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Education

Ph.D. in Economics
City University of New York-Graduate Center—2009
Dissertation: “Essays on the Impacts of the Great Moderation on Business Cycles”
Specialization Fields—Econometrics and Financial Economics

B.A. in Economics with Distinction & B.A. in Earth and Environmental Studies
University of Rochester, Rochester, NY—1998

Teaching Fields and Research Interests

Teaching Fields: Introductory Macroeconomics, Monetary Theory, Mathematical Economics, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

Research Interests: Agent-Based Macroeconomics, Business Cycles, Macroeconomic Volatility, Macroeconomic Policy, and Financial Markets

Refereed Publications

“Re-Thinking Debt Burden: Going with the Flow?” with Vipul Bhatt. Accepted 8/18: *Eastern Economic Journal*, 2018 Online 9/5/2018

“A Survey of Network-Based Analysis and Systemic Risk Measurement” *Journal of Economic Interaction and Coordination*, 2018 Vol 13(2), 241-281.

“The Predictive Power of Survey-Based Exchange Rate Forecasts: Is There a Role for Dispersion?” with Nevin Cavusoglu. *Journal of Forecasting*, 2015 Vol. 34(5), 337-353.

“Earnings Volatility Trends and the Great Moderation: A Multifactor Residual Approach,” *Atlantic Economic Journal*, 2015, Vol. 43(2), 229-245.

“Tax Credits for Residential Energy Efficiency: An Evaluation Using Individual Taxpayer Data,” with Molly F. Sherlock. *Eastern Economic Journal*, 2016, Vol. 42(1), 63-79.

“Fiscal Policy and Business Cycle Characteristics in a Heterogeneous Agent Macro Model,” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2013, Vol. 92: 224-240.

[“The ‘Poverty Trap’ and Living Wage Laws,”](#) with Richard Toikka and Aaron Yelowitz. *Economic Development Quarterly*, Feb 2005, Vol. 19: 62-79.

**Refereed
Publications (cont’d)**

[“A Local Earned Income Tax Credit: A Better Anti-Poverty Policy Than Wage Mandates,”](#) with Richard Toikka. *Georgetown Public Policy Review*, Winter 2002, Vol. 8(1): 29-49.

**Edited Volumes and
Book Chapters**

“U.S. Housing Bubble and Capital Inflows” with Akinori Tomohara, in *Financial Crisis in the Global Bubble Economy*, edited by Akinori Tomohara and Molly Sherlock, New York: Nova Science Publishing. 2010, 75-97.

“Growth Cycles” in *Booms and Busts: An Encyclopedia of Economic History from the First Stock Market Crash of 1792 to the Current Global Economic Crisis*, volume 2, 3rd edition, edited by J. Ciment. New York: M.E. Sharpe. August 2010, 329-330.

Working Papers

[“The Macroeconomics of Pre-Schooling: Simulating the Effects of Universal Early Childhood Education on the U.S. Economy,”](#) with Clive Belfield. NIIER Working Paper, March 2006.

[“The Expected Lifetime Earnings of Children in the United States,”](#) with Richard Toikka. Working Paper No. 3, Invest in Kids Working Group, July 2004.

Work in Progress

“Comparing Changes in Statutory and Effective Marginal Tax Rates under Revenue-Neutral, Base-Broadening Tax Reform,” with Vipul Bhatt and Molly F. Sherlock, 2015.

“Business Cycle Model Selection in the Era of the Great Moderation,” 2012.

“Developments in Agent-Based Modeling and Detecting Systemic Risk,” 2014.

“The Role of Complexity in Household Debt, Consumption, and Inequality,” 2014.

**Reports and Other
Works**

PowerPoint slides for Hubbard, R. Glenn, Anthony Patrick O’Brien, and Matthew Rafferty, “Macroeconomics.” First Edition, Pearson. 2011.

[“Where the Jobs Aren’t: Local Unemployment Spreads,”](#) Washington, DC: Employment Policies Institute, 2002.

[“The Local Area Unemployment Crisis,”](#) Washington, DC: Employment Policies Institute, 2001.

[“National Good Times, Local Bad Times: The Local Area Unemployment Crisis,”](#) Washington, DC: Employment Policies Institute, 2000.

Graduate Teaching Experience	7/17 – Present	James Madison University, Executive Leadership Master of Business Administration Program, Instructor Managing Risk in Global Environments (MBA622)
	1/06 – 6/07	Brooklyn College, Substitute Instructor International Finance
	6/05 – 7/06	Baruch College School of Public Affairs, Adjunct Lecturer Research and Analysis I (Econometrics) Economic Research and Public Policy
Undergraduate Teaching Experience	08/09 – Present	James Madison University, Associate Professor (2016-Present), Assistant Professor (2009-2016) Monetary Theory (ECON430) Mathematical Economics (ECON484) Mathematical Economics (ECON384) Social, Economic, and Financial Networks (ECON300) Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (ECON 332) Introductory Macroeconomics (ECON200) Introductory Macroeconomics Honors (ECON200H)
	9/07 – 5/09	Skidmore College, Visiting Instructor Applied Econometrics Labor Economics Math for Economists Introduction to Macroeconomics
	9/06 – 6/07	Brooklyn College, Substitute Instructor Corporation Financial Management Money and Banking Introduction to Economics and Business Statistics Mathematical Economics I Intro Macroeconomics Intro Microeconomics
	9/05 – 7/06	Baruch College, Adjunct Lecturer Statistical Analysis for Economics and Finance
	6/04 – 8/06	The City College of New York, Adjunct Lecturer Investments Intermediate Macroeconomics Introduction to Quantitative Economics Principles of Microeconomics & Macroeconomics
	3/15 - Present	Student Scholarship Committee for the College of Business, Member
	3/15 – Present	Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program, Coordinator
Service to the Department/College/University		

Service to the Department/College/University (cont'd)	2/15 – 2/17	AACSB Continuous Improvement Review Steering Committee, Member
	9/14 – Present	Student Research Conferences Selection Committee, Member
	9/11 – 12/17	Honors Faculty Fellow for the JMU College of Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● College representative to honors program committee. ● Assist in defining rules in course and program implementation. ● Organize meetings of CoB departmental liaisons to guide overall goals of honors program.
	9/09 – Present	Outstanding Students Award Selection Committee, Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advised on allocation of departmental student awards.
	10/13 – Present	CoB Honors Program Celebration and Informational Session, Organizer 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
	9/14– 3/15	Search Committee – Director of Honors Program, Member
	8/09 – 8/15	JMU Fed Challenge Team, Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Created lectures and lessons to educate team members. ● Aided students in organizing presentation and assisted with presentation skills, techniques, and timing.
	9/13 – 2/14	Strategic Planning Committee: Subcommittee on Intellectual Growth, Member.
	9/10 – 5/13	Honors Program Liaison, Representative for Economics Department
	2/12	TV-Media Inquiry, WHSV-TV Commentary on census report.
	8/11 – 11/11	JMU Fed Challenge Team, Lead Coach/Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advised students on materials necessary for competition. ● Created lectures and lessons to educate team members. ● Organized meetings and travel plans of team members. ● Aided students in organizing presentation and assisted with presentation skills, techniques, and timing.
	4/11 and 10/11	Day at the Fed, Advisor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Led group of students to Richmond Federal Reserve Bank’s “Day at the Fed,” in April ● Met with group of students for Baltimore Federal Reserve Bank’s “Day at the Fed-Web Session” in October.
		Media Inquiry, WSVA Commentary on economic issues. Various dates and issues.

Service to the Department/College/University (cont'd)	2/10 – 3/10	<i>JMU Innovation Challenge Team, Advisor</i> Student group received second place including \$500 scholarship (Brittany Bailey, Evan Botello, Ranna Mohajer, Brian Sham, and Alyson Toole).
Thesis and Independent Study Advising	2018-Present	<i>Advisor – Research Assistant (REU Program)</i> Kirsi Arnesen
	Spring 2018	<i>Outside Reviewer, Ph.D. Dissertation</i> Dongping Xie (2018) <i>Three Essays on Monetary Policy Transmission and Banking Crises</i>
	Fall 2017	<i>Independent Study Advisor, Instructor</i> Adam Diehl (2017) <i>A Heterogeneous Agent Based Macroeconomic Simulation</i>
	2015-2018	<i>Advisor – Research Assistant (REU Program)</i> Adam Diehl
	2013-2014	<i>Honors Project, Reader</i> Zachary Ochoa (2014) <i>BRIC and the Road to Superpowerdom.</i>
	Spring/Fall 2012	<i>Honors Project, Reader</i> David Evan Botello (2012) <i>A Discussion of the Subprime Mortgage Meltdown and Systemic Amplification.</i>
	Fall 2017	<i>Independent Study Advisor, Instructor</i> Adam Diehl (2017) <i>A Heterogeneous Agent Based Macroeconomic Simulation</i>
	Spring 2012	<i>Independent Study Advisor, Instructor</i> Frank Blanchard (2012) <i>Federal Reserve Policy of the Last 30 Years.</i>
	March 2012	<i>Hillcrest Scholarship, Faculty Mentor</i> Brendan English, finalist for Service/Leadership award.
	Spring 2010	<i>Project Advisor</i> Melissa Hamilton (Skidmore-2010) presentation on <i>Hospital Cost Efficiency in Maryland and the Effect on Competition</i> , presented at the 2010 Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference.
2007-2008	<i>Senior Thesis Advisor</i> Charles Hanflik (Skidmore-2008) <i>Competitive Balance & NBA Attendance 1975-2006.</i>	

Research Experience & Other Employment	1/06 – 3/08	Queens College , Research Assistant to Clive Belfield
	7/04 – 9/07	Hunter College , Research Assistant to Lisa George
	1/04 – 1/06	CUNY Institute for Software Design and Development , Program Manager
	9/03 – 9/06	Employment Policies Institute , Consultant
	9/99 – 9/03	Employment Policies Institute , Research Director and Senior Staff Economist
	9/99 – 9/03	Berman and Company , Senior Research Analyst
	8/98 – 9/99	Nathan Associates , Research Assistant
Fellowships & Awards	Engaged Learning Fellow for the College of Business—2018 & 2019 \$5,000 for each of two years	
	Dean’s Impact Award for Tenured Faculty—2017 & 2018 \$10,000 for each of two years	
	Sponsored Research— <i>Summer 2016</i> JMU CoB Summer Research Grant <i>Advancing the Role of Household Debt, Consumption, and Inequality in Macroeconomics</i>	
	Dean’s Impact Award for Tenured Faculty—2015 & 2016 \$10,000 for each of two years	
	Summer Teaching Grant— <i>Summer 2015</i> JMU CoB Summer Teaching Grant <i>Developing a Course for “Introduction to Business Research”</i>	
	Sponsored Research— <i>Summer 2014</i> JMU CoB Summer Research Grant <i>Comparing Changes in Statutory and Effective Marginal Tax Rates under Revenue-Neutral, Base-Broadening Tax Reform: An Important Distinction</i>	
	Sponsored Research— <i>Summer 2012</i> JMU CoB Summer Research Grant <i>The Predictive Power of Survey-Based Exchange Rate Forecasts</i> Paper accepted for publication in <i>Journal of Forecasting</i> .	

**Fellowships & Awards
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Sponsored Research—*September 2009-October 2010*

Battle Family Endowed for Faculty Support in CoB

Grant led to published articles in the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, “Fiscal Policy and Business Cycle Characteristics in a Heterogeneous Agent Macro Model,” and in the *Atlantic Economic Journal*, “A Multifactor Residual Model Examining Macroeconomic Factors and Earnings Volatility.”

Graduate Teaching Fellowship—*September 2004-September 2005*

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK-GRADUATE CENTER, New York, NY

Tuition Award—*Fall Semester 2005 to Spring Semester 2007*

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK-GRADUATE CENTER, New York, NY

**Invited Seminars and
Conference
Presentations**

Presentation, “Complexity and consumption: The role of household behavior in agent-based macro models” Eastern Economics Association Annual Conference, March 3, 2018.

Presentation, “Complexity and consumption: The role of household behavior in agent-based macro models” International Atlantic Economics Association Conference, October 7, 2017.

Presentation, “Re-Thinking Debt Burden: Going with the Flow?” Virginia Economics Association, April 1, 2016.

Invited Seminar, “Re-Thinking Debt Burden: Going with the Flow?” JMU Economics Seminar Series, February 24, 2016.

Presentation, “Re-Thinking Debt Burden: Going with the Flow?” Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, November 2015.

Presentation, “Changes in Effective Marginal Tax Rates Under Base-Broadening Tax Reform,” Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, March 2015.

Presentation, “The Role of Complexity in Household Debt, Consumption, and Inequality,” Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, November 2014. Part of session *Recent Developments in Complexity Economics* organized by Dr. J. Barkley Rosser.

Invited Seminar “Modeling Fiscal Policy and Business Cycles,” Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, September 2013.

Presentation, “Developments in the Role of Agent-Based Modeling in Systemic Risk and Financial Market Regulation,” Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, March 2012.

**Invited Seminars and
Conference
Presentations
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Presentation, “Developments in the Role of Complexity in Systemic Risk and Financial Market Regulation,” Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, November 2011.

Presentation, “Fiscal Policy in a Heterogeneous Agent Macro Model,” Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, February 2011.

Presentation, “CUNY Professional Development Seminar,” CUNY Graduate Center, 2011.

Presentation, “Fiscal Policy in a Heterogeneous Agent Macro Model,” James Madison University, Economics Department, November 2010 Fall Semester Seminar Series.

Presentation, “A Multifactor Residual Model Examining Macroeconomic Factors and Earnings Volatility.” Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, February 2010.

Presentation, “CUNY Professional Development Seminar,” CUNY Graduate Center, 2010.

Invited Seminar, “Business Cycle Model Selection in the Era of the Great Moderation,” University of New Haven, Economics Department, Spring 2009.

Presentation at Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, February 2009.

Presentation, “Business Cycle Model Selection in the Era of the Great Moderation,” City University of New York-Graduate Center, 2008.

Presentation at Economic Association Annual Meetings, February 2008.

**Conference Chair and
Discussant**

Discussant "A Simple Direct Estimate of Rule of Thumb Behavior using the Method of Simulated Quantiles and Cross Validation" by Nathan Palmer in session *Agent-based Computational Economics: Macro II* (Sponsored by the New York City Computational Economics and Complexity Workshop), Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, March 3, 2018.

Discussant “Distribution and the decline of personal saving, 1967 – 2014” by David Bunting in session *Consumption, Savings, and Investment*, International Atlantic Economic Society Conference, October 2017

Discussant “Agentization: Relaxing Neoclassical Assumptions via Agent Computing,” by Robert Axtell in session *History, Institutions, and Complexity in Economics*, Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, November 2015.

Discussant “The Impact of Decentralization on Municipalities,” by Jessica Hennessey in session *Military Spending, Profitability, and the Structure of the State*, Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, March 2015.

**Conference Chair and
Discussant (cont'd)**

Discussant "The Regional Effects of Social Security Income Distribution," by Patricia Pienado and Felipe Serrano in session *Military Spending, Profitability, and the Structure of the State*, Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, March 2015.

Discussant "Stabilization Policies and Long Term Growth: Policy Implications from an Agent-based Macroeconomic Model," by Philipp Harting in session *Agent Based Computational Economic: Economic Growth* (Sponsored by the NYC Computational Economics & Complexity Workshop), Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, March 2015.

Chair "Agent-Based Computational Economics: Social Networks," Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, March 2012.

Discussant "Agent-Based Computational Economics: Finance," Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, March 2012.

Chair "Exchange Rate Forecasting," Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, March 2012.

Discussant "Agent-Based Computational Economics: Finance," Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, March 2012.

Discussant, "The Implications of Concealed Carry in the Active Shooter Scenario," Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, February 2011.

Discussant, "Macroeconomic Theory and Pedagogy," Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, February 2010.

Discussant at Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, February 2009.

Discussant, and **Chair** at Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, February 2008.

**Service to the Field of
Economics**

Peer Reviewer for *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, *Metroeconomica*, *Eastern Economic Journal*, *Journal of Economic Interaction and Coordination*, *Journal of International Money and Finance*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Review of Behavioral Economics*, *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*, *JMU Undergraduate Research Journal*, Pearson Publishing, Worth Publishing, Employment Policies Institute.

Member of American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, International Atlantic Economic Society.