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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., May 1996, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Economics.

M.S., January 1993, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Economics.

B.A., June 1990, Allegheny College, Economics, *Cum Laude*.

**TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

2024-present: Member, Healthcare Management Steering Committee.

2024-2025: Co-director, Bruce R. Thompson Center for Business and Economics,  
Allegheny College.

2021-present: Chair, Department of Business & Economics, Allegheny College.

2011-present: Professor of Economics, Allegheny College.

2015-present: Patricia B. Tippie Endowed Professor in Economics, Allegheny College.

2016-2021: Visiting Scholar and Affiliate Faculty, Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University.

2017-2020: Co-director, Bruce R. Thompson Center for Business and Economics,  
Allegheny College.

2011-2016: Chair, Department of Economics, Allegheny College.

2005-2011: Andrew Wells Robertson Chair in Economics, Allegheny College.

2004-2011: Associate Professor of Economics, Allegheny College.

1996-2004: Assistant Professor of Economics, Allegheny College.

1995-96: Research Assistant, University of Illinois.

1990-95: Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois.

**RESEARCH FIELDS**

Economic History, Institutional and Organizational Analysis, Industrial Organization,  
Political Economy.

## CLASSES TAUGHT AT ALLEGHENY

ECON 100: Introductory Microeconomics; ECON 104: The Behavior of Firms in the Modern Economy; ECON 190: Executive Leadership; ECON 200/300: Microeconomic Theory; ECON 242: The Economics of Strategy; ECON 246: Industrial Organization; ECON 248: Law and Economics; ECON 299: Quantitative Methods for Economists; ECON 448: Organizations and Contracts; ECON 584: Topics in Industrial Organization; ECON 589: American Regulatory History; ECON 589: American Economic History; FS201: American Economic History, LSW: Western Pennsylvania: Discovering a Sense of Place, FS102: Western Pennsylvania's Economy, FS101: Market and Non-Market Solutions to Economic Issues, FS101: Defining Globalization.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Book**

*Institutional and Organizational Analysis: Concepts and Applications*, with Eric Alston, Lee Alston, and Bernardo Mueller, Cambridge University Press (2018).

### **Articles and Encyclopedia Entries**

"Internal Migration to Yucatán, Mexico: Moving for Security." With Shannan Mattiace. *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*, 38, Issue 3 (Fall 2022): 406–433.

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"Who Should Own the League? Transaction Costs and the Structure of NBA Ownership." With David Gerard. *Journal of Sports Economics*, 23, no. 1 (2022): 76-94.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/15270025211031474>

"Competitive Enterprise Institute." In *Political Groups, Parties, and Organizations that Shaped America: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection*, Scott Ainsworth and Brian Harward (eds.), ABC-CLIO, (2019).

"Telegraph Operators." In *A Day in the Life of an American Worker: 200 Trades and Occupations in U.S. History*, Nancy Quam-Wickham and Ben Tyler Elliot (eds.), ABC-CLIO, (2019).

"The Organization of Hacienda Labor during the Mexican Revolution: Evidence from Yucatán." With Shannan Mattiace. *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*, 30, no. 2 (2014): 366-396. <https://doi.org/10.1525/msem.2014.30.2.366>

- “The New Institutional Economics.” In *Handbook of Modern Economic History*, Randall Parker and Robert Whaples (eds.), Rutledge (2013).
- “Coercion, Culture, and Contracts: Labor and Debt on Henequen Haciendas in Yucatán, Mexico, 1870–1915.” With Lee Alston and Shannan Mattiace. *The Journal of Economic History*, 69, no. 1 (March 2009): 104-137. Earlier draft available as *National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper w13852* (March 2008).  
<http://www.nber.org/papers/w13852>.
- “Who Should Govern Congress? Access to Power and The Salary Grab of 1873.” With Lee Alston and Jeffery Jenkins. *The Journal of Economic History*, 66, no. 3 (2006): 674-706.  
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022050706000295> Earlier draft available as *National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 11908* (December 2005).  
<http://www.nber.org/papers/w11908>.
- “Network Quality in the Early Telegraph Industry: 1845-1857.” *Research in Economic History*, 23 (2006): 61-82.
- “Illusion of a Cotton Paradise: Explaining the Failure of the British Cotton Growing Association in Colonial Nigeria.” With Stephen Onyeiwu. *The Journal of European Economic History* 24, no. 1 (2006): 121-145.
- “The Telegraph in New York State.” In *The Encyclopedia of New York State*, ed. Peter Eisenstadt. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2005.
- “High and Low Frequency Variations and the Cyclical Behavior of Real Wages” With Behrooz Afrasiabi. *Applied Economics* (2005): 571-579.
- “Social Reformers and Regulation: The Prohibition of Cigarettes in the U.S. and Canada.” With Lee Alston and Ruth Dupre, *Explorations in Economic History*, 39 (October 2002): 425-445. Earlier drafts available as *National Bureau of Economic Research Historical Paper #131* (November 2000). <http://www.nber.org/papers/h0131>. and *Social Science Research Network Working Paper*:  
[http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=247674](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=247674) (November 2000).
- “History of the U.S. Telegraph Industry.” *EH.Net Encyclopedia of Economic and Business History* <http://eh.net/encyclopedia/> (August 2001).
- “State Promotion and Regulation of the Telegraph Industry, 1845-1860.” *The Journal of Economic History*, 61 (March 2001): 19-36.
- “A Theoretical Basis for 19th Century Changes to the Port of New York Imported Goods Auctions.” With Richard Engelbrecht-Wiggans. *Explorations in Economic History* 36 (July 1999): 232-245.
- Thesis Abstract of *Law, Emerging Technology, and Market Structure: The Development of the Telegraph Industry, 1838-1868*. *The Journal of Economic History* 57 (June 1997): 488-90.
- Law, Emerging Technology and Market Structure: The Development of the Telegraph*

*Industry, 1838-1868* (Ph.D. dissertation, University of Illinois, 1996).

## **Book Reviews**

*Wired into Nature: The Telegraph and the North American Frontier*, by James Schwoch, *Journal of American Studies* (January 2020).

*The Train and the Telegraph: A Revisionist History*, by Benjamin Sidney Michael Schwantes, [http://eh.net/book\\_reviews/the-train-and-the-telegraph-a-revisionist-history/](http://eh.net/book_reviews/the-train-and-the-telegraph-a-revisionist-history/) (December 2019).

*Beyond Rust: Metropolitan Pittsburgh and the Fate of Industrial America*, by Allen Dietrich-Ward, *Journal of Economic History* (December 2017).

*The People's Network: The Political Economy of the Telephone in the Gilded Age*, by Robert MacDougall, *Journal of Economic Literature* (December 2014).

*Economic Development in the Americas since 1500: Endowments and Institutions*, by Stanley Engerman and Kenneth Sokoloff, [http://eh.net/book\\_reviews/economic-development-in-the-americas-since-1500-endowments-and-institutions-2/](http://eh.net/book_reviews/economic-development-in-the-americas-since-1500-endowments-and-institutions-2/) (September 2013).

*The Pennsylvania Railroad, Volume I: Building an Empire, 1846-1917*, by Albert Churella, [http://eh.net/book\\_reviews/the-pennsylvania-railroad-volume-i-building-an-empire-1846-1917/](http://eh.net/book_reviews/the-pennsylvania-railroad-volume-i-building-an-empire-1846-1917/) (July 2013).

*An Economic History of the American Steel Industry*, by Robert Rogers, [http://eh.net/book\\_reviews/economic-history-american-steel-industry](http://eh.net/book_reviews/economic-history-american-steel-industry) (November 2010)

*The Genesis of Industrial America, 1870-1920*, by Maury Klein, [http://eh.net/book\\_reviews/genesis-industrial-america-1870-1920](http://eh.net/book_reviews/genesis-industrial-america-1870-1920) (December 2008).

*From Silver to Cocaine: Latin American Commodity Chains and the Building of the World Economy, 1500-2000*, edited by Steven Topik, Carlos Marichal, and Zephyr Frank, *Hispanic American Historical Review* (August 2008).

*Telegraph Messenger Boys: Labor, Technology and Geography, 1850-1950*, by Gregory J. Downey, [http://eh.net/book\\_reviews/telegraph-messenger-boys-labor-technology-and-geography-1850-1950](http://eh.net/book_reviews/telegraph-messenger-boys-labor-technology-and-geography-1850-1950) (November 2004).

*To Wire the World: Perry M. Collins and the North Pacific Telegraph Expedition*, by John Dwyer, [http://eh.net/book\\_reviews/wire-world-perry-m-collins-and-north-pacific-telegraph-expedition](http://eh.net/book_reviews/wire-world-perry-m-collins-and-north-pacific-telegraph-expedition) (January 2002).

*Big Business and the State: Historical Transitions and Corporate Transformation, 1880s-1990s*, by Harland Prechel, *Journal of Economic History*, 61 (March 2001).

*Yellow Steel: The Story of the Earthmoving Equipment Industry*, by William R. Haycraft, *Journal of Economic History*, 59 (September 2000).

*Tracks to the Sea: Galveston and Western Railroad Development*, by Earle Young, *Journal of Economic History*, 59 (June 2000).

*In Pursuit of Leviathan: Technology, Institutions, Productivity, and Profits in American Whaling, 1816-1906*, by Davis, Lance, Robert E. Gallman and Karin Gleiter, *Southern Economic Review* (January 1998).

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Board Member, Tamarack Wildlife Center. 2021-present.