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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*.

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING POSITIONS**

2011-present: Professor of Economics, Allegheny College.

2015-present: Patricia Bush Tippie Chair of Economics, Allegheny College.

2016-present: Workshop Affiliate, 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 of 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 Economics; 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

"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).

"Stability and Change in Revolutionary Yucatán: Two Case Studies from the Henequen Zone." With Shannan Mattiace. *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*, 30, no. 2 (2014): 366-396.

"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. 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* (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).

### **Works in Progress**

“Ownership and Control in the National Basketball Association”

“Academic Tenure at Liberal Arts Colleges: Broad Freedoms or Specific Investments?”

### **PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE DISCUSSANT**

March 2019: Lawrence University, Appleton, WI.

February 2016: Ostrom Workshop, Bloomington, IN.

May 2014: Pennsylvania Economics Association, Edinboro, PA.

March 2014: Economics Seminar, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA.

March 2012: Brown University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Providence, RI.

October 2011: ACM Workshop on Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Liberal Arts, Appleton, WI.

March 2011: Economics Seminar, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA.

February 2011: Franklin College, Lugano, Switzerland.

July 2010: Western Economic Association International Meetings, Portland, OR.

November 2007: ACCV, Meadville, PA.

October 2007: Yucatan/Pennsylvania Roundtable, State College, PA.

June 2007: International Society for New Institutional Economics, Reykjavik, Iceland.

September 2005: Economic History Association, Toronto, Canada.

July 2004: NBER Corruption and Reform Conference, Salem, MA.

October 2002: Economic History Association Meetings, St. Louis.

January 1998: Cliometrics Session ASSA, Chicago.

November 1996: University of Chicago, Economic History Workshop, Chicago.

July 1996: NBER Summer Session, Cambridge.

February 1996: Indiana University Economic History Workshop, Bloomington.

January 1996: Cliometrics Session ASSA, San Francisco.

October 1995: University of Illinois Economic History Workshop, Urbana.

October 1994: University of Michigan Economic History Workshop, Ann Arbor.

September 1994: Northwestern University Economic History Workshop, Evanston.

March 1994: University of Illinois Economic History Workshop, Urbana.

December 1993: Fourth National Conference on the Training and Employment of Graduate Teaching Assistants, Chicago.

### **REVIEWER**

Cambridge University Press, Review of Industrial Organization, Economic History Review, Journal of Policy History, Journal of the Canadian Historical Association, Journal of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History; Journal of Law, Economics and Organization; Contemporary

Economic Policy, Australian Economic History Review.

**CURRENT COLLEGE SERVICE**

Advisor to Allegheny Fencing Club: 2000-present. Teach fencing to 20+ college students and community members. Host two events per year that each bring over 100 fencers (plus parents and spectators) to campus. Meet with prospective students interested in fencing.