

Curriculum Vitae
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PERSONAL:

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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Economics, University of Pittsburgh, 1987.
B.A., Economics, Millersville State College (now Millersville University of Pennsylvania), 1981.

FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS:

2022- Undergraduate Director, Department of Economics, East Carolina University
2003- Professor of Economics, East Carolina University
2004- 09 Acting Director (summers), MA in International Studies, East Carolina University
2002-2004 Co-Director, MA in International Studies, East Carolina University.
1997-2002 Director, MA in International Studies, East Carolina University.
1993-2003 Associate Professor of Economics, East Carolina University.
1987-93 Assistant Professor of Economics, East Carolina University.
1986-87 Instructor, East Carolina University.

AWARDS:

Engaged and Outreach Scholars Academy, East Carolina University, 2018-2019.
Outstanding Faculty (voted by the undergraduate students), Department of Economics, East Carolina University, 2005, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023
Scholar-Teacher Award, East Carolina University, 2015
Induction to Omicron Delta Kappa, 2014
2005 Prize of the Society of Friends of the DIW Berlin (best scientific publication in 2003-04 based on the German Socio-Economic Panel Data — second prize), with John Bishop and Victor Chow
Induction to Phi Kappa Phi, 2000
Induction to Phi Beta Delta (Honor Society for International Scholars), 1997
College Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, East Carolina University, 1995-96
Distinguished Professor for Teaching, The University of North Carolina Board of Governors, 1994-95
Teaching Excellence Award, East Carolina University Alumni Association, 1994-95
Owens Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 1985-86
Wall Street Journal Award, Millersville State College, 1981
Commonwealth National Bank Award, Millersville State College, 1981

RECENT COURSES TAUGHT:

Principles of Microeconomics; Decisions and Strategic Games; Game Theory in the Social Sciences (Honors Seminar); Development Economics (undergraduate/graduate); Mathematical Economics (undergraduate/graduate), International Decision Making and Problem Solving (graduate)

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Multidimensional poverty (deprivation), income inequality, and earnings mobility; evaluating after-school programs for at-risk children, strategic interaction in refugee and other international negotiations; fair division in refugee burden sharing

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

“Can Community Youth Organizations Improve the Academic Performance of At-Risk Middle-Schoolers?” (with Haiyong Liu) submitted to *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*.

“The Impact of FIA’s 2022 Rule Changes on Competitive Balance in Formula One,” (with Jonathan Lee and Cameron Prince), presented by Cameron Prince at the Western Economic Association International annual meeting, San Diego, CA, July 2023.

“Distributional Impacts of U.S. Floods on County Economic Activity,” (with Paul Bin, John Bishop, Justin Gallagher, and Jonathan Lee), under major revision with a new co-author (Justin, from Montana State University).

“Comparing Multidimensional Poverty in North Carolina by County,” (with John A. Bishop and Ausmita Ghosh), presented at the Southern Economic Association annual meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, November 2022, and the basis for a grant proposal, in progress.

PUBLICATIONS:

“A Multifaceted Approach to Earnings Mobility Comparisons,” (with John A. Bishop and Juan Gabriel Rodriguez) *Research on Economic Inequality*, Vol. 30, (2023) pp. 165-184.

“Coordination and Fair Division in Refugee Responsibility Sharing,” (with Richard E. Ericson) *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 66, Issues 7-8, (August-September 2022), pp. 1263-1291.

“A Local Equivalence Scale and its Information Basis,” (with Andrew Grodner, Casilda de la Vega, and Rafael Salas) *Economics Letters*, Vol. 216 (July 2022), 110572.

“Race and Earnings Mobility in the U.S.” (with John Bishop and Juan Gabriel Rodriguez) *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, Vol. 4, No. 3 (September 2021), pp. 166-182.

“Revisiting Macroeconomic Activity and Income Distribution in the United States,” (with John A. Bishop, Haiyong Liu, and Yizhen Zhao) *Empirical Economics*, Vol. 59, No. 3 (September 2020), pp. 1107-1125.

“U.S. Income Comparisons with Regional Price Parity Adjustments,” (with John A. Bishop and Jonathan Lee) *BE Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, Vol. 18, No. 4 (October 2018) pp. 1-17.

“Second-Order Discrimination and Generalized Lorenz Dominance,” (with John Bishop and Rafael Salas), *Review of Income and Wealth*, Series 64, No. 3 (September 2018) pp. 563-575.

“Paid Parental Leave and Female Faculty Retention,” (with Nicholas Rupp) *Eastern Economic Journal*, Vol. 44, No. 3 (June 2018), pp. 475-488.

“Adjusting for Family Size in the Supplemental Poverty Measure,” (with John A. Bishop and Jonathan Lee) *Applied Economics Letters*, Vol. 25, No. 8 (2017) pp. 553-6.

“Ukraine Crisis 2014: A Study of Russian-Western Strategic Interaction,” (with Richard E. Ericson) *Peace Economics, Peace Science, and Public Policy*, (March 2015).

“The Great Recession and U.S. Partial Discrimination Orderings by Race,” (with John A. Bishop and Jonathan M. Lee) *Economics and Business Letters*, Vol. 3, No. 3 (September 2014) pp. 146-155.

“Reconsidering the Prisoner’s Dilemma: Strategic Interaction in Refugee Negotiations,” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 15, No. 2, (Summer/Fall 2014), pp. 27-34.

Refugee Negotiations from a Game-Theoretic Perspective (with Richard E. Ericson and John H.P. Williams) Republic of Letters: International Negotiation Series, (March 2013).

“The Disappearing Nutritional Bias Against Chinese Girls,” (with John Bishop and Haiyong Liu) *Contemporary Policy Issues*, Vol. 29, No. 3, (July 2011), pp. 461-468.

“Visualizing and Testing Convergence Between Two Income Distributions,” (with John A. Bishop and K. Victor Chow) *Journal of Income Distribution*, Vol. 19, No. 1, (March 2010), pp. 2-19.

“Tools for Anticipating Asylum Denials: An Application to Afghan Refugees in Pakistan, 1997-2001,” (with John H.P. Williams) *Journal of Refugee Studies*, Vol. 19, No. 4 (2006), pp. 453-470.

“Strategic Interaction in the 1994 and Earlier Cuban Refugee Crises,” *International Interactions*, Vol. 31, No. 4, (October-December 2005), pp. 327-348.

“Lorenz Decomposition and Interdistributional Lorenz Comparisons,” (with John Bishop and Victor Chow) *Research on Income Inequality*, ed., John A. Bishop and Yoram Amiel, Vol. 12 (2004) Elsevier JAI, pp. 159-177.

“Macedonian Border Closings in the Kosovo Refugee Crisis: A Game-Theoretic Perspective,” (with John H.P. Williams), *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Vol. 21, No. 4 (Winter 2004), pp. 233-254.

“Changes in Economic Advantage by National Origin after German Unification,” (with John Bishop, Victor Chow, and Frank Luo) *Estadistica (Journal of the InterAmerican Statistical Institute)*, Vol. 55, No. 164/165 (2003), pp. 197-212.

“Decomposing Lorenz and Concentration Curves,” (with John Bishop and Victor Chow) *International Economic Review*, Vol 44., No. 3 (August 2003) pp. 965-978.

“The Role of Strategic Threats in Refugee Resettlement: the Indochinese Crisis of 1978-79,” *Rationality and Society*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (May 2002) pp. 159-191.

“The Changing Profile of Poverty in Germany after Unification: Cross-Section and Panel Views,” (with John Bishop) *Journal of Income Distribution*, Vol. 10, No. 1-2 (Summer 2001) pp. 26-39.

“The Distributional Impact of Unification and the 1992-93 Recession on West German Households,” (with John Bishop and John Formby) *Economics of Transition*, Vol. 9, No. 2 (2001) pp. 515-532.

“The Effect of Food Stamp Cashout on Undernutrition,” (with John Bishop and John Formby) *Economics Letters*, Vol. 67 (2000) pp. 75-85.

“Earnings Growth for Foreign Guest Workers and West Germans: Cross-Section and Panel Estimates,” *Vierteljahrshefte zur Wirtschaftsforschung*, Vol. 68, No. 2 (1999) pp. 308-312

“Negotiations for Refugee Repatriation or Local Settlement: A Game-Theoretic Analysis,” *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 42, No. 2 (June 1998) pp. 367-384.

“Strategic Behavior in Refugee Repatriation: A Game-Theoretic Analysis,” (with Johnathan Bascom) *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 40, No. 3 (September 1996) pp. 460-485.

“Relative Undernutrition in Puerto Rico under Alternative Food Assistance Programs,” (with John Bishop and John Formby) *Applied Economics*, Vol. 28 (September 1996) pp. 1009-1017.

“The Impact of Food Stamps on U.S. Poverty in the 1980s: A Marginal Dominance Analysis,” (with John Bishop and John Formby) *Economica*, Vol. 63, No. 250(S) (Supplement 1996) pp. S141-S162.

“Comparing Earnings Profiles in Urban Areas of an LDC: Rural-to-Urban Migrants vs. Native Workers,” (with Wim Vijverberg) *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 45, No. 2 (December 1994) pp. 177-200.

“Gender Differences in Wage Losses from Impairments: Estimates from the SIPP,” (with Marjorie Baldwin and Paul Flacco) *Journal of Human Resources*, Vol. 29, No. 3 (Summer 1994) pp. 865-887.

“Evaluating a Neglected Dimension of Economic Development: Mortality, Risk Aversion, and Uncertainty,” (with John Bishop and John Formby) *International Review of Economics and Finance*, Vol. 3, No. 2 (1994) pp. 133-151.

“Steady-State Labor Turnover as Optimal Household Behavior,” (with Gene Gruver) *Journal of Regional Science*, Vol 34, No. 1 (February 1994) pp. 75-90.

“Agricultural Price Policy in a Less Developed Economy with Endogenous Urban Wages,” (with Gene Gruver) *Journal of Economic Development*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (June 1993) pp. 127-141.

“Nutrition and Nonparticipation in the U.S. Food Stamp Programme,” (with John Bishop and John Formby) *Applied Economics*, Vol. 24 (September 1992) pp. 945-949.

“Disabilities, Mandatory Worksite Modifications, and Employment: Some Potential Policy Dilemmas,” (with Paul Flacco) *Public Finance Quarterly*, Vol. 20, No. 2 (April 1992) pp. 256-270.

“Welfare Evaluations of State Income Distributions,” (with John Bishop and John Formby) *Social Science Quarterly*, Vol. 73, No. 1 (March 1992) pp. 166-176.

“Constructing Poverty Rankings for State Subregions: A Case Study of North Carolina,” (with John Bishop) *Review of Regional Studies*, Vol. 20 No. 2 (Spring 1990) pp. 24-33.

“Economic Incentives for an Urban Bias in Development Policies,” (with Gene Gruver) *Bulletin of Economic Research*, Vol. 42, No. 1 (January 1990) pp. 55-62.

“The Competitive Firm with Uncertainty in the Rate of Labor Turnover,” (with Paul Flacco) *Southern Economic Journal*, Vol. 56, No. 2 (October 1989) pp. 457-466.

“A Profile of Economic Poverty in Eastern North Carolina,” (with John Bishop) *Proceedings of the 1988 Conference on Poverty: Poverty in Eastern North Carolina*, East Carolina University, pp. 44-56.

RESEARCH REPORTS:

“How do Food Expenditures and Nutrition Status Respond to a Conversion from Food Coupons to Cash Assistance?” (with John Bishop) University of North Carolina - Institute of Nutrition, Chapel Hill, NC, 1995.

“Evaluating the Impact of the Food Stamp Program on Poverty in the 1980s,” (with John Bishop and John Formby) A Research Report to the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, April 30, 1993.

GRANTS AWARDED:

“Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Student Success Academy at Building Hope Community Life Center,” funding from the ECU Engaged and Outreach Scholars Academy, \$5,000.

“Course Development Project” Asian Studies Committee at East Carolina University, funding from the U.S. Department of Education, 2008-09, \$4,000.

“Tracking the Impact of Hurricanes on the Incomes and Labor Earnings of Poor and Near-Poor Households: Evidence from Longitudinal CPS Data,” (with John A. Bishop) Division of Research and Graduate Studies, East Carolina University, 2008-09, \$12,661.

“Interpreting Cuban Refugee Crises as Games of Strategic Interaction,” East Carolina University, Research/Creative Activity Grant, Summer 2000, \$10,853.

“Earnings Paths for Immigrants and Native Workers: A Longitudinal Analysis,” East Carolina University, Research/ Creative Activity Grant, Summer 1997, \$7,500.

“How do Food Expenditures and Nutrition Status Respond to a Conversion from Food Coupons to Cash Assistance?” University of North Carolina - Institute of Nutrition, 1995, co-investigator with John Bishop, \$1,100.

“Distributional Implications of Alternative Environmental Protection Policies: A CGE Analysis,” East Carolina University, Summer Stipend from the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Summer 1994, \$6,612.

“Food Stamp Program vs. Nutrition Assistance Program: Implications for Undernutrition,” East Carolina University, Summer Stipend from the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Summer 1993, \$6,612.

“Evaluating the Impact of the Food Stamp Program on Poverty in the 1980's,” U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1991-92, co-investigator with John Bishop and John Formby (principal investigator), \$87,201.

“Relative Undernutrition among Potential Food Stamp Recipients,” East Carolina University, Summer Stipend from the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Summer 1991, \$6,238.

PAPERS PRESENTED:

“Comparing Multidimensional Poverty in NC Counties,” (with John Bishop and Ausmita Ghosh), Southern Economic Association Meetings, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, November 2022.

“An Evidence-Based Evaluation of the Student Success Academy in Pitt County, NC,” (with Haiyong Liu), Southern Economic Association Meetings, Houston, TX, November 2021.

“Local Equivalence Scales and their Information Basis,” (with Andrew Grodner, Casilda de la Vega, and Rafael Salas), Southern Economic Association Meetings, Houston, TX, November 2021.

“Racial Disparities in Earnings Mobility in the U.S.,” (with John Bishop and Juan Gabriel Rodriguez), Southern Economic Association Meetings, Tampa, FL, November 2020.

“Race and Earnings Mobility in the U.S.,” (with John Bishop and Juan Gabriel Rodriguez), Southern Economic Association Meetings, Ft. Lauderdale FL, November 2019.

“A Multifaceted Approach to Earnings Mobility Comparisons,” (with John Bishop and Juan Gabriel Rodriguez), Southern Economic Association Meetings, Washington, DC, November 2018.

“Relative versus Absolute Mobility: Germany and the United States Compared,” (with John Bishop and Juan Gabriel Rodriguez), Southern Economic Association Meetings, Tampa, FL, November 2017.

“Improving the Supplemental Poverty Measure: Two Proposals,” (with John Bishop and Jonathan Lee) Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, New York, NY, July 2017.

“Ordering Income Distributions by Economic Advantage and Discrimination,” (with Rafael Salas and John Bishop) Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA, November 2012.

“Optimal Parental Leave with Cost Differentials Across University Faculties,” (with Nicholas Rupp) Southern Economic Association meetings, Washington, DC, November 2011.

“Interdistributional Inequality, Poverty, and Welfare: Relationships among Methods using Lower Partial Moments of Distributions,” Southern Economic Association meetings, Atlanta, GA, November 2010.

“Regional Convergence in Taiwan,” (with Jong-Rong Chiou) Southern Economic Association meetings, Washington, DC, November 2008.

“Interdistributional Lorenz Curves and European Convergence,” (with John Bishop and Victor Chow), Southern Economic Association meetings, Charleston, SC, November 18-21, 2006.

“Diagnostic Tools for Refugee Asylum Crises: An Application to Afghan Refugees in Pakistan, 1997-2001,” (with John H.P. Williams), Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University, UK, May 2005.

“Kosovo Refugees on the Macedonian Border: Escaping a Prisoners’ Dilemma,” Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications, Analysing Conflict and Its Resolution, Oxford University, U.K.. June 28-30, 2004.

“Statistical Inference for Interdistributional Lorenz Curves,” (with John Bishop and Victor Chow), Eastern Economic Association meetings, Washington, DC, February 2004.

“Lorenz Decomposition and Interdistributional Lorenz Curves” (with John Bishop and Victor Chow) Conference on Income Inequality (in honor of John Formby), Tuscaloosa, AL, May 2003.

“Lorenz Decomposition and Interdistributional Lorenz Curves” (with John Bishop and Victor Chow) Eastern Economic Association meetings, New York, NY, February 2003.

“Decomposing The German Income Distribution: A Marginal Dominance Analysis,” (with John Bishop and Victor Chow) Southern Economic Association meetings, Washington, DC, November 2000.

“The Role of Threat Power in Refugee Repatriation: The Indochinese Crisis of 1979,” Eastern Economic Association meetings, Washington, DC, March 2000.

"The Distribution and Redistribution of Income in West Germany Before and After the Wall Came Down," (with John Bishop and John Formby) Southern Economic Association meetings, New Orleans, LA, November 1999.

"Tracking Poverty among West Germans, Foreign Guest Workers, and East Germans after Unification," (with John Bishop) Southern Economic Association meetings, Baltimore, MD, November 1998.

"Labor Market Assimilation of Foreign Guest-Workers in Germany: Cross-Section, Quasi-Panel, and Panel Estimates," Third Conference of German Socio-Economic Panel Users, Berlin, Germany, July 1998.

"Earnings of Native-Born and Foreign-Born Workers in West Germany," Southern Economic Association meetings, Washington, D.C., November 1996.

"Distributional Implications of Taxing Pollution Emissions: A Stylized CGE Analysis," (with Gene Gruver) Fifth International CGE Modeling Conference, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, October 1994.

"Comparing Earnings Profiles in Urban Areas of an LDC: Rural-to-Urban Migrants vs. Native Workers," (with Wim P.M. Vijverberg) Development and Comparative Systems Workshop, Department of Economics, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, March 1994.

"The Role of Food Stamps in Predicting the Intensity of Poverty," (with John Bishop and John Formby) Southern Economic Association Meetings, Washington, D.C., November 1992.

"Gender Differences in Wage Losses from Impairments," (with Marjorie Baldwin and Paul Flacco) Western Economic Association International Meetings, San Francisco, CA, July 1992.

"Wage Determination under Employer Uncertainty: A Unified Analysis for Workers with Disabilities, Immigrants, and other Minorities," (with Marjorie Baldwin and Paul Flacco) Southern Economic Association meetings, Nashville, TN, November 1991.

"A Theory of Steady State Labor Mobility," (with Gene Gruver) Eastern Economic Association meetings, Pittsburgh, PA, March 1991.

"Stochastic Dominance Evaluations of Mortality Distributions," (with John Bishop and John Formby) Eastern Economic Association meetings, Pittsburgh, PA, March 1991.

"Urban Consequences of Rural Development in Countries with Circular Labor Migration," (with Gene Gruver) Eastern Economic Association meetings, Baltimore, MD, March 1989.

"Tests of the Labor Turnover Theory of Wage Determination in Tanzania," Eastern Economic Association meetings, Boston, MA, March 1988.

REFEREE ACTIVITIES:

Acta Oeconomica

Applied Economics

Conflict Management and Peace Science

International Studies Quarterly

Journal of Conflict Resolution

Journal of Economic Education

Journal of Economic Inequality

Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy
Journal of Regional Science
Research on Income Inequality
Sociological Perspectives
The Social Science Journal
World Bank Economic Review

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Member, American Economic Association
Member, Southern Economic Association