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Education

Doctor of Philosophy: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2000
Fields of Specialization: International Economics
Environmental and Natural Resource Economics

Bachelors of Arts: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1995
Major: Economics

Professional Experience

Professor of Economics
East Carolina University, 2017-present

Executive Director, Office of Global Affairs
East Carolina University, 2017-present

Professor of Economics
Mississippi State University, 2015-2017

Associate Vice President for International Programs & Executive Director (Interim), International Institute
Mississippi State University, 2013-2016

Director, International Business Academic Program
Mississippi State University, 2011-2014

Associate Professor of Economics
Mississippi State University, 2008-2015

Assistant Professor of Economics
Mississippi State University, 2002-2008

Journal Articles

"Performance Efficiency in NCAA Basketball" (with J.B. Bolen and J. Pitts) *Journal of Sports Economics*, forthcoming.

"Minimum Wages in a Segmented Labor Market: Evidence from South Africa," (with M. Millea, J. Pitts, and B. Shoup) *Journal of Labor Research*, vol. 38, no. 3, 2017, pp. 335-359.

"Investigating Spatial Dependence and Spatial Spillovers in African Agricultural Total Factor Productivity Growth" (with O. Lukongo) *The American Economist*, November 2016, pp. 1-18.

"The Role of Supervisors in the Determination of Wages and Wage Gaps" (with S. Orozco and J. Pitts) *Applied Economics*, vol. 46, no. 29, 2014, pp. 3533-3547.

"The Influence of individual health outcomes on individual savings behavior," (with C. Ricketts and R. Campbell) *The Social Science Journal*, vol. 50, 2013, pp. 471-481.

"Academic Success and the Transfer of Community College Credits in the Principles of Economics," (with R. Campbell and P. Grimes) *The American Economist*, vol 58, iss. 1, Spring 2013, pp. 27-40.

"Athletic Scholarships in Intercollegiate Football," (with J. Pitts) *Journal of Sports Economics*, vol. 13, iss. 5, 2012, pp. 515-535.

"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness: A Jeffersonian Approach to Development Indicators," (with B. Evans) *The American Economist*, vol. 56, iss. 2, 2011, pp. 35-46.

"Assessing Total Factor Productivity Growth in Sub-Saharan African Agriculture," (with K. Rogers and R. Campbell) *Journal of Agricultural Economics*, vol. 62, 2011, pp. 357-374.

- "Efficient Frontier Estimation: A Maximum Entropy Approach," (with K. Rogers and R. Campbell) *Journal of Productivity Analysis*, vol. 30, December 2008, pp. 213-221.
- "Decomposing the Income-Pollution Tradeoff: An Output Distance Function Approach," (with K. Rogers) *Environment and Development Economics*, vol. 13, iss. 4, August 2008, pp. 457-473.
- "The Effects of Hurricane Katrina on Price Pass-Through in the Gulf Coast Gasoline Market," (with B. Blair) *Economics Letters*, vol. 98, iss. 3, March 2008, pp. 229-234.
- "Cost Estimates for Multiple Pollutants: A Maximum Entropy Approach," (with R. Campbell) *Energy Economics*, vol. 29, iss. 3, May 2007, pp.503-519.
- "The Determinants of Cheating by High School Economics Students: A Comparative Study of Academic Dishonesty in the Transitional Economies," (with P. Grimes) *International Review of Economic Education*, vol. 23, iss. 2, 2005, pp. 23-45.
- "Abatement Cost Heterogeneity in Phase I Electric Utilities," (with B. Blair) *Contemporary Economic Policy*, vol. 23, no. 3, July 2005, pp. 324-340.
- "Environmentally Adjusted Productivity in the Great Plains," (with R. Perrin) *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, vol. 29, no. 2, August 2004, pp. 346-369.

Other Publications

- "How is the Economic Impact of an Oil Spill Determined?" *Economy Watch*, vol. 1, iss. 3, pp. 15-17. (2010)
- Recreational Visitation and Spending Patterns on Lake Impoundments in East-Central Mississippi. (with S. Grado) J. Gan, S.C. Grado, and I.A. Munn (Eds.). In *Global Change and Forestry: Economic and Policy Impacts and Responses*. Nova Science Publishers. (2010)
- Spatial Impacts of Tradable Permit Markets: The Case of Sulfur Dioxide Emissions. (with M. Millea) Todd P. Carington (Ed.). In *Carbon Capture and Storage including Coal-Fired Power Plants*. Nova Science Publishers. (2009)
- Compendium of Research on Social and Economic Impacts of Marine Oil Spills* (with D. Gill and L. Ritchie) Minerals Management Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Environmental Studies Program. OCS Study MMS 2005-050. Washington, D.C. (2005)
- "Efficient Frontier Estimation: A Maximum Entropy Approach" (with R. Campbell, and K. Rogers) *2005 Proceedings of the American Statistical Association, Business and Economics Statistics Section* [CD-ROM], Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association, pp. 4068-4076. (2005)
- "The Economic Impacts of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians on the State of Mississippi," (with M. Millea) *Mississippi Economic Review and Outlook*, vol. 16, no. 1, June 2002, pp. 27-31.

Working Papers

- "Minimum Wages in a Segmented Labor Market: Evidence from South Africa," (with M. Millea, J. Pitts, and B. Shoup) Submitted to *Journal of Labor Research*.
- "The Effects of Work Hours on Physical and Mental Health," (with C. Ricketts and R. Campbell) Submitted to *Applied Economics*.
- "The Effects of Political Violence on Agricultural Productivity in Africa" (with O. Lukongo) Submitted to *Journal of African Economies*.
- "Mapping the Impact of Major Wars on African Productivity Growth: A GIS Approach," (with O. Lukongo) Submitted to *Journal of Maps*.
- "Performance Efficiency in NCAA Basketball," (with B. Bolen and J. Pitts) Submitted to *Journal of Sports Economics*
- "Assessing the Value of Study Abroad to Students," (with M. Interis, A. Campbell, and K. Bloom)

Funded Research and Outreach

- "The Economic Impact of Medicaid Payments to Nursing Homes in Mississippi" for (with M. Millea) for the Mississippi Health Care Association. 2016. (\$15,000)
- "2016 Cochran Internship Program – Spring," for the United States Department of Agriculture – Foreign Agriculture Service. 2016. (\$14,057)
- "2015 Cochran Internship Program – Fall," for the United States Department of Agriculture – Foreign Agriculture Service. 2015. (\$9,267)
- "Agricultural Innovation Program for Pakistan," (with R. Reddy) for the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center. 2015-2016. (\$95,110)
- "Agricultural Innovation Program for Pakistan," (with R. Nikolic) for the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center. 2015-2016. (\$97,519)
- "Cochran Summer Internship 2015," for the United States Department of Agriculture – Foreign Agriculture Service. 2015. (\$8,564)
- "2014 Scientific Exchange Scholar Program – Egypt," (with R.H. Bailey) for United States Department of Agriculture. 2014. (\$31,388)
- "Young Iraqi Leaders Exchange Program for Undergraduates," (with C. Smith) for the United States Embassy in Baghdad via Meridian International. 2014. (\$180,037)
- "Cochran Summer Internship 2014," for the United States Department of Agriculture – Foreign Agriculture Service. 2014. (\$4,077)
- "USAID Initiative for Long-term Training and Capacity Building for MS Training of Malawian and Ghanaian Students," (with J. Silva) for the United States Agency for International Development via Michigan State University. 2013-2015. (\$370,480)
- "Crop Productivity and Quality: Soybean Management with Appropriate Research and Technology (SMART) Farms" (with D. Reynolds) for the United States Agency for International Development via University of Illinois. 2013-2016. (\$718,920)
- "Socio-economic Research Program – Gender Equity Component" (with K. Ragsdale and L. Peterson) for the United States Agency for International Development via University of Illinois, 2013-2014. (\$129,904)
- "Grenada Lake Economic Development Project," (with B. Blair, and M.L. Tagert) for the Grenada County Chamber of Commerce. 2008. (\$58,880)
- "Potential Choctaw County Multi-Use/Multi-Purpose Impoundment Support," (with J. Ballweber and M.L. Tagert) for the Choctaw County Board of Supervisors via Pickering, Inc., 2007. (\$50,505)
- "Economic and Policy Analysis for Renewable and Sustainable Energy," (with C. Herdon, K. Coble, B. Blair, and R. Grala) for the U.S. Department of Energy, 2006. (\$500,000)
- "Bienville National Forest Lake Feasibility and Economic Impact Study," (with G. Evans, S. Grado, and D. Hudson) for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, 2006. (\$69,529)
- "Madison County Lake: Civil Engagement and Economic Impact," (with G. Evans and S. Grado) for the Madison County Economic Development Authority, 2005. (\$40,000)
- "Choctaw County Lake Marketing and Economic Impact Study," (with G. Evans, S. Grado, and D. Hudson) for the Choctaw County Board of Supervisors via Pickering, Inc., 2005. (\$77,000)
- "Social and Economic Impacts of Marine Oil Spills: A Cross-National Comparison," (with D. Gill and L. Ritchie) for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, 2003. (\$75,000)
- "The Economic Impact of the Riley Education and Performing Arts Center," (with M. Millea) for the Office of the Provost, Mississippi State University, 2003. (\$2,000)

- "The Economic Impacts of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians on the State of Mississippi," (with M. Millea) for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, 2002. (\$30,700)
- "An Impact Model for Marine Resource Legislation," (with C. Campbell and M. Goodman) for the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 2000. (\$70,000)
- "A Comparison of Public and Private Compensation in the State of Mississippi," (for C. Campbell) for the Mississippi State Personnel Board, 2000. (\$70,000) (Research Assistant)

Total Funding: \$2,717,937

Professional Presentations

- "Resilience in Southern Africa", 57th Academy Assembly, United States Air Force Academy, February 2016.
- "Minimum Wages in a Segmented Labor Market: Evidence from South Africa," South African Economics Association, September 2013.
- "The Effects of Political Disruption on Agricultural Productivity in Africa," Western Economic Association Intl., July 2013.
- "Structural Breaks in African Agricultural Productivity Measures," Missouri Valley Economics Association, Oct. 2012.
- "Estimating Loss in the African Agriculture Sector Due to Violence using the Synthetic Control Method," Missouri Valley Economics Association, October 2012.
- "Minimum Wages in a Segmented Labor Market: Evidence from South Africa," International Symposium on Economic Theory, Policy and Applications, July 2012
- "The Effects of Conflict on African Agricultural Productivity," Midwest International Development Assoc., April 2011.
- "The Effects of Conflict on African Agricultural Productivity," Missouri Valley Economics Association, October 2010.
- "Life Expectancy: Are men catching up or are women falling behind?" Missouri Valley Economics Assoc., October 2009.
- "Agricultural Productivity in Sub-Saharan Africa," Western Economic Association International, July 2009.
- "Exchange Rates and Crude Oil Prices: Are There Any Feedback Effects?" Western Economic Association International, July 2009.
- "Trade Openness and Cross-Country Technology Diffusion" Western Economic Association International, July 2009.
- "Simultaneous Pass-Through of Exchange Rates and Oil Prices," Western Economic Association Intl, July 2008.
- "Best Practices for Distance Education", Distance Education Boot Camp Training Session, Division of Academic Outreach and Continuing Education, Mississippi State University, June 2008
- "New Strategies for Active Learning, Online Learning, and Outcome-based Assessment", Faculty Development Seminar Series, University of the Free State, April 2008.
- "New Developments in Blended Learning and Using Simulations in the Classroom", Faculty Development Seminar Series, University of the Free State, March 2008.
- "Grade Equivalency and Transfer of Community College Credits in the Principles of Economics," Southern Economic Association, November 2007.
- "Variation in Recreational Visitation: The Case of Lakes in East Mississippi," Southern Forest Economists Workshop, March 2007.
- "The Effects of Hurricane Katrina on Pass-Through for Gulf Coast Gasoline," American Economic Association, Jan. 2007.
- "The Determinants of Cheating by High School Economics Students: A Comparative Study of Academic Dishonesty in the Transitional Economies," National Council on Economic Education, October 2005.
- "Efficient Frontier Estimation: A Maximum Entropy Approach," The 2nd Annual Conference on Information and Entropy Econometrics, September 2005.
- "Decomposing the Income/Emission Tradeoff: An Input Distance Function Approach," Western Economic Association International, July 2005.
- "Workforce Development: A Plan for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians," Eastern Economic Association, March 2005.
- "Using Tourism Data for Economic Impact Studies," Tourism and Travel Research Association, September 2004.

- "Cost Estimates for Multiple Pollutants: A Maximum Entropy Approach," Western Economic Association International, July 2004.
- "Assessing the Health Benefits of the Acid Rain Program," American Agricultural Economics Association, July 2003.
- "Spatial Impacts of Tradable Permit Markets: The Case of Sulfur Dioxide Emissions," Western Economic Association International, July 2003.
- "Adjusting Great Plains Agricultural Productivity for Environmental Bads," American Agricultural Economics Association, August 2001.
- "Social Efficiency of Phase I Electric Utilities," Western Economic Association International, July 2000.
- "Calculation of Shadow Prices of Undesirable Outputs: Parametric and Non-parametric Approaches," Southern Economic Association, November 1999.
- "Shadow Prices of Sulfur Dioxide Allowances in Phase I Electric Utilities," American Agricultural Economics Association, August 1999.

Honors, Awards and Activities

- Research Fellow, awarded by the Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University, 2015.
- Lee Miller Notable Scholar, awarded by the College of Business, 2012.
- Faculty Development in International Business Workshop. Darla Moore School of Business, Executive Education Program. 2011.
- Ryan P. Miller Memorial Notable Scholar, awarded by the College of Business, 2010.
- Invited to teach Principles of Economics at University of the Free State, South Africa, 2010. Received perfect 5.0 evaluation in class of 99 students. Class demonstrated substantial gains in pre/post-course TUCE scores
- Teaching Excellence at the Masters Level Award, awarded by the College of Business, Mississippi State University, 2010.
- Bobby P. and Barbara M. Martin Outstanding Graduate Teacher, awarded by the College of Business & Industry, Mississippi State University, 2005.
- Learning Communities Grant (with M. Millea), awarded by the Office of the Provost, Mississippi State University for the establishment of a Special Topics Learning Community, 2005. (\$7,000)
- Schillig Special Teaching Projects Grant (with P. Grimes and L. White), awarded by Mississippi State University for the acquisition of portable multimedia projector and notebook computer, 2004. (\$2,000)
- Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student, awarded by the Department of Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1999.
- Bingham Fellowship, awarded by the Department of Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln for excellence in teaching, 1998.

Teaching Experience

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| International Economics | Principles of Microeconomics (US & South Africa) |
| International Economic Development | Principles of Macroeconomics |
| Comparative Economic Policy | MBA Economics (Classroom, Online, and Blended) |
| Globalization (Study Abroad in London/Dublin) | Sports Economics |
| Graduate International Development Economics | Intermediate Microeconomics |
| Readings in Economics (Learning Community) | Managerial Economics |
| Introduction to International Business | Statistics |