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I was a featured speaker at the 2009 TED conference in a talk that has been watched hundreds of thousands of times.

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I write regularly at MarginalRevolution.com, one of the most widely read blogs on the web and recommended as one of the five best economics sites by the *Wall Street Journal*.

I have published many op-eds and short articles in newspapers and magazines including in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and elsewhere. A short selection of these follows.

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Academic Honors, Editorships, Recent Refereeing, and Fellowships

- Advisor: Institute for Competitive Governance
- Bartley J. Madden Chair in Economics at the Mercatus Center
- Editorial Board: *Constitutional Political Economy*
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- Advisory Board: *The Dialectics: Journal of Leadership, Politics, and Society*
- *George A. and Frances Ball Foundation Research Fellowship (1996).*
- *Resident Scholar (summer, 1995), Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green State University*
- *Earhart Foundation, Researcher Award, 1994-95.*
- *Snavely Award, Best Graduate Student: Department of Economics, George Mason University, 1994.*
- Recent Referring for *American Economic Review, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Legal Studies, American Law and Economics Review, National Science Foundation.*

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

Law and Economics

Finance

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History of Economic Thought

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Development Economics

Public Choice

Industrial Organization

Principles of Economics

Empirical Law and Economics

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Director, Center for Study of Public Choice
Chair of the Senior Hiring Committee, 2012
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Keynote speaker for the GMU Mid-Atlantic United Nations, 2011
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Served on the department hiring committee, 2005
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Ran Public Choice Seminar, 2003-2006
Seminars for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute 2006, 2007, 2008
Advisor to China 1-2-1 student thesis and attended the graduate ceremony for the 2008 students in Yunnan, China. (Also met in Beijing potential GMU students.)