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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Professor, Department of Public Policy, University of Connecticut (2017 - ).

Director, MPA and MPP Programs, 2018-present

Graduate Faculty, Department of Economics, University of Connecticut (2016 - ).

Associate Professor, Department of Public Policy, University of Connecticut (2013 - 2017).

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Georgia State University (2012 – 2013).

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Quinnipiac University (2004 – 2011).

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, San Diego State University (2002 – 2004).

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, San Diego State University (1996 – 2002).

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. Economics**, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1996.

Fields: Public Economics, Econometrics.

**M.A. Economics**, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1992.

**B.A.** University of Connecticut, 1990.

**REFEREED ARTICLES**

“School Finance Reforms, Teachers’ Unions, and the Allocation of School Resources,” (with Josh Hyman and Andrew Ju), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, forthcoming.

“Teacher Labor Market Responses to Statewide Reform: Evidence from Michigan,” (with Josh Cowen, Katherine Strunk and Steve Drake), *Education Evaluation & Policy Analysis*, forthcoming.

“State Collective Bargaining Laws and Public-Sector Pay,” (with Andrew Ju), *ILR Review*, 2019, 72(2), 480-508.

“Gentrification and Failing Schools: The Unintended Consequences of School Choice under NCLB,” (with Steve Billings and Steve Ross), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2018, 100(1), 65-77.

“Information, Tax Salience and Support for School District Bond Referenda,” (with Bill Simonsen and Mark Robbins), *Public Budgeting & Finance*, 2018, 38(4), 52-73

“The Impact of Georgia’s Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax on the Fiscal Behavior of Local School Districts,” (with David Schwegman), *National Tax Journal*, 2017, 70(2), 295-328.

“Intergenerational Conflict and the Political Economy of Higher Education Funding,” (with Erik Johnson), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2016, 91, 73-87.

“Homeowners, Renters and the Political Economy of Property Taxation,” (with Becky Simonsen and Steve Ross), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2015, 53, 38-49.

- “The Bargaining Power of Teachers’ Unions and the Allocation of School Resources,” (with Tim Squires), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2013, 76, 15–27.
- “Does Less Income Mean Less Representation?,” (with Steve Ross and Ebonya Washington), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2013, 5(2), 53-76.
- “Mobility, Housing Markets and Schools: Estimating the Effects of Inter-District Choice Programs,” (with Sung-Woo Cho and Randall Reback), *Journal of Public Economics*, 2012, 96(7-8), 604–614.
- “Economics and Policy Preferences: Causal Evidence of the Impact of Economic Conditions on Support for Redistribution and Other Ballot Proposals,” (with Steve Ross and Ebonya Washington), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2011, 93(3), 888-906.
- “Is the Median Voter Decisive? Evidence from Referenda Voting Patterns,” (with Steve Ross), *Journal of Public Economics*, 2010, 94(11-12), 898-910.
- “Universal Vouchers and Racial and Ethnic Segregation,” (with Jennifer Imazeki and Steve Ross), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2010, 92(4), 912–927.
- “Probation Length and Teacher Salaries: Does Waiting Pay Off?,” (with Jennifer Imazeki), *Industrial Labor Relations Review*, 2010, 64(1), 164-180.
- “Compact Fluorescent Lighting and Residential Natural Gas Consumption: Testing for Interactive Effects,” (with Peter Ford, Mark McNulty, and Mark Thayer), *Energy Policy*, 2010, 38(3), 1288-1296.
- “Tiebout Choice and Universal School Vouchers,” (with Jennifer Imazeki), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2008, 63(1), 253-279.
- “Can Government Competition Tame the Leviathan? Evidence from California’s Proposition 39,” (with Ed Balsdon), *National Tax Journal*, 2005, 58, 627-642.
- “Intergenerational Conflict and the Political Economy of School Spending,” (with Ed Balsdon), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2004, 56(2), 369-388.
- “Private Demands for Public Capital: Evidence from School Bond Referenda,” (with Ed Balsdon and Kim Rueben), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2003, 54(3), 610-638.
- “Homeowners, Property Values, and the Political Economy of the School Voucher,” (with Jon Sonstelie), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2003, 54(2), 239-257.
- “School Finance Reform and Voluntary Fiscal Federalism,” (with Jon Sonstelie), *Journal of Public Economics*, 2003, 87(9-10), 2157-2185.
- “School Finance Reform and Housing Values: Evidence from Los Angeles,” (with J. Murdoch and M. Thayer), *Public Finance and Management*, 2002, 2(4), 535-565.
- “Capitalization and the Voucher,” (with Jon Sonstelie and Mark Thayer), *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2001, 50(3), 517-536.
- “Financing New School Construction and Modernization: Evidence from California,” (with Kim Rueben), *National Tax Journal*, 2001, 54(3), 527-539.

"Free Riders or Easy Riders? An Examination of the Voluntary Provision of Public Radio," *Public Choice*, 1998, 97(4), 587-604.

"An Empirical Test of Neutrality and the Crowding-Out Hypothesis," *Public Choice*, 1997, 92(3-4), 261-279.

## **BOOKS, BOOK CHAPTERS AND POLICY REPORTS**

"Financing School Facilities in California: A Ten-Year Perspective," (with Jeffrey Vincent), *Getting Down to Facts II*, 2018.

"School Quality, School Choice and Residential Mobility," in *Education, Land and Location*, edited by Greg Ingram and Daphne Kenyon, Lincoln Institute Press: Cambridge, MA, 2014.

"School Facility Funding in Georgia and the Educational Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST)," (with Nick Warner), Fiscal Research Center, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA. FRC Report Number 250, 2012.

"Financing School Facilities in California," *Getting Down to Facts*, Institute for Research on Education Policy and Practice, 2007.

"California's School Finance Reform: An Experiment in Fiscal Federalism," (with Jon Sonstelie), in W. Fischel (ed.), *The Tiebout Model at Fifty: Essays in Public Economics in Honor of Wallace Oates*, Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2006, pp. 55-93.

"Fiscal Stress and Voluntary Contributions to Public Schools," (with Jennifer Imazeki), in W. J. Fowler (ed.), *Developments in School Finance: 2004*, Washington, DC: National Center for Education Statistics, July 2005, pp. 39-54.

"The Parcel Tax," in Jon Sonstelie and Peter Richardson (ed.), *School Finance and California's Master Plan for Education*, Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, CA, June 2001, pp.187-212.

"Coping with Serrano: Private Contributions to California's Public Schools," (with Jon Sonstelie), *Proceedings of the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Taxation*, National Tax Association, 1997, pp. 372-381.

"For Better or Worse: School Finance Reform in California," (with Jon Sonstelie and Ken Ardon), Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, CA, February 2000.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

"Teacher Evaluation Reforms and the Supply and Quality of New Teachers," (with Matthew Kraft, Shaun Dougherty, and David Schwegman), working paper.

"The Causal Impact of Attending a Career Technical High School on Student Achievement, High-School Graduation and College Enrollment," (with Shaun Dougherty and Steve Ross), working paper.

"The Impact of High-Stakes Teacher Evaluation and Tenure Reform on the Quality of New Teachers: Evidence from Michigan," (with Josh Cowen and Katherine Strunk), in progress.

“The Effects of Wind Energy on School District Revenues and Expenditures, the Allocation of School Resources, and Student Achievement,” (with Josh Hyman), in progress.

“Parental Preferences for School Quality and Racial Integration: Evidence from Magnet School Lotteries,” (with Shaun Dougherty and Steve Ross), in progress.

“Identification of Cross Price Elasticities of Demand for Public Services: Evidence from a Natural Experiment,” (with Erik Johnson and Steve Ross), in progress.

## **GRANTS AWARDED**

“The Effects of Wind Energy on School District Revenues and Expenditures, the Allocation of School Resources, and Student Achievement,” U.S. Department of Energy, \$99,892, PI, 2018-2019.

“The Effect of Attending a Career and Technical High School on Employment and Earnings,” Smith Richardson Foundation, \$191,327, PI, 2018-2020.

“The Causal Impact of Attending a Career Technical High School on Student Achievement, High-School Graduation and College Enrollment,” Institute for Education Sciences (IES), \$694,741, Co-PI, 2016-2019.

“The Impact of State and Local Policy Reforms on Teacher Unions, Teacher Labor Markets and School District Performance,” Laura and John Arnold Foundation, \$681,866, Co-PI, 2015-2017.

“Bargaining for the Future: The Impact of State and Local Policy Reforms on Teachers’ Unions, Teacher Labor Markets and Student Achievement,” Smith Richardson Foundation, \$300,402, Co-PI, 2015-2017.

“Demand Analysis of School Choice in Hartford Public Schools,” Connecticut State Department of Education, \$68,428, PI, 2014-2017.

“Financing School Facilities in California,” Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, \$70,000, PI, 2006-2007.

“Essays on a Master Plan for California’s System of Public Education,” Public Policy Institute of California, \$20,000, Co-PI, 2000-2001.

“Responses to School Finance Reform in California,” Public Policy Institute of California, \$75,000, Co-PI, 1997-1998.

“Private Contributions to Public Education: Evidence from California,” Aspen Institute, \$40,000, Co-PI, 1996-1997.

## **RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, November 2017

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, October 2017

Association for Education Finance and Policy, March 2017

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, October 2016

Association for Education Finance and Policy, March 2016

National Tax Association Meetings, November 2015.

Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, October 2015.

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Urban Economics and Public Finance Conference, May 2015.

National Tax Association Meetings, November 2014  
Association for Education Finance and Policy, March 2014  
North American Regional Science Association Meetings, November 2013  
Southern Economic Association Meetings, November 2013  
National Tax Association Meetings, November 2013  
Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 8th Annual Land Policy Conference, June 2013.  
Association for Education Finance and Policy, March 2013.  
Public Choice Society Meetings, March 2013.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Associate Editor: *Education Finance and Policy*, 2014 – 2018.  
Associate Editor: *Economics of Education Review*, 2010 – 2013.  
Editorial Board: *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2016 – present.  
Editorial Board: *Public Budgeting and Finance*, 2016 – present.  
Editorial Board: *Education Finance and Policy*, 2019 – present.

Referee Experience: American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education Review, Economics of Governance, Education Economics, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Education Finance and Policy, European Journal of Political Economy, Growth and Change, Journal of Housing Economics, Journal of Money Credit and Banking, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, National Tax Journal, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Peabody Journal of Education, Policy Studies Journal, Public Budgeting and Finance, Public Choice, Public Finance and Management, Public Finance Review, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Social Science Quarterly, Sociological Inquiry, Southern Economic Journal, Urban Studies, Urban Affairs, Urban Affairs Review, National Science Foundation (grant reviewer), Smith Richardson Foundation (grant reviewer).

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

*Undergraduate Courses:* Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Microeconomic Theory, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Public Finance, Introduction to Econometrics, Advanced Econometrics, Statistical Methods.

*Graduate Courses: (MA)* Economic Analysis for Public Administration, Program Evaluation, Policy Analysis, Applied Policy Issues, Quantitative Methods for Public Policy, Causal Program Evaluation, State and Local Public Finance, Econometrics, Topics in Applied Econometrics, Seminar in Applied Economic Research, Quantitative Methods for MBA's. *(PhD)* Dissertation Workshop, Causal Program Evaluation.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Senior Scholar Mentor, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Scholars Program, 2016.  
Senior Scholar Mentor, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy Scholars Program, 2015.  
Distinguished Faculty Award, University of Connecticut, Department of Public Policy, 2015.  
Distinguished Faculty Award, University of Connecticut, Department of Public Policy, 2014.  
PhD Job Placement Director, Georgia State University, Department of Economics, 2012 –2013.  
Distinguished Faculty Award, University of Connecticut, Department of Public Policy, 2010.  
Graduate Advisor, Department of Economics, San Diego State University, 1998 – 2004.  
Outstanding Faculty Award, San Diego State University, Department of Economics, 2001.  
Outstanding Faculty Award, San Diego State University, Department of Economics, 2000.