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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Mississippi College, Clinton, MS

Assistant Professor of Economics

August 2018 - Present

EDUCATION

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS

Ph.D. Applied Economics Field: Economic Development May 2018

Dissertation: Three Essays on Institutional Structure and Reform

Chair: Claudia R. Williamson, Ph.D.

M.A. Economics Minor: Finance May 2012

B.B.A. Business Administration Major: Economics May 2010

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Credit for Me but Not for Thee: The Effects of the Illinois Rate Cap” with Gregory Elliehausen and Thomas W. Miller Jr. 2023. *Public Choice*, 197, 397-420. [This paper was the topic of discussion in the legislatures of Illinois and South Carolina, including congressional testimony before the South Carolina Legislature. It was also the topic of discussion more than one dozen articles in Forbes, Real Clear Markets, JD Supra, and other popular press outlets.]

“Are Economic Arguments Against Immigration Missing the Boat? The Fiscal Effects of the Mariel Boatlift.” with Lili Yao and Claudia R. Williamson. 2022. *Southern Economic Journal*, 89(2), 305-325.

“The Effect of Mass Legalization on US State-level Institutions: Evidence from the Immigration Reform and Control Act” with Lili Yao and Claudia R. Williamson. 2021. *Public Choice*, 89(3), 427-463.

“Do Consumers Need More Protection from Small-Dollar Lenders? Historical Evidence and a Roadmap for Future Research” with Gregory Elliehausen and Thomas W. Miller Jr. 2020. *Economic Inquiry*, 58(4), 1577-1613.

“Does Balance Among Areas of Institutional Quality Matter for Economic Growth?” with Russell S. Sobel. 2020. *Southern Economic Journal*, 86(4), 1418-1445.

“Performance Efficiency in NCAA Basketball” with Jon Rezek and Joshua Pitts. 2019. *Journal of Sports Economics*, 20(2), 218–241.

“The Dynamic Properties of Institutional Reform: An Analysis of U.S. States.” 2019. *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 15(3), 539-551.

“The Path of Reform: The Consequences of Institutional Volatility” with Claudia R. Williamson 2019. *Kyklos*, 72(3), 400-425.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Case for Growth.” (with Russell Sobel), Chapter 1, in Brandon N. Cline, Russell S. Sobel, and Claudia R. Williamson, eds., *Promoting Prosperity in Mississippi*. Mississippi State. MS: Mississippi State Institute for Market Studies, 2018

“The Sources of Economic Growth.” (with Russell Sobel), Chapter 2, in Brandon N. Cline, Russell S. Sobel, and Claudia R. Williamson, eds., *Promoting Prosperity in Mississippi*. Mississippi State. MS: Mississippi State Institute for Market Studies, 2018

“Why Capitalism Works.” (with Russell Sobel), Chapter 3, in Brandon N. Cline, Russell S. Sobel, and Claudia R. Williamson, eds., *Promoting Prosperity in Mississippi*. Mississippi State. MS: Mississippi State Institute for Market Studies, 2018

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Courses Taught	Instructional Method	Average Evaluation
Principles of Macroeconomics	Traditional, Online	4.9/5.00
Principles of Microeconomics	Traditional, Online	4.8/5.00
Managerial Economics (MBA)	Hybrid, Online	N/A

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Senate, *Mississippi College*, Clinton, MS, 2021- Present

Faculty Qualifications Committee Chair, *Mississippi College*, Clinton, MS, 2018-Present

Faculty Athletic Mentor, *Mississippi College Men’s Basketball*, Clinton, MS, 2020- Present

Student Activities Committee, *Mississippi College*, Clinton, MS, 2019- Present

Preview Day Mock Lecturer, *Mississippi College*, Clinton, MS, 2018-Present

Faith and Service Committee, *Mississippi College School of Business*, Clinton, MS, 2018-2023

Academic and Admissions Recruitment Committee, *Mississippi College*, Clinton, MS, 2020- 2022

Admissions Retreat Speaker, *Mississippi College*, Clinton, MS, 2019-2022

Online Enrollment Committee, *Mississippi College*, Clinton, MS, 2019- 2020

Choctaw Cheer-Off Judge, *Mississippi College*, Clinton, MS, 2020

“Still MC” Webpage Feature “Is College Still Worth It”, *Mississippi College*, Clinton, MS, 2019

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Master Teacher of Economics Instructor, *MS Council on Economic Education*, 2020-Present

Finance Committee Chair, *Grace Community Church*, 2020-Present

Invited Speaker, *Butler Snow Midsouth Bank Group*, 2023

Board Member, *Madison Ridgeland Youth Club*, 2020

Invited Lecturer, *Rankin County School District Continuing Education*, 2019

Invited Lecturer, *Madison Ridgeland Academy Student Leadership Institute*, 2017-2020

Host, *The Veritas Forum at Mississippi State University*, 2017

Peer Reviewer, *Economic Modelling*, 2021-2022

Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 2019-2023

Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*, 2020

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Mississippi College Pittman Young Faculty of the Year Award (2020)
The Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE) Young Scholars Grant (2018 and 2019)
The Institute for Humane Students (IHS) Hayek Grant (2019)
The Hunter Henry Graduate Studies Travel Grant, Mississippi State University (2017)
Southeastern Conference Men's Basketball Community Service Team (2011)
Suma Cum Laude, Mississippi State University (2010)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Southern Economic Association, 2018-Present
Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2018- Present
Society for Development of Austrian Economics, 2018-Present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Premier Insights, Ridgeland, MS

Chief Analytics Officer June 2018 - Present

Trustmark Bank, Jackson, MS

Treasury DFAST Consultant June 2011–August 2013

Columbus Orthopedic, Columbus, MS

Business Consultant August 2016–December 2016

REFERENCES

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