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EMPLOYMENT

- Managing Director, Bridwell Institute for Economic Freedom, Southern Methodist University, (Fall 2020-present)
- Research Assistant Professor, Bridwell Institute for Economic Freedom, Southern Methodist University, (Fall 2020-present)
- Adjunct Professor, Strategy & Entrepreneurship Department, Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University (Spring 2021-present)
- Adjunct Lecturer, College of Business and Economics, West Virginia University (Spring 2020 - present)
- Assistant Director, O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, Southern Methodist University, (Fall 2017-Fall 2020)
- Research Fellow, O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, Southern Methodist University, (Spring 2019-present)
- Research Assistant Professor, O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, Southern Methodist University, (Spring 2018-Spring 2019)
- Research Associate, O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, Southern Methodist University, (Spring 2016-Fall 2017)
- Program Manager, Spending and Budget Initiative, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, (Spring 2015 – Spring 2016)
- Research Assistant to Tyler Cowen (Fall 2013-Spring 2015)
- Research Assistant to Chris Coyne (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)
- Research Associate, Spending and Budget Initiative, Mercatus Center at George Mason University (June 2011-July 2012)
- Research Assistant to Peter Boettke (Spring 2010)

AFFILIATIONS

- The Policy Circle, Texas State Leadership Council (Fall 2020 – present)
- Texas Policy Fellow, Lone Star Policy Institute, Dallas Texas (Fall 2019-Fall 2022)
- Consultant, State Policy Network, Think Tank Effectiveness Project (Fall 2017-present)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics, George Mason University (Fall 2016)
 - Mercatus PhD Fellow (Fall 2012-Spring 2015)
 - Dissertation: *Incentives Matter: Examining the Problematic Nature of Public Aid in the United States*
 - Committee: Richard Wagner (Chair), Peter Boettke, and Virgil Storr
 - Primary Fields: Austrian Economics, Public Choice, New Institutional Economics
- M.A. Economics, George Mason University (Spring 2015)
- B.A. Economics, George Mason University, *Magna Cum Laude* (Spring 2011)
 - Undergraduate Apprenticeship Program mentored by Don Boudreaux (Summer 2010)
- B.A. Philosophy, George Mason University *Magna Cum Laude* (Spring 2011)
 - Independent Study in Phenomenology and Austrian Economics (Spring 2011)

- Oxford University, Hertford College, Study Abroad (Fall 2009)

PUBLISHED ACADEMIC PAPERS

- “Rethinking Systems of Survival: Jane Jacobs Amplified via Complexity Theory” (Richard E. Wagner) forthcoming in the *Elgar Handbook on Institutions and Complexity*
- “Economic Freedom and Growth, Income, Investment, and Inequality: A Quantitative Summary of the Literature” (with Robert Lawson and Vincent Miozzi) Online first in the *Southern Economic Journal*
- “Thinking Differently about Institutions: The Entangled Political Economy of Richard Wagner” in Peter Boettke and Chris Coyne, eds. *The Legacy of Richard Wagner*. Arlington, VA: 2023.
- “Entanglement and Perverse Spontaneous Orders” in David Hebert and Diana Thomas, eds. *Emergence, Entanglement, and Political Economy*. New York: Springer, 2020.
- “Immigration and State Institutions: Does Region of Origin Matter?” (with Dean Stansel) *Cato Journal* 40(3) Fall 2020: 625-664.
- “Some Dynamics of Socioeconomic Relationships: Well-Being, Social Capital, Economic Freedom, Economic Growth, and Entrepreneurship” (with Ryan Murphy and Jeremy Jackson) *American Journal of Entrepreneurship* 13(1) June 2020: 4-44.
- “Samaritan’s Dilemmas, Wealth Redistribution, and Polycentricity” (with Richard Wagner) in Richard E. Wagner, ed. *James M. Buchanan: A Theorist of Political Economy and Social Philosophy*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.
- “Targeted State Economic Development Incentives and Entrepreneurship” (with Dean Stansel) *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy* 7(3) 2018: 235-247.
 - Received the Journal’s Highly Commended Paper Award
 - Discussed in Dallas Morning News, Carolina Journal, and several other N.C. Papers
- “Sub-National Economic Freedom: A Review and Analysis of the Literature” (with Dean Stansel) *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy* 48(1): 2018, 61-71.
- “Aging Populations and the Size of Government” (with Ryan Murphy) *IREF Working Paper No. 201802*
- “Institutions, Trade, and Economic Prosperity: An Examination of the U.S. and Mexican States” (with Dean Stansel) *Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center Working Paper*
- “Economic Freedom in the United States, 1980 to the Present” (with Dean Stansel). *Economic Freedom of the World 2016 Annual Report*, pp. 257-272.
- “From mixed economy to entangled political economy: a Paretian social-theoretic orientation” (with Richard Wagner). *Public Choice* 164(1-2) 2015: 103-116.
- “Review of Nicholas Wapshott *Keynes Hayek: The Clash that Defined Modern Economics*,” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 46(1) 2012: 97-102.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Reconceptualizing public choice inside a theory of complex social systems” (with Richard E. Wagner) *Under Review at Public Choice*
- “Think Tanks: An Empirical Update and Expansion” (with Nikolaas de Jong) *Under Review at Journal of Comparative Economics*
- “The Impact of Economic Freedom on Female Labor Market Outcomes: A Metro-Level Analysis” (with Dean Stansel) *Journal Article*

BOOK PROJECT

- *Reason, Ideology, and Democratic Political Economy*, with Richard E. Wagner

POLICY PAPERS

- “Tearing Down Barriers to Prosperity: How More Economic Freedom Can Reduce Poverty and Boost Prosperity in Pennsylvania” *Commonwealth Foundation Working Paper*, February 21, 2023
- “Is Arkansas Prepared for the Next Economic Downturn” (with Dean Stansel and David Mitchell) *Arkansas Center for Research in Economics Policy Review*, 2018
- “On the Feasibility of Public Employee Buyouts for Alleviating West Virginia’s Fiscal Strain” *Cardinal Institute Working Paper*, 2016

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

- “Welfare spending has increased over 240% in 40 years with no results. It’s time to try something else.” *Daily Caller*. April 19, 2023.
- “To err is human, but to really foul up a rental market requires rent control” *The Orange County Register*. November 14, 2022.
- “California migrants are not trying to un-Texas Texas” *Dallas Morning News*. November 19, 2020.
- “Work-at-home crowd prefers to relocate to places with lower taxes, less regulation” *The Orange County Register*. October 23, 2020.
- “Americans are on the Move to Freer Pastures” (with Dean Stansel). *Washington Examiner*. January 31, 2018.
- “Is America on the Wrong Economic Path?” (with Dean Stansel). *Investor’s Business Daily*. September 15, 2016.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

- “Environmental Economics”, high-school economics unit for Teaching Free Enterprise in Texas program (premiering Spring 2021)
- “The Failures of Central Planning and the Magic of Markets in the Age of Coronavirus”, high-school economics unit for Teaching Free Enterprise in Texas program (Fall 2020)
- “Public Choice 1: Governments and Markets”, high-school economics unit for Teaching Free Enterprise in Texas program (Summer 2018)
 - Presented to high school teachers at over two dozen events in Texas, Kansas, and Georgia
- “Public Choice 2: The Political Process”, high-school economics unit for Teaching Free Enterprise in Texas program (Summer 2018)
 - Presented to high school teachers at over two dozen events in Texas, Kansas, and Georgia
- “Taxation and Government Finance” (with Dean Stansel), high-school economics unit for Teaching Free Enterprise in Texas program (Summer 2016)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Reconceptualizing Public Choice Inside a Theory of Complex Social Systems”, *Public Choice Society Annual Conference*, Plano, TX (Spring 2024)
- “Beyond Markets and Governments: Fitting the Third Sector into the Entangled Political Economy Framework”, Virtual Presentation for the *Entangled Political Economy Research Network*, Dallas, TX (Spring 2021)
- “The Impact of Occupational Licensure on Women: Does Breadth or Burden Matter More?” Virtual Presentation for *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, New Orleans, LA (Fall 2020)
- “Economic Freedom and Environmental Quality in the United States” *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, Las Vegas, NV (Spring 2018)
- “Institutions and Trade: An Examination of the U.S. States and Mexico” (with Dean Stansel) *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*,

- Las Vegas, NV (Spring 2018)
- “Economic Freedom and Federal Aid” (with Dean Stansel) *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, Lahaina, HI (Spring 2017)
- “The Changing Nature of the Art and Science of Association” *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, Lahaina, HI (Spring 2017)
- “Targeted Business Incentives and Firm Deaths” (with Dean Stansel) *Southern Regional Science Association Meeting*, Memphis, TN (Spring 2017)
- “Examining the Relationship Between Immigration and State Institutions” (with Dean Stansel) *Southern Economic Association 86th Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C. (Fall 2016)
- “Why the 1996 Clinton Welfare Reforms are a Poor Model for Encouraging Work and Financial Independence” *Southern Economic Association 86th Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C. (Fall 2016)
- “Samaritan’s Dilemmas, Wealth Redistribution, and Polycentricity” (with Richard Wagner) *53rd Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society*, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Spring 2016)
- “From an Art and Science of Association to a Science of Alms: The Evolution of Public Aid Dependency” *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, Cancun, Mexico (Spring 2015)
- “From an Art and Science of Association to a Science of Alms: The Evolution of Public Aid Dependency,” *52nd Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society*, San Antonio, TX (Fall 2015)
- “From Mixed Economy to Entangled Political Economy: Paretian Insights into the Two Faces of Entrepreneurship,” *Southern Economic Association 84th Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA (Fall 2014).
- “Using Bauer to Counter Banerjee: Innovation in India’s Electronic Waste Industry,” *Southern Economic Association 84th Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA (Fall 2014).
- “The Poverty of US Anti-Poverty Strategies.” *Graduate Student Paper Workshop*, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Fall 2014)
- “In Defense of Unbridled International Trade in Electronic Waste,” *Graduate Student Paper Workshop*, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Spring 2014)
- “Institutional Entrepreneurship in Native America: Two Case Studies of Successful Reform,” *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference*, Las Vegas, NV (Spring 2014)
- “The Creation of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*: When Politics Trumps Health,” *51st Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society*, Charleston, SC (Spring 2014)
- “Criminal Justice Interventions in Native America: A Case Study in Failure,” *Graduate Student Paper Workshop*, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Fall 2013)
- “New Zealand’s Agricultural Revolution: Lessons for the U.S.,” *Association of Private Enterprise Education International Conference* Session Chair, Las Vegas, NV (Spring 2012)
- “Subsidizing Hunger: De-Romanticizing the Story of Ethanol Subsidies,” *Association of Private Enterprise Education*, Undergraduate Poster Competition, Nassau, Bahamas (Spring 2011)
- “The Problems with Cap-and-Trade,” *Cato Institute*, Koch Summer Fellowship Presentation, Washington, D.C. (Fall 2009)

CONFERENCES AND COLLOQUIA

- Liberty in Relation to Law and Macroeconomics, *Liberty Fund*, Jekyll Island, GA (Fall 2022)
- Applied Research in the Political Economy, *Mercatus Center*, Fairfax, VA (Spring 2019)

- A Free Society and the Academy, *Mercatus Center*, Arlington, VA (Spring 2019)
- Applied Research in the Political Economy, *Mercatus Center*, Arlington, VA (Spring 2018)
- Mercatus Center Academic Outreach Workshop: Strategic Planning, Measurement, Reporting, & Development, *Mercatus Center*, Tampa, FL (Fall 2017)
- Applied Research in the PPE Framework Colloquium, *Mercatus Center, Graduate Student Programs*, Fairfax, VA (Summer 2015)
- Thought Leaders Summit, *Charles Koch Institute/Institute for Humane Studies*, Arlington, VA (Summer 2015)
- Property Rights, Markets, and Freedom, *PERC/Liberty Fund*, Bozeman, MT (Summer 2014)
- Mercatus Center at George Mason University Colloquium: Murray Rothbard on Power and Market, *Mercatus Center*, Fairfax, VA (Spring 2014)
- Mercatus Center at George Mason University Colloquium: Armen Alchian on Economic Forces at Work, *Mercatus Center*, Fairfax, VA (Fall 2013)
- Advanced Topics in Liberty: Hayek's Social and Political Thought, *Liberty Fund/Institute for Humane Studies*, Arlington, VA (Spring 2013)
- Contracts and Constitutions in James Buchanan's Limits of Liberty, *Liberty Fund*, Las Vegas, NV (Spring 2012)
- Liberty and the American Founding, *Liberty Fund/ISI*, Philadelphia, PA (March 2011)
- Bertrand de Jouvenel's *Ethics of Redistribution* Roundtable, *Liberty Fund*, cosponsored by *Students for Liberty*, Washington, D.C. (February 2011)
- The End of Globalizing Capitalism? Classical Liberal Responses to the Global Financial Crisis, *Special Meeting of the Mont Pelerin Society*, New York City, (March 2009)
- Exploring Liberty Spring Break Seminar, *Institute for Humane Studies*, University of California, Santa Cruz, (March 2010)
- Exploring Liberty Weekend Seminar, *Institute for Humane Studies*, University of Mary Washington (January 2011)
- Freedom University, *Foundation for Economic Education*, Irvington, NY (July 2007)
- Freedom: 101, *Foundation for Economic Education*, Irvington, NY (July 2006)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center Research Grant for "Institutions, Trade, and Economic Prosperity: An Examination of the U.S. and Mexican States" with Dean Stansel and Jose Torra (Fall 2017)
- Charles Koch Foundation Grant for Research on the Foundations of Well-Being (Spring 2016)
- Mercatus Center Ph.D. Fellowship (Fall 2012 – Spring 2015)
- IHS JIN Fellowship (Fall 2012 – Spring 2015)
- Mercatus Graduate Student Summer Research Fellow (Summer 2013, Summer 2014)
- Outstanding Graduating Senior in Economics (Spring 2011)
- Highest Honors for Graduating Senior in Philosophy (Spring 2011)
- James Buchanan Essay Contest, First Place (Spring 2010)
- Thomas Sowell Scholarship (Fall 2008 - Spring 2010)
- GMU Foundation 4-Year Scholarship (Fall 2007 - Spring 2011)
- Fenton English 4-Year Scholarship (Fall 2007 - Spring 2011)
- Academic Competitiveness Grant (Fall 2007 – Spring 2009)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Workshop in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Weekly, Fall 2012 – Spring 2015)

- Graduate Student Paper Workshop, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Weekly, Fall 2012 – Spring 2015)
- “Advanced Econometrics Seminar” workshop lead by Stephen Matteo Miller George Mason University, Arlington, VA (Spring 2015)
- “Discovering Your Inner Liberal Educator: How to Create a Successful Career as a Teacher-Scholar” workshop lead by Emily Chamlee-Wright and Steven Horwitz, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Summer 2014)
- Fieldwork Workshop lead by Emily Chamlee-Wright, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (Summer 2014)
- Mercatus Graduate Student Programs Lecture Series, featuring Mario Rizzo (October 2012)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Entangled Political Economy Research Network (Fall 2020 – present)
- Mont Pelerin Society (Spring 2015 – present)
- Society for the Development of Austrian Economics (Spring 2014 – present)
- Southern Economic Association (Spring 2014 – present)
- Association for Private Enterprise Education (Spring 2013 – present)

TEACHING

- Microeconomics/Macroeconomics, BUSE 6374
Southern Methodist University (Spring 2021 - present)
- Public Economics Theory and Practice, ECON 541
West Virginia University (Spring 2021)
- Markets and Freedom, BUSE 3310
Southern Methodist University (Jan Term 2021)
- Principles of Microeconomics, ECON 201
West Virginia University (Spring 2020)
- Markets and Freedom, BUSE 3310
Southern Methodist University (May Term 2018)
- Economies in Transition, ECON 380
George Mason University (Fall 2014)