

Curriculum Vita  
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EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Economics, University of Washington, Seattle WA, December 2004  
Fields: Law and Economics, Industrial Organization, Theory of Contracts  
Dissertation: "Essays in the Economics of Information, Incentives and The Law."  
M.A., Economics, University of Washington, Seattle WA, June 2002  
B.A., Mathematics, Reed College, Portland OR, June 1998

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

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**Assistant Professor**, California State University San Marcos, Department of Economics, San Marcos, CA, 2006 to present

**Courses Taught:**

Principles of Microeconomic, Intermediate Microeconomics I: Consumer Choice, Intermediate Microeconomics II: Production and Trade, Business and Government, Game Theory, Law and Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Theory of Contracts, Industrial Organization, Law and Economics

PUBLICATIONS

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"Relying on Information Acquired by a Principal," *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, Vol. 23, 2005  
"An Aggregate Measure for Benefit Cost Analysis," (with R. Zerbe and Y. Bauman), *Ecological Economics*, 2006. (Also available on AEI/Brookings Joint Center)  
"A Preference for an Aggregate Measure: A Reply to Sagoff," (with Y. Bauman and R. Zerbe), *Ecological Economics*, 2006.  
"Conducting Inaccurate Audits to Commit to the Audit Policy," (with D. Shin) *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, Vol 25, 2007.

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

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“Disregarding The Attorney’s Advice,” (w/ D. Shin), under review at *International Review of Law and Economics*

“Contracts in the Shadow of the Law,” under review at *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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“Investigation and Settlement of NEV Suits,” working paper.

“When Good Isn’t Enough: R&D Selection with Uncertain Project Returns,” (w/D. Shin), work in progress.

PRESENTATIONS

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Political Economy Days at Palomar College, San Marcos, “Games Lawyers Play,” Spring 2008.

Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, “Disregarding Your Attorney's Advice: Attorney-Plaintiff Contracts and Non-Meritorious Suits,” March, 2007

Political Economy Days at Palomar College, San Marcos, “Modern Benefit-Cost Analysis,” Spring 2007.

Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, “Contracts in the Shadow of the Law,” 2006

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, (Presenter, Discussant & Session Chair), “Investigation and Settlement of NEV Suits,” 2005

Midwest Economic Theory Conference, Nashville, “Pretrial Investigation and the Occurrence of Frivolous Suits,” 2005

Western Economic Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, “Contracts in the Shadow of the Law: Optimal Litigation Strategies within Organizations,” 2004

Other Invited Presentations: San Francisco State University, Weber State University, Hampden-Sydney College, Willamette University, CSU San Marcos.

JOURNAL REFEREE/REVIEWER

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*Journal of Law, Economics and Policy, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Research in Economics, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, National Science Foundation Grant, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Bulletin of Economic Research*

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**OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK**

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Author of Test Bank for “Intermediate Microeconomics with Calculus,” by Jeffrey Perloff, Addison-Wesley, Fall 2007.

Economic Consultant, Thomas Melville, Attorney-at-Law, Portland OR, 2006.

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**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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Economics Club Faculty Advisor (Fall 2007 – present)

Hiring and Academic Planning Committee (Fall 2007 – present)

Academic Reinstatement Committee (Summer 2007)

Faculty Hearing Panel (Fall 2007 – present)

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**PREVIOUS TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Visiting Assistant Professor**, Willamette University, Salem Oregon, 2004 - 2006

Courses: Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Economic Statistics, Law & Economics (seminar)

**Instructor**, University of Washington, Department of Economics, 2001-2004

Courses: Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Industrial Organization

**Adjunct Instructor**, Seattle Central Community College, Summer and Fall 2003

Course: Principles of Microeconomics

**Other Teaching Assistant Experience:** Benefit-Cost Analysis (graduate), Microeconomics (graduate), Industrial Organization, Introductory Economics, Introductory Microeconomics.

**Other Teaching Interests:** Information Economics and Mechanism Design, Advanced Microeconomics, Property Rights

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**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

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Research Assistant, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs @UW, 2002 & 2004 for Prof. Richard O. Zerbe

Teaching Assistant, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs @UW, 2001-2003

LaTeX Instructor (typesetting language), University of Washington, 2002-2004

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington, Dept. of Economics, 1999-2001

Actuary, Standard Insurance Co., Portland OR, 1998-1999

AWARDS

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Faculty Research Grant (\$2,500), Willamette University, Summer 2005.  
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, University of Washington, 2002.

REFERENCES

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