

Curriculum Vita

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RESEARCH INTERESTS: Fiscal Federalism, Local Public Goods, Public Choice, Urban Economics

TEACHING INTERESTS: Intro micro (incl honors), intermediate micro, greed and economic collapse (undergrad) public economics (grad and undergrad), state & local public economics (grad), graduate research workshop

CLASS College Teaching Excellence Award, 2011
University Teaching Excellence Award Finalist, 2004

EDUCATION

Graduate: University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D., 1981

Dissertation: "The Allocation of Police: Causes and Consequences"

National Tax Association - Tax Institute of America
Dissertation Award finalist

Fields: Public Finance, Development

Undergraduate: Cornell University, A.B., June, 1975
Magna Cum Laude in Economics
The City University, London, 1973-74

EMPLOYMENT

University of Houston: Professor of Economics, 1997-present; Associate Professor of Economics, 1988-97;
Assistant Professor of Economics, 1981-88;
Center for Public Policy: Senior Research Associate, 1996-00; Director of Community Modeling,
1994-1996; Research Associate, 1982-1993, 2007-present
Institute for the Study of Political Economy, Co-Director, 2000-07.

Hunter College, City University of New York: Associate Professor of Economics, 1990-91;
Manhattan Institute: Wriston Citicorp Fellow, 1991.

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School: Visiting Lecturer, 1982.

University of Pennsylvania, Economics Department: Instructor and Teaching Fellow, 1977-81;
Public Enterprise Research Program: Research Associate, 1980-82.

Haverford College, Economics Department: Instructor, 1980;

Bryn Mawr College, Economics Department: Instructor, 1979.

World Bank: Technical Assistant, 1978.

United States Treasury: Economist, 1975-77.

PUBLICATIONS

- "State Government Response to Income Fluctuations: Consumption, Insurance, and Capital Expenditures," (with E. Hoang), Regional Science and Urban Economics, 41, July, 2011, 343-51.
- "The Demand for Judicial Sanctions: Voter Information and the Election of Judges," (with Y.C. Ho and A. Satterlee), Economics of Governance, 9, July, 2008, 265-85.
- "The Impact of Bank Consolidation on Small Business Credit Availability," (with P. Hardee), Journal of Banking and Finance (special issue in honor of Larry Goldberg), 31, April, 2007, 1237-64.
- "Local Revenue Hills: Evidence From Four U.S. Cities," (with A. Haughwout, R. Inman and T. Luce), Review of Economics and Statistics, 86, May, 2004, 570-585 (also released as NBER Working Paper #7603 and NBER Working Paper #9686).
- "Subchapter S, An Entrepreneurial Survival Strategy for Small Banks," (with P. Hardee), Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance & Business Ventures, 7, Fall, 2002, 53-70.
- "The Internet, Bank Structure and Small Business Lending," (with P. Hardee), Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance & Business Ventures, 1, 2002, 77-98.
- "Quantile Estimates of Employment and Population Density Functions," (with P. Ng), Journal of Urban Economics, 49, 2001, 100-120.
- "The Impact of Bank Structure on Small Business and Small Farm Lending," (with P. Hardee), Journal of Entrepreneurial Finance, 6, 2001, 59-83.
- "The Influence of Low Income Assistance Policies on State Government Design of Unemployment Insurance" (with M. Palumbo), Research in Employment Policy, (L. Bassi and S. Woodbury, eds.) Vol II, JAI Press, Stamford, CT, 2000, 49-86.
- "The Forward and Backward flow of Technology: The Relationship Between Foreign Suppliers and Domestic Technological Advance," (with T. DeGregori), Technovation, 20, August, 2000, pp. 403-12 (lead article).
- "Policy Variation in State Government Provision of Unemployment Insurance," (with M. Palumbo), Journal of Regional Science, 39, May, 1999, 245-274.
- "Protecting Genetic Privacy by Permitting Employer Access Only to Job-Related Employee Medical Information: A Multi-Disciplinary Analysis of a Unique Minnesota Law," (with M. Rothstein and B. Gelb) American Journal of Law and Medicine, 24, January, 1999, 399-416.
- "Efficient Inequality: Differential Allocation in the Local Public Sector," (with C. Holsey), Regional Science and Urban Economics, 27, Nov, 1997, 763-84.
- "How A City Can Survive a Boom and Bust Cycle Without Bankruptcy: The Case of Houston," National Tax Association Proceedings: 1996, 1997, 90-95.
- "Donor Preferences and Recipient Fiscal Behavior: A Simultaneous Analysis of Foreign Aid" (with P. Cashel-Cordo), Economic Inquiry, 35, 1997, 653-71.
- "Should States be Responsible for New Directions in Health Provision: Lessons from Other Policy Areas," Health Policy, Federalism, and the American States (R. Rich and W. White, eds.) The Urban Institute Press, Washington, 1996, 221-252.
- "State Versus Federal Health Care Policy Control: Lessons from Other Policy Arenas" (with J. Sakowski), Public Economics Review, 1, 1996, 69-104.

PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

- "Local Public Good Provision Under Uncertainty: Do Monopoly Bureaus Wield Carrots- or Sticks?" (with E. Hsieh), Journal of Urban Economics, 36, September, 1994, pp. 184-208.
- "A Spatial Theory of Social Contract Formation," (with J. Kohlhasse and H. Ohta), in International Comparisons in the Concepts and Forms of Contracts, Research Monograph Series in International Studies, Y. Hayami and T. Minato (eds.), Research Institute of Aoyama Gakuin University, 1992.
- "Three Nested Fiscal Impact Measures: Theory and Application," (with E. J. Heikkila), Journal of Regional Science, 31, Feb., 1991, pp. 65-81.
- "Welfare Policy: Spending and Program Structure," in Therese J. McGuire and Dana W. Naimark (eds), State and Local Finance for the 1990s: A Case Study of Arizona, Arizona State University Press, Tempe, 1991, pp. 259-294.
- "Chaos Theory and Microeconomics: An Application to Model Specification and Hedonic Estimation," (with J. E. Kohlhasse and D. H. Papell), Review of Economics and Statistics, 73, May, 1991, pp. 208-15.
- Reprinted in W. Davis Dechert (ed), Chaos Theory in Economics: Methods, Models, and Evidence, Edward Elgar, 1996, pp. 583-90.
- "The Public Sector Impact of International Resource Transfers," (with P. Cashel-Cordo), Journal of Development Economics, 32, February, 1990, pp. 17-42.
- "Urban Safety in Vancouver: Allocation and Production of a Congestible Public Good," (with E. J. Heikkila), The Canadian Journal of Economics, 22, November, 1989, pp. 867-884.
- "Donors, Development, and Debt: The Role of External Assistance and External Indebtedness," (with P. Cashel-Cordo), in Thomas R. DeGregori (ed), Development Economics: Theory, Practice, and Prospects, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Boston, 1989, pp. 231-283.
- "State Government Purchases in a Federalist Economy," (with Joel W. Sailors), Public Choice, 56 (2), February, 1988, pp. 121-30.
- "The Deterrent Impact of Police: An Examination of a Local Public Service," Journal of Urban Economics, 21, May, 1987, pp. 298-311.
- "The Impact of Congestion on Local Public Good Production," Journal of Public Economics, 32, April, 1987, pp. 331-353.
- "The Distribution of Public Services: An Exploration of Local Government Preferences," (with Jere R. Behrman), American Economic Review, 77, March, 1987, pp. 37-49.
- "Interstate Trade Barriers and the Constitution," (with Joel W. Sailors), The Cato Journal, Vol. 6, (3), Winter, 1987, pp. 819-836.
- "Education, Welfare, and the `New' Federalism: State Budgeting in a Federalist Public Economy," (with R. P. Inman) in Harvey S. Rosen (ed), Studies in State and Local Public Finance, Chicago University Press, 1986 (also NBER Working Paper #1562).
- "Why There is Not a Unified Welfare System: Fiscal Federalism From an Agency Approach," (with J. Kohlhasse) in J. Quigley (ed), Perspectives on Local Public Finance and Public Policy, Vol. 2, JAI Press, 1985, pp. 81-99.
- "Federal Aid and Local Education: An Empirical Look at the New Fiscal Federalism" (with R. P. Inman), Review of Economics and Statistics, 64, November, 1982, pp. 541-552, (lead article).

WORKING PAPERS

“Fiscal Policy, Debt Neutrality, and Savings Behavior: Evidence from Life Insurance Holdings,” (with E. Hoang and D. Vollrath), submitted, 2011.

“Consumption Smoothing or Buffer Stock Saving: States’ Management of Unemployment Insurance Finance,” (with W. Hemissi, S. Mukherjee, and B. Sorensen), 2011.

“Is Gifted Education a Bright Idea? Assessing the Impact of Gifted and Talented Programs on Students,” (with S Bui and S. Imberman), May, 2011, submitted (also NBER Working Paper #17089).

Presented in “Study Finds Few Learning Gains from Gifted Services,” by Sarah Sparks, Education Week, June 13, 2011 (4 pages)

“Cooperation and Competition Among Welfare Recipient Groups: Do Taxpayers Pay for Medicaid Cost Increases?” (with L. Howard), Feb, 2010.

“Does it Pay to Get an A? School District Resource Allocations in Response to Accountability Ratings,” (with S. Imberman and A. Perdue), May, 2011, submitted.

“Why Do Big Cities Redistribute Income Out of Own Source Revenue,” (with J. Kohlhase, S. Botello and A. Austin), Dec, 2010, submitted.

“General Purpose or Special District Governance? Technical Efficiency vs. Rent Dissipation in Airport Finances,” (with J. Airola and M Tipu), January, 2011, submitted.

“The Role of Small Firms in Urban Economic Development in a Polycentric City,” (with J. Kohlhase) Feb, 2010, under revision for Environment and Planning, A

“The Fiscal Impact of Immigrants and State Redistributive Policy,” (with S. Botello), Aug, 2008.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“The Economic Role of Small Businesses Using Large Data Sets: An Analysis of the Contribution of Small Firms to Urban Growth,” (with Janet Kohlhase), SBA Office of Advocacy Research Papers #287, December, 2006, at <http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/rs287tot.pdf>

“The Impact of Bank Consolidation on Small Business Credit Availability,” (with P. Hardee), SBA Office of Advocacy Research Papers #234, February, 2004, at <http://www.sba.gov/advo/research/rs234tot.pdf>.

Reprinted under the same title in: Consolidation in the Banking Industry, ICFAI Books, Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India, Calcutta, 2005.

“Preserve Houston’s Approach to Historic Preservation!” Houston Business Journal, October 25, 2002, p 88.

“Taxopolis,” City Journal, Spring, 2000, p.7.

“New York’s Million Missing Jobs,” (with D. A. Austin) City Journal, 7, Autumn, 1997, 43-51.

Reprinted in Myron Magnet (ed), The Millennial City: A New Urban Paradigm for 21st-Century America, Ivan Dee, New York, 2000.

“NYC’s Million Missing Jobs,” (with D. A. Austin), New York Post, November 4, 1997.

“Vehicle Emission Test Cost Study,” (with J. Kohlhase), for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, November, 1997

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Final Population Forecasts by Age, Race, and Ethnicity for the Five County Houston Metropolitan Area: 1990-2030, Center for Public Policy, November, 1996.

Final Population and Employment Forecasts for the Five County Houston Metropolitan Area: 1990-2030, Center for Public Policy, June, 1995.

"Dumping on Free Trade Agreements," Journal of Commerce, June 16, 1995.

"Oil Patch Would Pay High Price for Protecting Steel," Houston Business Journal, June 16, 1995.

"Property Tax Abatements: Economic Boon or Boondoggle?" Houston Economics, Center for Public Policy, June, 1995.

"Slash Welfare Benefits -- For Bureaucrats," (with J. Taranto), New York Times, February 17, 1995, p. A1.

Work Trip Behavior and Attitudes of UH Employees, (with J. Kohlhase, R. Murray, and K. Tedin), Center for Public Policy, September, 1994.

"Zoning Bureaucrats Need Not be Evil to be Terrible," Houston Chronicle, September 26, 1993, p. F1.

"Crack in the Firewall-- Budget Bill Opens Can of Taxbreak Worms," (with C. Wlezian), Houston Chronicle, August 15, 1993, p. F1.

"Economic Cost of Occupational Injury and Illness in Texas," (with A. Austin, J. Kohlhase, and M. Palumbo), in Occupational Injury and Illness in Texas, Health Law and Policy Institute, March, 1993, pp. 149-86.

"Is the City of Houston Too Deeply in Debt?" Houston Economics, October, 1992 (9), pp. 4-6.

"A Report Card on State Spending," NY: The City Journal, 2, Summer, 1992, pp. 25-36.

"Where the City's Money Goes," NY: The City Journal, 1, Autumn, 1991, pp. 35-46.

Book Review of: Houston in Political and Economic Perspective by Joe Feagin, for the Journal of Regional Science, 30, February, 1990 pp. 139-40.

"New Taxes in Texas? Your Pocketbook and Economic Development at Risk," Houston Update, 3, February, 1989, pp. 1-2 (lead article).

Book Review of: Bahl and Miller (ed.), Local Government Finance in the Third World, for Journal of Development Economics, 17, 1985, pp. 315-318.

"A Destructive Trade War Between the States," (with J. W. Sailors), The Wall Street Journal, February 5, 1985,p.26.

GRANT AWARDS

"Long Range Small Area Population Forecasts for the Houston Metropolitan Region," (with J. Kohlhase) Harris-Galveston Subsidence District (through Freese and Nichols, Inc.), 2011.

"Is Gifted Education a Bright Idea? Assessing the Impact of Gifted and Talented Programs on Achievement," (with S. Imberman), UH Small Grants Program, 2010.

"The Economic Role of Small Businesses Using Large Data Sets: An Analysis of the Contribution of Small Firms to Urban Growth," Small Business Administration, 2004-06.

GRANT AWARDS (cont.)

- "Small Firms and Finance Research Using the Survey of Small Business Finances," Small Business Administration, 2002-03.
- "Tax Sparing and Foreign Direct Investment," UH Small Grants Program, 2002.
- "Population Forecasts Using the Small Area Model- Harris County," Harris County Budget Office, 1997-2001, 2004, 2007.
- "Land Use Forecasts Using the SAM Model," U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1998.
- "Measuring the Effects of a Unique Law Limiting Employee Medical Examinations to Job-Related Matters," (with M. Rothstein and B. Gelb), U.S. Department of Energy, 1997-98.
- "Vehicle Emission Test Cost Study," (with J. Kohlhase), Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, 1997.
- "Small Area Model- Houston" U.S. Department of Education and others (with the Center for Public Policy), Principal Investigator, 1994-6.
- Principal Investigator for "AEA/Federal Reserve Board Minority Graduate Fellowship," awarded to R Trevino, 1994-6.
- "The Impact of Immigration on Urban Locational Choice," Center for Immigration Research, University of Houston, 1996.
- "Beyond Insurance, Towards Redistribution: An Analysis of State Government Design of Unemployment Insurance," (with M. Palumbo), U.S. Department of Labor, 1994-5.
- "The Political Economy of City Government Budgeting," Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 1994.
- "Should States be Responsible for New Directions in Health Provision: Lessons from Other Policy Areas," Institute of Government Affairs, University of Illinois, Chicago, 1994.
- "The Economics and Politics of the New Federalism," Advanced Research Program, University Coordinating Board of Texas, 1991-3; plus a "Minority Supplement," 1994.
- "The Impact of the Form of Government on Airport Behavior," Limited Grant in Aid, University of Houston, 1993.
- "Occupational Injury and Illness Study: The Economics of the Worker's Compensation Program," Health Law and Policy Institute, University of Houston (with J. Kohlhase, A. Austin, and M. Palumbo), 1992
- "The Impact of the Food Stamp Program on State Government Low Income Assistance Policies," US Department of Agriculture, 1989-91.
- "Chaos Theory and the Houston Housing Market: Assessing the Social Cost of Toxic Waste Sites," (with J. Kohlhase), Advanced Research Program, University Coordinating Board of Texas, 1989-91.
- "State Government Budgeting in the New Fiscal Environment: Will Education and Welfare be the New Sacrificial Lambs?" Research Facilitation Grant, Center for Public Policy, 1989.
- "The Interaction Between County Governments and County Hospitals: A Principal Agent Analysis," Limited Grant-in-Aid, University of Houston, 1989.
- "The Growth and Decline of State Public Assets: A Study in Institutional Political Economy" (with R. Inman and J. Jackson), National Science Foundation, 1987-88.

GRANT AWARDS (cont.)

- "Corporate Tax Burdens in Large Cities" (with R. Crew), Houston Chamber of Commerce, 1987.
- "Taxes and Deficits: Causes of Boom or Bust" (with Gerald Dwyer), Foundation for Business, Politics, and Economics, 1986.
- "Local Public Service Provision: An Economic Analysis of Police Services in Vancouver," Canadian Studies Faculty Research Grant Programme, 1985-86.
- "The New Federalism and Federal-State-Local Assistance for Low Income Households," National Bureau of Economic Research, 1984 (with R. P. Inman).
- "The New Federalism and Its Impact on Assistance for Low Income Households," Research Initiation Grant, UH, 1984.

REFEREE

American Economic Review	Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Political Economy	National Tax Journal
Review of Economics and Statistics	Public Finance/Finances Publique
Journal of Public Economics	Economic Geography
Journal of Urban Economics	Economics of Education Review
Journal of Regional Science	Social Science Quarterly
American Journal of Political Science	Eastern Economic Journal
Regional Science and Urban Economics	Economics and Politics
Journal of Business and Economic Statistics	National Science Foundation
Evaluation Review (associate editor)	International Economic Journal
Southern Economic Journal (associate editor)	International Review of Law and Economics
Economic Journal	Economics of Governance
Public Budgeting and Finance	International Tax and Public Finance
Journal of Banking and Finance	

SERVICE

- Department: Executive Committee, 1988-1990; 1994-1997; 1998-2000, 2008-2010
 Undergraduate Director, 1997-2002
 Rewrote catalogue course descriptions, organized classes into clusters, wrote memos on teaching methods, and on job prospects for undergraduates
 Microeconomics Seminar Coordinator; 1987, 1991-99
 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Chair, 1994-97
 Acting Chair; Summer, 1988
 Departmental Secretary and Historian; 1984-90
 Principals Coordinator; 1983, 85, 1987-90, 1994-97
 Recruiting Committee; 1983, 84, 88 (micro chair), 1996, 1998, 2000, '02, '04, '07 (co-chair)
 Computer Committee; 1984-85
 Comprehensive Exam Committee; 1982, 84, 86, 88, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98
 Field Exam Committee Chair; Public Finance, Development Economics, Health Econ
- Dissertation Chair: Cheryl Holsey (Claremont Graduate School), Peter Cashel-Cordo (Southern Indiana Univ), Edward W. T. Hsieh (Cal State Los Angeles), Russel Burge (Center for Health Economics Research), Jose Lopez (Internal Revenue Service, ABD), Manzur Tipu (East-West Univ, Bangladesh), Alan Satterlee (AT&T), Julie Sakowski (Texas Women's Univ), Roberto Trevino (Affiliated Systems), Manuel Ontiveros (Mexican government), Pauline Hardee (Univ of Houston), Jean-Jose Padou (African Development Bank), Yi

SERVICE (cont.)

Cheng Ho (National Cheng Chi University, Taiwan), Stephanie Botello (Consulting), Ponlapat Kaewsumrit (Thai government), Larry Howard (Cal State Fullerton), Jorge Mercado (Consulting), Ed Hoang (U of Memphis), Sreenath Majumder (Manchester College), George Romagus (in progress), Adam Perdue (in progress).

Dissertation Committee: Daniel Rich (Illinois State U.), Susan Coldwell (Western Washington accounting), Janet Tillinger (Texas A&M accounting), Shawn Novack (Lamar U. accounting), Huldah Bramble (Hunter College accounting), Thomas Tolin (West Chester State U.), Miles Finney (Cal State, LA), Steven Pitts (Houston Comm Coll), James Airola (Naval Postgraduate School), Valery Laserev (Yale, and UH, Clear Lake), John Mijares (Cal State Government), Joann Jolly (U of Phoenix), Craig Goodman (political science, Kennesaw State U), Sharon Ju (HGAC), Can Dogan (St. Thomas), Nishith Prakash (Ohio University), Mustafa Hattapoglu (Turkey), Nancy Liounis (Pol. Sci, NASA), Leonie Karkoviata (AOS), John Weatherby (Consulting), Serguei Chervachidze (Wheaton consulting, Boston), Kathlie Bulloch (Engineering, City of Houston).

College: CLASS Faculty Governance and Advisory Committee, 2002-05.
 Chair, CLASS Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2001-02
 CLASS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2000-2002
 CLASS Transformation Committee: Representation, 2000-01
 : CLASS Transformation Committee: By-Laws, 2000-01
 CLASS Transformation Committee: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2000-01
 College of Social Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2000
 College of Social Sciences Curriculum Committee, 1997-2000
 College of Social Sciences Committee on Committees, 1997
 College of Social Sciences Policy Committee, 1990-96
 Small Area Model Faculty Advisory Team, 1992-94
 Faculty Advisory Committee for the Center for Public Policy, 1987-88

University University P&T Committee, 2009-present
 University Fringe Benefits Committee, 2009-present
 CFO Tuition Setting and Budget Committee 2005-2008
 Chair, UH Apparel Task Force, 2008
 University adopted recommendations on monitoring apparel manufacturing
 Chair: Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Planning, 2007
 Faculty Senate President, 2006 (plus other committees too numerous to count)
 Faculty Senate President Elect, 2005
 Chair: Task Force on Achieving Research Excellence
 University produced Report on Scholarly Output
 Faculty Senate: 1989-92, 94-5, 97-2008
 Member at-large (elected), Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2004-05
 Faculty Senate Budget and Facilities Committee, 2004-05
 Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee, 1989-90, 1998-2003
 Faculty Senate Committee on Committees, 2000-01
 Faculty Senate Liaison to Transportation and Parking Committee, 2001
 Faculty Senate Legislative and Community Affairs Committee, 1997-98
 Ad Hoc Committee on Garrison Gym Renovations, 1997
 Ad Hoc Research Awards Committee, 1986-8
 Accounting Department Comprehensive Exam Committee, 1986, 88, 94