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EDUCATION

PhD in Economics (Expected 2030) — *Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO*

Aug 2025 – Present

Interests: Political economy, public finance, history of economic thought

Graduate Teaching Assistant: ECON 202 Microeconomics, ECON 204 Macroeconomics

MBA, Entrepreneurship & Innovation — *Ball State University, Muncie, IN*

Dec 2017

MA, International Relations (Economic Policy) — *University of Kent, Brussels School of International Studies, Brussels, Belgium*

Nov 2003

Magna cum laude; thesis: "A Distributive Unemployment Scheme for the OECD"

BA, Philosophy (Mathematics minor) — *DePauw University, Greencastle, IN*

May 2000

Cum laude

RESEARCH

Working Papers & Presentations

- "The Guard Economy and the Contradictions of Hegemony: Smith, Marx, and the Costs of American Empire." Accepted at the World Association for Political Economy (WAPE) 19th Annual Forum, Greenwich, London, Aug 2026. Accepted for presentation at the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Society Tenth Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Nov 2026.
- "Transforming the Social Infrastructure from Care to Control: Feminist and Institutional Perspectives on Austerity-Induced Public Goods Degradation" (with A. Bernasek). Presented at the Western Social Science Association / Association for Institutional Thought (WSSA/AFIT) Annual Conference, Albuquerque, Mar 2026. Accepted at the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) 34th Annual Conference, Cali, Colombia, Jul 2026.
- "An Epistemological Analysis of Guard Labor in the History of Economic Thought." Presented at Western States Graduate Workshop, CSU, Nov 2025; John Jay–Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE) Conference, The New School, Feb 2026. Target journal: *History of Political Economy*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant — *Colorado State University*

Aug 2025 – Present

- Undergraduate: Introduction to Microeconomics, Introduction to Macroeconomics

Adjunct Instructor, School of Professional Studies — *Albright College*

Jan 2026 – Present

- MBA501 Economics for Managers
- ECO 207-A Statistical Analysis for Economics and Business

Adjunct Faculty, Online MBA Program — *University of Saint Francis*

Jan 2021 – Dec 2022

- MBA: Geoeconomics, Ethical Analysis of Economic Policy, Geobusiness

Visiting Lecturer, Management & Entrepreneurship — *Indiana University, Kelley School of Business*

Aug 2018 – May 2020

- MBA: Sustainable Business, Social Entrepreneurship
- Undergraduate: Strategic Management, Venture Growth Management, Doing Business in Sub-Saharan Africa, Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Strategic Management (Liberal Arts Management Program)

Assistant Professor of Business — *Ivy Tech Community College*

Oct 2015 – Jul 2018

- Personal Finance, International Business, Business Ethics, Business Law, Case Studies in Business, Digital Marketing, Introduction to Marketing

Adjunct Faculty, Political Science — *Purdue University Fort Wayne*

Jan 2006 – Dec 2009

- Undergraduate: American Government & Politics, Government & Business, US Foreign Policy, Ethics in International Economics, Global Environmental Politics

Adjunct Faculty, Business — *Trine University*

Aug 2005 – Dec 2006

- International Business

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- **Best Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE) Graduate Paper Award**, "An Epistemological Analysis of Guard Labor in the History of Economic Thought," April 2026
- **Grant Recipient**, Reciprocal Exchange in Business and Entrepreneurship, Ibadan, Nigeria, U.S. State Department Mandela Washington Fellows, 2022
- **Grant Recipient**, Reciprocal Exchange in Business and Entrepreneurship, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, U.S. State Department Mandela Washington Fellows, 2019
- **Grant Recipient**, Faculty Development in International Business (Egypt & Rwanda), Indiana University Center for International Business Education & Research, 2016–2017

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Statistical/Analytical: Stata, Python, SPSS, JMP

LMS Platforms: Canvas, Blackboard, Brightspace D2L

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Graduate Student Council Member, Colorado State University, 2025–Present
- Community Advisory on Public Safety Commission, Bloomington, IN, 2021–2024
- Bloomington Commission on Sustainability, 2017–2022