *Bridge: News and Analysis from the Center for Michigan*, January 5, 2012.

"New York Has What it Takes to Rebound. *CNN*, November 1, 2012.

"The Life Spans of Tax Increment Financing Districts" (with Russ Kashian and Eric Cramer), State Tax Notes. Vol. 63, No. 6, 2012.

"Using Natural Disasters as a Test of Decentralization Performance" (with Hideki Toya), CESifo Forum,

Vol. 11 No. 2, 2010.

“Commentary”, in Gregory K. Ingram and Yu-Hung Hong, eds., *Local Government Fiscal Challenges* (Cambridge, MA: The Lincoln Institute Press), 2010.

“Taxes and Growth: A Review of the Evidence” (with Nicole Bradshaw), Show-Me Institute Policy Study, Vol. 23, 2010.

“Causes and Consequences of Fiscal Stress in Michigan Municipalities” (with Eric Scorsone), State Tax Notes, Vol. 53, No. 10, 675-692, 2009.

“A Review of Risking House and Home: Disasters, Cities, Public Policy, edited by John M. Quigley and Larry A. Vol. 49, No. 3, Journal of Regional Science, 2009.

“Do Wisconsin’s Tax Increment Finance Districts Stimulate Growth in Real Estate Values?” (with David Merriman and Russ Kashian), State Tax Notes, Vol. 47, No. 2, 105-112, 2008.

“Education Finance Reform, Incentives and School Spending in Wisconsin” (with Craig Maher and Bambi Statz), Marquette Law Review, 2007.

“Natural Disasters and Long-run Economic Growth in Asia and Around the World” (with Hideki Toya), in Economics and Politics of Asia, edited by Frank Columbus. New York: Nova Science Publishers, 2003.

“Convergence in State Government Health Care Spending and Fiscal Distress” (with David Merriman), in Proceedings of the Ninety-Fourth Annual Conference of the National Tax Association, 2001.

"The Effects of Changes in Demographic and Industrial Structure on State Sales Tax Revenues" (with David Merriman), in Proceedings of the Ninetieth Annual Conference of the National Tax Association, 1998.

"State Sales and Income Taxation in the United States: A Case Study of Illinois" (with David Merriman and Judy Temple), Oikonomica, Vol. 34, No. 1, 1997.

"Taxation in the United States: Recent Trends," Nanzan Management Review, Vol. 12, No. 1, 1997.

Reports:

Detroit and the Property Tax: Strategies to Improve Equity and Enhance Revenue (with Gary Sands), *Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Policy Focus Report*. Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2015

"Barry County Financial Analysis and Forecast Report." (with Timothy Hodge), March, 2014.

“USAID Report and Policy Synthesis on Land Tenure in Mali: Analysis of the Adaptability of Land Tenure Arrangements in Regions Likely to Receive Large Influxes of Rural Migrants in the Coming Years” (with Nango Dembele, Aissatou Ouedraogo and John Staatz), 2013.

"The Competitiveness and Fairness of Michigan's Agricultural Property Tax" (with Anthony Papac)). Prepared for Michigan Farm Bureau, 2012.

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Report: “Options for Restructuring Detroit’s Property Tax (with Gary Sands), http://www.lincolinst.edu/pubs/1997_Options-for-Restructuring-Detroit-s-Property-Tax--Preliminary-Analysis.

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Fiscal and Economic Research Center Report: “The Lake Geneva Watershed Survey” (with Mark Eiswerth and Russ Kashian)

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Report: “Do Tax Increment Finance Districts Stimulate Growth in Real Estate Value?” (with David Merriman and Russ Kashian)

University of Wisconsin-Extension Report: “What Is the Value of a Clean and Healthy Lake to a Local Community?” (with Mark Eiswerth and Russ Kashian)

Urban Institute Report: “How to Track Health Care Spending with Census Data” (with David Merriman)

Urban Institute Report: “Convergence in State Government Health Care Spending: Implications for Fiscal Health” (with David Merriman)

Report Prepared for the Petroleum Marketers Association of Wisconsin: “A National Study of the Effects of Minimum Mark-up Laws on Gasoline Markets” (with James Peltier)

Research Papers in Preparation:

“The Net Benefit of Tearing Down Dilapidated Housing: The Case of Detroit.

“The Land Value Gradient in a (Nearly) Collapsed Urban Real Estate Market”, revisions requested at Land Economics.

“Diminishing Health, Rising Health Care Costs and Long-run Growth in Local Government Spending”

“Asymmetry in Local Government Responses to Population Growth/Decline”

“Double Danger in a Double-wide: Poverty, Infrastructure Quality, and Disaster Vulnerability”

“Risk, Loss, and Ambiguity Aversion After a Natural Disaster”

“Trust and Patience after a Tornado”

Teaching Experience:

Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics

Public Sector Budgeting and Program Evaluation (undergraduate)

Applied Microeconomics II (Ph.D. graduate)

Microeconomic Theory (M.A. graduate)

Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, Wisconsin

Business Conditions Analysis (graduate), Economic Foundations (graduate), Public Finance, Mathematical Foundations (graduate), Managerial Economics (graduate Internet course), Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Statistics, Urban and Regional Economics (1998-Present)

Department of Economics, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois

Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Public Finance, State and Local Public Finance, Graduate Public

Finance: Taxation, Graduate Seminar in Public Economics (1994-1998)

Fulbright Scholar, Nagoya City University and Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan
Human Resource Management, Labor and Industrial Relations, Labor Economics, Public Sector Economics
(1996-1997)

Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado
Macroeconomics, Microeconomics (1992-1994)

Instructor, Department of Economics and Geography, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs,
Colorado
Microeconomics (1993)

Teaching Assistant, Economics Institute, Boulder, Colorado
Intermediate Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Introduction to Calculus, Mathematics for
Economists (1992)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Colorado, Boulder
Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Labor and Industrial Relations (1989-1992)

Professional Activities:

Grants:

USDA-DHHS Grant (PI and Co-PI): Community Assessment and Education to Promote Behavioral
Health Planning and Evaluation, \$6 million (2013-present).

National Science Foundation Rapid Response Grant (Co-PI, \$11,000 credited amount): Natural Disasters
and Risk, Time, and Trust Preferences (2013-2014).

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Grant (PI, \$10,000): An Examination of the City of Detroit's Peculiar
Property Tax Environment (2011-2012).

NCRCRD Grant (co-PI, \$10,500): Recreational Homes, Gateway Communities, and Rural Development
(2011).

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Grant (Co-PI, \$20,000): Hazard Analysis of Wisconsin's Tax Increment
Finance Districts, with Russ Kashian (2011).

USAID Grant (supporting): "USAID Mali RFA #688-A08-009-00" Food Security Grant, \$4.5 million
(2010-2014).

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Grant (PI, \$30,000): The Consequences of Fiscal Stress in Michigan
Municipalities (2008).

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Grant (Co-PI, co-funded with UW-Extension, \$74,000): Evaluate tax
increment financing use and effects in Wisconsin, with David Merriman and Russ Kashian (2006).

Geneva Lake Conservancy and University of Wisconsin (Co-PI, \$9,000)-Whitewater College of Business
and Economics: Development Pressure, Environment and Quality of Life around Lake Geneva, Wisconsin,
with Mark Eiswerth and Russ Kashian (2004).

University of Wisconsin Extension Continuing EDvantage Award (supporting, \$20,000): Developing Latino Entrepreneurship in South Central Wisconsin, with Seth Meisel-History, Diane Soles-Sociology, Lauren Smith-Women's Studies (2005).

University of Wisconsin-Extension Grant (Co-PI, \$30,000): Examining the relationship between lake water quality and local economic activity, with Mark Eiswerth and Russ Kashian (2004).

Urban Institute Grant (Co-PI, \$16,500): Examined Medicaid spending across the states, with David Merriman (2001).

Graduate School Summer Research Grant, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois (1995 and 1996).

Cooperative Research Grant, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado (1991).

Honors, Awards, Grants, and Notable Activities (selected):

Co-editor, Journal of Urban Affairs (2011 – present)

Visiting Scholar, New Zealand Treasury and Victoria University-Wellington (November 2013)

Award for Excellence in Outreach, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University.

Co-leader, Government and Public Policy Work Group (formerly the State and Local Government Team), Greening Michigan Institute, Michigan State University Extension (2007-2015)

Member of the USDA funded Multi-state Project NE1049 "Community Health and Resilience" [formerly NE1029 "Rural Changes: Markets, Governance, and Quality of Life, Project Leader in 2010] (2008-present)

Program Co-chair, 105th Annual Conference on Taxation, National Tax Association (2012)

Visiting Scholar, University of Munich/CESifo Institute (2011, 2014).

Advisory Board Member, Michigan Political Leadership Program, Michigan State University (2007-present).

My research has been cited in media outlets such as the BBC, Boston Globe, China Post, CNNMoney, Christian Science Monitor, The Detroit News, Economist, Europe Intelligence Wire, Finanz Nachrichten, Forbes, International Herald Tribune, Los Angeles Business Journal, MSNBC, Newsweek, New Yorker, New York Times, PBS News Hour, Reuters, Times of India, and the Washington Post, among others.

According to Google Scholar, my research has been cited more than 1,700 times.

Project Leader: Development Web-Based Local Government Fiscal Data Management System for the Michigan Department of Treasury. The web portal (<http://f65.mitreasury.msu.edu/>) enables local government officials to submit their required financial data to the Michigan Department of Treasury using the online system. The portal also offers open access data downloading, which improves access to information and therefore accountability and transparency of local governments in Michigan. The portal is an effective tool in helping meet Governor Snyder's initiative to increase citizen accessibility of government information. The portal is now used to download detailed financial information into an Excel-based Citizen's Guide Report developed by the Governor's office. In addition, a basic forecasting tool is also

available. The database saves hundreds of hours of time in local government offices throughout the state every year, and it saves Treasury officials hundreds of hours every year by streamlining the data management process. It is now much easier for Treasury to respond to information/data requests by administration and legislators. Beginning 2012, Treasury grants Michigan State University a \$15,000 annual contract to further develop the portal. (2007-present).

Organized the workshop (with Professor Gary Sands) “Property Tax Workshop: Michigan Local Governments in Fiscal Crisis”. The event was hosted by Representative Joan Bauer and the Local Government Caucus, and sponsored by Flagstar Bank--\$5,000, Frey Foundation--\$1,000, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago--\$1,000 (2010).

Team Leader: Development and delivery of educational materials to newly elected new county commissioners in Michigan (2007-present).

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy: Online Video Series—Rural Development in the United States (2009).

Organized and hosted the workshop (with Charles Ballard) “Economic Health and Public Finance in Michigan.” State and local government leaders (including Governor Granholm) as well as members of advocacy groups and academia were in attendance (2008).

Co-facilitator of the Michigan Farm Market Task Force. The task force developed a set of recommendations to the Michigan Commission of Agriculture to clarify and streamline oversight responsibilities for the emerging on-farm retail activity. The recommendations were accepted by the Michigan Commission of Agriculture (2008).

Panel: Wisconsin Tax Incidence Study, Wisconsin Department of Revenue (2005).

Wisconsin Idea Fellow (2004-2005).

Visiting International Scholar, Nagoya City University, Nagoya, Japan (2003, 2014).

President, Mid-continent Regional Science Association (2003-2004).

College of Business and Economics Research Award, UW-Whitewater College of Business and Economics (2002).

College of Business and Economics Teaching Award, UW-Whitewater College of Business and Economics (2001).

Program Committee Chair, Mid-continent Regional Science Association, 2001, 2002, 2003 annual meetings.

Selected by students for inclusion in the sixth edition of *Who's Who among America's Teachers, 2000, 2004, and 2005*

Initiated as a faculty member into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi (2000).

Teaching Award: Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society, 1997-1998. Certificate of Excellence in Recognition of Outstanding Contribution to Education at Northern Illinois University.

Fulbright Scholar, Nagoya, Japan (1996-1997).

Campbell Dissertation Fellowship, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado (1993).

Referee Activity (selected):

Applied Economics, Comparative Political Studies, Contemporary Economic Policy, Demography, Ecological Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Disasters, Eastern Economic Journal, Economica, Economic Inquiry, Environmental and Resource Economics, Growth and Change, International Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Education, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Affairs, Journal of Urban Economics, Land Economics, National Tax Journal, Southern Economic Journal, Public Finance and Management, Public Finance Review, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Urban Studies, World Bank Economic Review

Conferences and Presentations (selected):

“Diminishing Health, Rising Health Care Costs and Long-run Growth in Local Government Spending”, Southern Regional Science Association Meeting, Mobile, AL, March 2015.

“The Urban Land Value Gradient in a (Nearly) Collapsed Urban Real Estate Market”, National Tax Association Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, November 2014.

“Tornado Impacts in the United States”, Nagoya City University, Nagoya, Japan, September 2014.

“Do Natural Disasters Enhance Societal Trust, Victoria University Wellington, New Zealand, November 2013.

“Detroit’s Fiscal Crisis and the Role of the Property Tax, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, New Zealand Department of Treasury, September and November 2013.

"Tax Base Erosion and Inequity from Michigan's Assessment Growth Cap: The Case of Detroit". University of Michigan, November 2012.

"The Child Adoption Marketplace: Parental Preferences and Adoption". Oberlin College, March 2012.

"Detroit's Vanishing Property Tax Base". Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, January 2012.

"The Effects of Changes in Property Tax Rates and School Spending on Residential and Business Property Value Growth". National Tax Association, November 2012.

"Analysis of Detroit Property Tax Revenue Options". Southern Regional Science Association, March 2012.

"Natural Disaster Impacts and Fiscal Decentralization". AFEE Program at the ASSA meeting, January 2012.

"The Political Economy of State Government Subsidy Adoption: The Case of Ethanol". Western Michigan University, December, 2011.

"Analysis of Detroit Property Tax Revenue Options". National Tax Association, November, 2011.

"The Political Economy of State Ethanol Subsidy Adoption". Southern Regional Science Association, March 2011.

"Property Taxation, Education Finance Reform, and Tax Base Growth". Mid-continent Regional Science Association, June 2011.

"Causes and Consequences of Fiscal Stress in Michigan Municipal Government" at the conference on "Housing Crisis and State and Local Government Finances," sponsored by the Urban Institute and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Washington, DC, May 2010. I also presented this paper at the University of Nevada-Reno in May 2010.

"Property Taxation, Education Finance Reform, and Tax Base Growth" at the Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, Sedona, February 2010.

"Property Value Assessment Growth Limits and Redistribution of Property Tax Payments: Evidence from Michigan" at the National Tax Association Annual Meeting, Denver, November 2009.

The Impact of State Government Subsidies and Tax Credits in an Emerging Industry: Ethanol Production 1980-2007." Western Regional Science Meeting, Napa Valley, February 2009, and the University of Saskatchewan, October 2009.

"Do Wisconsin Tax Increment Finance Districts Contribute to Sprawl?" at the Southern Regional Science Meeting, Washington DC, March 2008.

"Property Valuation Assessment Growth Limits, Differential Tax Base Erosion and Migration" at the Southern Regional Science Meeting, Washington DC, March 2008.

"Using Natural Disasters as a Test of Decentralization Performance" at the National Tax Association Annual Meeting, Columbus, November 2007.

"Do Wisconsin Tax Increment Finance Districts Stimulate Growth in Real Estate Values?" at the National Tax Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2006.

"Changing Education Finance Policy, School Referenda Activity and Success Rates: Evidence from Wisconsin" at the conference on Intergovernmental Relations and Fiscal Conditions sponsored by the Fiscal Research Center, Georgia State University, April 2006.

"Lake Rehabilitation and the Value of Shoreline Real Estate: Evidence from Delavan, Wisconsin" at the National Tax Association Annual Meeting, Miami, November 2005.

"Convergence in Local Government Spending: Evidence from Wisconsin" at the SRSA/MCRSA Joint Meeting, Arlington, March 2005.

"Economics of Lake Management" at the SRSA/MCRSA Joint Meeting, Arlington, March 2005.

"Who Pays the Gasoline Tax?" National Tax Association Presentation at ASSA Meeting, Philadelphia, January 2005.

Economic Development and the Effects of Natural Disasters," Loyola University, Chicago, November 2004.

"Do New Lottery Games Stimulate Economic Activity? Evidence from West Virginia Border Counties," Mid-continent Regional Science Association, June 2004; National Tax Association Annual Meeting, November 2004.

“Convergence in Government Spending: Theory and Cross-country Evidence,” Ninety-Sixth Annual Conference of the National Tax Association, November 2003.

“Interstate Competition and Lottery Revenues,” Macalester College, November 2002; Ninety-Fifth Annual Conference of the National Tax Association, November 2002.

“Do Motor Fuels Sales-Below Cost Laws Lower Prices?” University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Mid-continent Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, May 2002, Nagoya City University, November 2003.

“Assessing the Effectiveness of Distance Classes: Comparing Traditional and On-line Economics Course Outcomes Controlling for Sample Selection Bias,” Mid-continent Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, May 2002.

“Convergence in State Government Health Care Spending and Fiscal Distress,” Ninety-Fourth Annual Conference of the National Tax Association, November 2001.

“An Assessment of Wisconsin’s Unfair Sales Act,” Wisconsin Economic Association Biennial Meeting, October 2001.

“The Interrelatedness of Education Finance Reform and Tax and Expenditure Limitations,” Mid-continent Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2001.

“A Hedonic Price Model of Bed and Breakfasts in Southeast Wisconsin,” Mid-continent Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2001.

“School Finance Litigation, Tax and Expenditure Limitations, Education Spending,” Wisconsin Economic Association Bi-Annual Meeting, October, 1999; Western Economic Association Annual Meeting, July, 2000; Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, March 2001.

“Preserving Farmland via Property Tax Assessment Policy and the Willingness to Pay for Farmland Preservation,” Mid-continent Regional Science Association Annual Meeting, May 2000.

Two Television appearances on the UWWTV Charter Cable Network as panelist to discuss “Current Economic Issues,” Spring 2000.

“Natural Disasters, Investment, and Economic Growth,” Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, March 1999, Macalester College, October 2000, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater McNair Scholars Program.

“The Effects of Changes in Demographic and Industrial Structure on State Sales Tax Revenues,” Ninetieth Annual Conference of the National Tax Association, November 1997.

“Risk, Natural Disasters, and Household Savings,” Central Research Institute of the Electric Power Company of Japan, February 1997; Osaka University, May 1997; Nagoya City University, June 1997; Nanzan University, June 1997.

“Recent Trends in United States Taxation,” Tohoku American Studies Association Seminar, March 1997.

“The Effects of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on the Components of Local Government Spending: Operating Versus Capital Expenditures,” Nagoya University, January 1997; Chukyo University June 1997.

"Tax and Expenditure Limitations and the Fiscal Relationships Between State and Local Governments," Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, March 1996.

"The Effects of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on Local Government Capital Investment," Western Economic Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, June 1996.

"An Analysis of Costs and Revenues Associated with Residential Development: Crested Butte Colorado," The Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., October 1994.

"Fiscal Stress, Tax Competition, and State Lottery Inception," University of Colorado Graduate Seminar Series, Boulder, Colorado, April 1992; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, October 1991.

Other Experience and Employment:

Expert Witness in court case (PDQ Food Stores, Inc. v. Woodman's Food Market, Inc. Dane County Case Nos. 98 CV 2828 and 99 CV 1141.

Evaluate whether PDQ Food Stores Inc. was threatened with injury by Woodman's alleged decision to sell gasoline below-cost at two locations, which is a violation of the Unfair Sales Act.

Expert Witness at Louisiana State Government Legislative and Senate Committee Hearings (2005)

Presented an analysis of the effects of sales-below-cost laws on prices and market structure in the retail gasoline market.

Consultant for the Petroleum Marketers Association of Wisconsin

Evaluated the routes by which sales-below-cost laws reduce gasoline prices (2001, 2003, 2004 and 2005).

Consultant for Fort Atkinson Memorial Atkinson Memorial Health Services (2003)

Evaluated the economic impact of the health organization on the regional economy using input-output analysis.

Consultant for the Attorney General's Office for the State of Wisconsin

Evaluated the effects of minimum mark-up pricing laws and gasoline prices. The report was used in federal court case regarding the constitutionality of Wisconsin's Unfair Sales Act (2001). The court dismissed the complaint, an outcome favorable to the Attorney General's Office of the State of Wisconsin.

Consultant for the Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce

Estimated annual tourist revenues generated in the City of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Also examined the effects of tourism on the fiscal health of the city government (1999).

Consultant for Lab Safety Supply

Examined regional growth trends across the U.S. states. Findings used to identify relatively high growth regions in order to maximize marketing strategy (1999).

Consultant for the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado

Estimated per household revenues and costs of providing public services for the Town of Crested Butte. These estimates are used to determine the fiscal feasibility of annexation proposals (1993).

Consultant at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado

Working with Professor Zax, we evaluated the impact of changes in property tax rates on property

development in Douglas County, Colorado. Results were used in a lawsuit between municipality and bondholders over payment on bonds (1992).

Research Assistant, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado

Data collection, management, analysis of tax and expenditure limitation laws (1991).

Quantitative Skills Lab Director, University of Colorado Student Housing

Directed mathematics tutoring lab. Supervised tutors and assisted students with mathematics problems (1990-1991).

Methods Analyst, Boeing Commercial Airplane, Everett, Washington

Organized information and presented potential problems and solutions in the production process to management. Required extensive computer application. Stepped in as emergency team leader; the team completed the project, saving Boeing approximately \$1 million (1987-1989).

Affiliations:

American Economic Association, Mid-continent Regional Science Association, National Tax Association