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Education

Ph.D. Economics, 2008, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
B.A. Summa Cum Laude, Economics, 2004, Bethel College, St. Paul, MN.

Academic Positions

Professor of Economics	Hope College	2023 to Present
Associate Professor of Economics	Hope College	2017 to 2023
Assistant Professor of Economics	Hope College	2014 to 2017
Assistant Professor of Economics	Calvin College	2008 to 2014
Teaching/Research Assistant	University of North Carolina	2004 to 2008
Policy Research Intern	Georgia State University	2003

Fellowships

Associate Fellow	Kirby Liang Centre for Public Theology	2021 to Present
Fellow	Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics	2014 to Present

Publications

Books

- 1) *Should Wealth Be Redistributed? A Debate* (with J. Otteson) Routledge, 2022.
- 2) *Digital Life Together: The Challenge of Technology for Christian Schools* (with D. Smith, K. Sevensma, and M. Terpstra) Eerdmans, 2020.
- 3) *Animals and the Economy*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

Research Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- 1) A Christian Humanist Critique of our Technocratic Economy. *Journal of Markets and Morality*. 2023. 25(2).
- 2) A New Direction for Kuyperian Economics. *Journal of Markets and Morality*. 2022. 25(1).
- 3) Can Baby Bonds Address the Injustice of Racial Wealth Disparities? *Review of Social Economy*. 2022.
- 4) The Moral Critique of Consumerism in Solzhenitsyn's Economic and Political Thought. With C. Zeller, *Journal of Markets and Morality*. 2022. 24(2).
- 5) Objectivity and Ethics in Economic Methodology: Dialogue with Theologians. *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, 2019. 31.
- 6) Against Inefficacy Objections: The Real Economic Impact of Individual Consumer Choices on Animal Agriculture. With M. Halteman, *Food Ethics*, 2019. 2(2-3).

- 7) Teacher Turnover, Composition and Qualifications in the Year-Round School Setting. With J. Graves and K. Rouse, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*. 2018, 18(3).
- 8) Economics, Privacy, and Christian Ethics. *Christian Business Review*. 2018. 7(Fall).
- 9) Does Current Economic Theory Impose a Materialistic View of Work? with T. Steen, *Journal of Markets and Morality*. 2017, 20(1).
- 10) The Distributional Effects of the Multi-Track Year-Round Calendar: A Quantile Regression Approach. with K. Rouse and J. Haan. *Applied Economics Letters*, 2015. 22(15)
- 11) Is Capitalism to Blame? Animal Lives in the Marketplace. *Journal of Animal Ethics*, 2015. 5(2): 126-134.
- 12) Radical Orthodox Economics. *Christian Scholars Review*, 2014. 43(4).
- 13) Multi-Track Year-Round Schooling as Cost Saving Reform: Not just a Matter of Time. with J. Graves and K. Rouse, *Education Finance and Policy*. 2013. 8(3).
- 14) School Crowding, Year-Round Schooling, and Mobile Classroom Use: Evidence from North Carolina. with K. Rouse, *Economics of Education Review*. 2012. 31(5).
- 15) The Impact of Year-Round Schooling on Achievement: Evidence from Mandatory School Calendar Conversions. with K. Rouse. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. 2012. 4(4).
- 16) How Do Students Respond to Labor Market and Education Incentives? An analysis of Homework Time. *Journal of Labor Research*. 2011. 32(3).

Book Chapters

- 1) A Political Economy of Structural Anthropocentrism. Chapter in *Design Beyond the Human: Transdisciplinary Conversations About the Planet*, Elio Caccavale and Gordon Hush (eds) Bloomsbury. Forthcoming.
- 2) Competition, Regulation, and the Race to the Bottom in Animal Agriculture. Chapter in *Animals and Business Ethics*. N. Thomas (ed.) Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.
- 3) Property, Regulation, and Endangered Species Conservation. Chapter in the *Routledge Handbook of Animal Ethics*. R. Fischer (ed.) Routledge. 2019
- 4) Waste and Efficiency in a Consumer Economy. Chapter in *Multifaceted Explorations of Consumer Culture and Its Impact on Individuals and Society*. D. Burns (ed.) IGI Global. 2018.
- 5) An Ethical Consumer Capitalism. Chapter in *The Future of Meat Without Animals*. B. Donaldson & C. Carter (eds.) Rowman & Littlefield. 2016.
- 6) Economics, Environmental Ethics, and Property Law. with D. Molling. Chapter in *Law and Social Economics: Essays in Ethical Values for Theory, Practice, and Policy*. Mark White, (ed.) Palgrave Macmillan. 2015.
Reprinted in *Social Economics*. Dolfsma, W., Figart, D. M., McMaster, R., Mutari, E., & White, M. D. (eds.) Routledge. 2016.
- 7) Vices. Chapter in *The Sage Encyclopedia of Economics and Society*, Fredrick F. Wherry & Juliet Schor, eds. 2015.

- 8) Prior Economic Status. Chapter in *The New Faces of American Poverty: A Reference Guide to the Great Recession*. Timothy Essenburg and Lindsey Hansen, (eds.) ABC-CLIO. 2014.
- 9) Educational Attainment. Chapter in *The New Faces of American Poverty: A Reference Guide to the Great Recession*. Timothy Essenburg and Lindsey Hansen, (eds.) ABC-CLIO. 2014.

Essays, Book Reviews, Magazine Articles, and Reports

- 1) Review of *Meatsplaining: The Animal Agriculture Industry and the Rhetoric of Denial*, edited by Jason Hannan, *Journal of Animal Ethics*, 13(1). 2023.
- 2) Review of *In all Fairness*, edited by Chris Coyne, Michael Munger, and Robert Whaples, *Poverty and Public Policy*, 13(4) December 2021.
- 3) Review of *God's Good Economy*, by Andrew Hartropp. *Faith & Economics*, 77, Spring 2021.
- 4) Review of *Why We're Polarized*, by Ezra Klein. *The Reformed Journal*, April 2021.
- 5) Review of *Why Does Inequality Matter*, by T. M. Scanlon. *Poverty and Public Policy*, September, 2020.
- 6) Review of *Beyond Stewardship: New Approaches to Creation Care*, David Paul Warners and Mathew Kuperus Heun, eds. *Faith & Economics*, 75, Spring 2020.
- 7) Are Children Getting too much Screen Time in School? *Christian Educator's Journal*, December 2019.
- 8) Living Sustainably: Plant-Based Foods offer better health, better environment. *Holland Sentinel*, Sept. 23, 2019.
- 9) Review of *Why Liberalism Failed* by Patrick Deneen. *Faith & Economics*, 73, Spring 2019.
- 10) How Market Economies Can Undermine Moral Norms. In *The Future of Liberalism*. AEI Values and Capitalism, 2019.
- 11) Formation: A symposium on Living as a Christian in Economics. *Faith & Economics*, 71, Spring 2018.
- 12) Wealth and Poverty in America (Dialogue with K. Johnson), *Respectful Conversations: Reforming Political Discourse*. April 2018.
- 13) Review of *The Politics of Virtue* by John Milbank and Adrian Pabst. with J. Lunn, *Faith & Economics*, 69, Spring 2017.
- 14) How to Find Hope in the Humanless Economy. with K. Brown, *Christianity Today* (cover story). June 21 2017.
- 15) Animals and the Economy. Online interview at Sarx: Christian Animal Welfare. 2016.
- 16) A World Without Work? *Comment Online*, May 5th, 2016.
An earlier version appeared in *A World without Work? Technology, Automation, and the Future of Work*. AEI Values & Capitalism program, 2016.
- 17) Learning from Laudato Si. *Shared Justice*, Center for Public Justice, June 2015.
Republished at *Do Justice*, Office of Social Justice, CRCNA, July 2015.
- 18) Review of *The Oxford Handbook of Christianity and Economics*, Paul Oslington, ed. *Christian Scholars Review*, 2015. 44(2).

- 19) Examining the Place of Ethics in Economics: A Review. *Review of Social Economy*. 2014. 72(1):127-135.
- 20) Can Economists Speak for Farmed Animals? A Review. *Journal of Animal Ethics*. 2013. 3(2).
- 21) Can we be Good Stewards of the Economy and the Environment? *The Banner*. Nov. 2012.
- 22) Humane Eating in an Inhumane Economy. *Perspectives*. May 2012.
- 23) Review of *The Economics of Honor: Biblical Reflections on Money and Property*, by Roelf Haan. *Faith and Economics*, 59. Fall 2011.
- 24) Review of *Ecumenical Babel: Confusing Economic Ideology and the Church's Social Witness*, by Jordan Ballor. *Calvin Theological Journal*. April 2011.
- 25) Giving Incentives to Students. *TCS Daily*. February 12, 2007.
- 26) The Next Proletariat? *TCS Daily*. September 21, 2005.
- 27) The Geography of Poverty in the Atlanta Region. *Atlanta Census 2000*. Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Atlanta, GA, August 2003

Dissertation

- 1) *Two Essays on Student Homework Time*. Doctoral Dissertation in the Department of Economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 2008.

Grants & Awards

- 1) Ruch Faculty Fellowship, 2020 to 2023
- 2) Grand Challenges Award – Environmental Sustainability (with B. Bodenbender and S. Bouma Prediger), 2018.
- 3) Convergent Scholars Grant, (with A. McCoy), 2016.
- 4) “School Choice Policy and Private School Enrollment” Grant, (co-investigator with K. Den Dulk and M. Pelz), \$20,000, 2015-2016.
- 5) Nyenhuis grant for student research funding, 2015, 2019.
- 6) Warren Samuels Prize for the best paper presented at the 2014 ASSA meetings, awarded by the Association for Social Economics.
- 7) “School Choice and Private School Demand” Grant, (Co-Investigator with K. Den Dulk and M. Pelz), \$20,000, 2014-2015.
- 8) “Educational technology and human flourishing: new technologies in a Christian school.” Grant, (Co-PI with D. Smith, K. Sevensma, and M. Terpstra) \$358,205. 2014-2017.
- 9) Calvin Research Fellowship, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014
- 10) Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Working Group: *Eating as an Act of Justice*. 2011-2012.
- 11) McGregor Fellowship Supervisor 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014
- 12) Interim Research Leave, January 2011
- 13) Calvin College Alumni Association Research Grant, \$1920, 2010
- 14) Paul Henry Institute Undergraduate Research Award, 2010
- 15) Center for Social Research Small Grant, 2009
- 16) Center for Human Science Fellow, 2005-2008

External Presentations & Seminars

- 1) Oxford Center for Animal Ethics, Oxford, UK, August 2022.
- 2) Kuyper Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, March 2022.
- 3) AEI Symposium, Washington D.C., March 2022.
- 4) Southern Economic Association, Houston, TX, November 2021.
- 5) Markets and Morality Colloquium, Grand Rapids, MI, October 2021.
- 6) Christian Educators' Association, Grand Rapids, MI, October 2021.
- 7) Families Valued Leadership Council, Center for Public Justice, Fall 2021.
- 8) Denver Seminary, The Gospel Initiative, Issues Forum, April 2021.
- 9) Arizona State University, PPE Seminar, March 2021.
- 10) AEI Faith & Public Life Retreat, Panel Moderator, Online, January 2021.
- 11) ASSA Meetings, ASE Paper Session, Online, January 2021.
- 12) AEI Values & Capitalism Faculty Retreat, Bonita Springs, FL, January 2019.
- 13) Christianity and Liberalism Conference, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, 2018
- 14) Christian Educator's Association, South Bend, IN, October 2018
- 15) Kuyers Institute Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October 2017.
- 16) Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Mount Vernon, OH, September 2017.
- 17) Wake up Weekend, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, March 2017.
- 18) Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, November 2016.
- 19) Evangelical Theological Society Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
- 20) Oikonomia Network Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
- 21) Christian Educator's Association, South Bend, IN, October 2016.
- 22) Oxford Center for Animal Ethics, Oxford, UK, July 2016.
- 23) Christ in the City lecture series, Pillar Church, June 2016.
- 24) AEI Values & Capitalism Faculty Retreat, Bonita Springs, FL, January 2016.
- 25) Michigan Political Science Association, Grand Rapids, MI, November 2015.
- 26) CBFA conference, Richmond, VA, November 2015, (presented by S. Geddes & P. Nelson)
- 27) MANS conference, Detroit, MI, November 2015. (presented by M. Terpstra & K. Sevensma)
- 28) Kuyers Institute Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October 2015.
- 29) Christ in the City lecture series, Pillar Church, July 2015.
- 30) Whitehead International Conference, Claremont, CA, June 2015.
- 31) AEFPP Annual Conference, Washington D.C., Poster. February 2015.
- 32) Hope College Critical Issues Symposium, 2014.
- 33) SSSR Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, October 2014 (presented by K. Den Dulk).
- 34) Wake Up Weekend, Calvin College, 2014.
- 35) Lilly Seminar: "What does it mean to be human in consumer culture?" Xavier Univ., July 2014.
- 36) AEI Seminar: "Markets: Defenses and Critiques" Participant. February 2014.
- 37) AEFPP Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, March 2014 (presented by K. Rouse & J Graves).
- 38) ASSA Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, January 2014.
- 39) Michigan Academy conference, Holland, MI, March 2013 (presented by D. Molling).
- 40) 2012 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture. Waco, TX, October 2012.
- 41) 14th World Congress of Social Economics, Glasgow, Scotland, June 2012.

- 42) Michigan Academy conference, Alma, MI, March 2012 (presented by J. Haan).
- 43) AEFPA Annual Conference, Boston, MA, March 2012.
- 44) AEFPA Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, March 2011.
- 45) Eastern Econ. Assoc. Meetings, New York, NY, February 2011 (presented by K. Rouse).
- 46) University of North Carolina at Greensboro, October 2010 (presented by K. Rouse).
- 47) Michigan Acad. conference, Grand Rapids, MI, March 2010 (presented by D. Busscher).
- 48) AEFPA Annual Conference, Richmond, VA, March 2010.
- 49) ASSA conference, Denver, CO, January 2010 (presented by K. Rouse).
- 50) Grand Valley State University, January 2010.
- 51) Clemson Graduate Student Workshop, September 2008.

Teaching

Courses Taught

Introduction to Economics	Public Finance
Principles of Microeconomics	Advanced Topics in Microeconomics
Principles of Macroeconomics	Calculus Applications for Business
Intermediate Microeconomics	Human Resource Economics (Labor Econ)
Developing a Christian Mind	Principles of Economics Honors Seminar
First Year Seminar	Econometrics
Managerial Economics	The History of Economic Thought
Management in the British Economy	Senior Research Project
Senior Seminar (in London May Term)	Environmental Economics and Sustainability
Environmental Public Policy	

Teaching Awards

- Vijay Bhagavan Award for the Best Introduction to Economics TA, 2006
- Ralph Byrns Teaching Award, 2006

Major Undergraduate Student Research Projects

- M. Krudy, "Proposal for a Green Revolving Fund." 2022
- C. Zeller, M. Baron, and S. Gruenler, "The Economic Structure of Consumerism." 2019
- E. Nyhof, "The Benefits Cliff and Labor Supply." 2017-2018
- J. Cronau and C. McShane, "Theology of Work and Leisure." 2016
- P. Nelson: "Vouchers, tax credits, and private school enrollment." 2015
- K. Kish: "School Enrollment and Competition." 2015
- M. Bloem and C. Vos: "School Choice and Demand for Private Schooling." 2014
- D. Molling: "Economics, Environmental Ethics, and Property Law" 2012
- J. Haan and M. Molling: "Achievement Disparities and Year-Round Schooling." 2011-2012
- Warren and D. Stahl: "Religious Participation and Violent Crime" 2010, 2011
- C. DeYoung: "A Probit Model of the Effect of Assigned Homework on Dropout Choices" 2010
- D. Busscher: "Homework and Academic Achievement in Elementary School." 2010

Professional Service

- Executive Editor, *Faith & Economics*, 2018 to present
- Podcast Host/Producer, *Faithful Economy*.
- Conference Organizer for the Association of Christian Economists, July 2023.

- Webmaster, Association of Christian Economists, 2010 to present.
- Consultant Editor, *Journal of Animal Ethics*, 2014 to present
- Contributor, *Christ-Animated Learning*, the *Christian Scholars Review* Blog, 2021 to 2022
- Families Valued Leadership Council, Center for Public Justice, 2021 to 2022
- Associate Editor for Social Sciences, *Christian Scholar's Review*, 2015 to 2018
- Senior Fellow, Sentient Media, 2020 to 2021.

- Referee for Journals:

Atlantic Economic Journal
Calvin Theological Journal
Christian Scholars Review
Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis
Education Finance and Policy
Educational Research & Reviews
Ethics Policy and Environment
Faith & Economics
Int. Journal of Christianity and Education

Int. Journal of Educational Development
Journal of Animal Ethics
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
Journal of Urban Economics
Journal of Markets and Morality
Review of Social Economy
Southern Economic Journal
Synthese

- Referee or Endorsement for Publishers: Crossway, IGI Global, Fortress Press, Routledge (monograph & book series), and Pearson (textbook).

Hope College Service

- Frost Center Scientific Advisory Board 2023-present
- Green Revolving Fund Advisory Committee 2023-present
- Green Team Member 2021- present
- Initium Co-director 2019-present
- Haworth Fund Book Group Co-organizer 2018-present
- Departmental Seminar Organizer 2015-2017, 2022 to present
- Data and Research Coordinator Search Committee 2023
- Religious Life Committee, secretary 2022-2023
- Green Revolving Fund Proposal, contributor 2022
- Faculty mentor 2020-2021
- Klesis Director 2017 to 2020
- Retention working group 2018-2019
- Religious Life Committee, chair 2015-2016
- Social Science Research Guild, co-organizer 2015-2017