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#### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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<b>Assistant Professor of Economics, Beloit College</b>	<i>Fall 2015 – current</i>
Principles of Economics (ECON 199)	
Comparative Economic Systems (ECON 209)	
Austrian School Economics (ECON 336)	
Health Economics (ECON 271)	
<b>Visiting Instructor of Economics, Beloit College</b>	<i>Fall 2013 - Spring 2015</i>
Principles of Economics (ECON 199)	
Comparative Economic Systems (ECON 209)	
Austrian School Economics (ECON 336)	

#### EDUCATION

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<b>George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA</b>	
Ph.D., Economics	<i>May 2015</i>
M.A., Economics	<i>May 2013</i>
<b>Beloit College, Beloit, WI, USA</b>	
B.A., Economics and Management; Minor, African Studies	<i>May 2008</i>

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

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<i>Nominated</i> for Underkofler Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award	<i>2016-17</i>
Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellow	<i>2013-15</i>
Mercatus Center PhD Fellow	<i>2011-13</i>
Mercatus Summer Fellow	<i>2012-14</i>
Dunn Fellowship	<i>2013-14</i>
Marcia Whitney Scholar	<i>2013-14</i>
Fulbright Student Scholarship	<i>2008-09</i>

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Post-disaster recovery, entrepreneurship theory, Austrian School Economics, economic development (with a focus on South Africa and sub-Saharan Africa), comparative economic systems

## BOOKS

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*Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster Lessons in Local Entrepreneurship.* (with Virgil Henry Storr and Stefanie Haeffele-Balch). Palgrave Macmillan. October 2015.

*Culture and Economic Action.* (eds. with Virgil Henry Storr). Northampton: Edward Elgar. June 2015.

\*denotes co-author is a student.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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"Entrepreneurs drive community revival in the wake of disaster," (with Virgil Henry Storr and Stefanie Haeffele-Balch). *The Review of Austrian Economics* 31(4) 2018: 479-484.

"School Choice and Charter Schools in Review: What Have We Learned?" (with Devin Anderson\*). *The Journal of Private Enterprise* 33(4) 2018: 21-44.

"Navigating Disaster: An Empirical Study of Federal Assistance following Hurricane Sandy," (with Rosemarie Fike and Virgil Henry Storr). *The Eastern Economic Journal* 44(4) 2018: 576-593.

"Embedded entrepreneurs and post-disaster recovery" (with Virgil Henry Storr). *Entrepreneurship and Regional Development* 30(7-8) 2018: 800-821.

"Polycentric orders and post-disaster recovery: a case study of one Orthodox Jewish community following Hurricane Sandy," (with Virgil Henry Storr and Stefanie Haeffele-Balch). *Journal of Institutional Economics* 13(4) 2017: 875-897.

"Social capital and social learning after Hurricane Sandy," (with Virgil Henry Storr and Stefanie Haeffele-Balch). *The Review of Austrian Economics* 30(4) 2017: 447-467.

"Cultivating the liberally educated mind through a signature program," (with Emily Chamlee-Wright and Josh Hall). *The Journal of Economic Education* 48(1) 2017: 34-44.

"The capacity for self-governance and post-disaster resiliency," (with Virgil Henry Storr). *The Review of Austrian Economics* 27(3) 2014: 301-324.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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"The What, How, and Why of Bottom-Up Rebuilding and Recovery After Natural Disaster," in *The Potential for Bottom-up Responses to Crisis*, (eds.) Virgil Henry Storr and Stefanie Haeffele. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming.

"The Rules of the Game and Post-Disaster Rebuilding and Recovery," in *The Need for Government Responses to Crisis*, (eds.) Virgil Henry Storr and Stefanie Haeffele. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming.

"The Organizational Evolution of the American National Red Cross: An Austrian and Bloomington Approach to Organizational Growth and Expansion," (with Stefanie Haeffele-Balch and ErikaGrace Davies) in *Advances in Austrian Economics: The Austrian and Bloomington Schools of Political Economy*, (eds.) Paul Dragos Aligica, Paul A. Lewis, and Virgil Henry Storr. Emerald Group. 2017: 103-119.

"Towards a culturally-aware economics," in *The Annual Proceedings of the Wealth and Well-Being of Nations* Vol. 9, Bourgeois Virtues and the Great Enrichment: The Ideas and Influence of Deirdre Nansen McCloskey, (ed.) Warren Palmer. Beloit College Press. 2017: 167-187.

"The role of culture in economic action," (with Virgil Henry Storr) in *Advances in Austrian Economics* Vol. 19, (eds.) Christopher J. Coyne and Virgil H. Storr. Emerald Group. 2015: 21-46.

- "Communities of liberal learning as social spaces," (with Virgil Henry Storr) in *Liberal Learning and the Art of Self-Governance*, (ed.) Emily Chamlee-Wright. Routledge. 2015.
- "The role of culture in the persistence of traditional leadership: evidence from KwaZulu Natal, South Africa," in *Culture and Economic Action*, (eds.) Laura E. Grube and Virgil Henry Storr. Northampton: Edward Elgar. 2015: 375-397.

## BOOK REVIEWS

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- Review of John Singleton, *Economic and Natural Disasters since 1900 a Comparative History*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2016.  
EH.Net. Economic History Association. Available at [http://eh.net/book\\_reviews/economic-and-natural-disasters-since-1900-a-comparative-history/](http://eh.net/book_reviews/economic-and-natural-disasters-since-1900-a-comparative-history/)
- Review of Emily Chamlee-Wright and Virgil Henry Storr (eds.), *The Political Economy of Hurricane Katrina and Community Rebound*. Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2010. *The Review of Austrian Economics* Volume 27, Issue 2, pp 215-219. 2014.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- "The Cajun Navy at the Prow: How Civil Society Responds to Disaster." (with Georgia Armitage\*). Learn Liberty Blog. 22 September 2016. Available online at <http://www.learnliberty.org/blog/the-cajun-navy-at-the-prow-how-civil-society-responds-to-disaster/>
- "The strength of the human spirit was the greatest winner from Hurricane Katrina." (with Virgil H. Storr). *The Advocate*. 13 July 2015.
- "Damage Control." (with Dan Smith). *The Freeman*. 14 February 2014.
- "Lessons in Disaster Recovery." (with Dan Smith). *The Freeman*. 10 June 2013.
- "Land reform: Going nowhere slowly in Alexandra." (with Vakele Richard Mbalukwana) *Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa*. 22 July 2009.
- "Communal Land Rights Act needs to be revised." *Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa*. 23 June 2009.
- "Make South Africa a tax haven to promote economic growth." *Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa*. 3 February 2009.
- "At 50, new life for Castro's Cuba?" *Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa*. 13 January 2009.
- "Greater economic freedom can reduce poverty in Africa." *Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa*. 30 September 2008.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- "Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster Lessons in Local Entrepreneurship." Rockford University. Invited by Stephen Hicks, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Ethics and Entrepreneurship. Rockford, IL. 1 May 2017.
- "Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster Lessons in Local Entrepreneurship." Truman State University. Invited by David Gillette, Ph.D., Economics Department. Kirksville, MO. 24 April 2017.
- "Max-U as a Cultural Character." Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington, D.C., 19 November 2016.

"Max-U as a Cultural Character." Beloit College, Miller Upton Forum, The Wealth and Well-Being of Nations, Panel 1: The Ideas and Influence of Deirdre Nansen McCloskey. Beloit, WI. 4 November 2016.

"Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster Lessons in Local Entrepreneurship." Beloit College, Faculty Forum. Beloit, WI. 14 September 2016.

"Cultivating the Liberally Educated Mind." Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV. 4 April 2016.

"The Political Economy of Post-Disaster Assistance: A Case Study of the American National Red Cross." Southern Economic Association Conference, New Orleans, LA. 22 November 2015.

"Alertness, Feedback, Competition, and the Social Entrepreneurial Process." Southern Economic Association Conference, Atlanta, GA. 24 November 2014.

"The Private in the Ostroms' Polycentrism: A Case Study of One Orthodox Jewish Community Following Hurricane Sandy." Southern Economic Association Conference, Atlanta, GA. 23 November 2014.

"Communities of liberal learning as social spaces." Southern Economic Association Conference, Atlanta, GA. 22 November 2014.

"Commercial Entrepreneurship and the Road to Recovery." Southern Economic Association Conference, Tampa, FL. 23 November 2013.

"The persistence of communal land in South Africa." Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Maui, HI. 16 April 2013.

"A history of Austrian Thought on Culture." Southern Economic Association Conference, New Orleans, LA. 18 November 2012.

"The Life and Death and Rebirth of City Neighborhoods." Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington, DC, 21 November 2011.

"Neighborhood Recovery and Resiliency." Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV. April 2012.

"Land Tenure in South Africa: Does Apartheid Legislation Still Apply?" Miller Upton Forum, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, October 2009.

"Dismantling Apartheid Land Tenure." (with Leon Louw) Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa, June 2009.  
Reviewed in Stephan Hofstatter. "Vested interests 'blocking' switch to freehold," *Business Day*. 26 June 2009.

#### OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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**Fulbright Student Scholar**, *Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa*  
Sept. 2008- July 2009

- Conducted interviews with community members and ecotourism managers involved in land reform cases throughout South Africa
- Wrote and contributed to articles and papers related to land reform and traditional leadership
- Gathered background information from existing literature, relevant legislation, and subject

**Research Assistant**, *Mercatus Center (Global Prosperity Initiative & Enterprise Africa), Arlington, Virginia*  
Summer 2007

- Gathered background information and composed literature reviews and analysis

- Attended workshops, testimony, and lectures relating to ongoing project

## FIELDWORK

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- New York City, New York following Hurricane Sandy. The Mercatus Center. July and August 2013 and July 2014
- Eastern Cape, South Africa. The Free Market Foundation. May 2009
- Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa. The School for International Training. Spring 2007
- New Orleans, Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina. The Mercatus Center. Fall 2006

## REFEREE

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- *The Review of Austrian Economics, The Independent Review, Journal of Private Enterprise, Entrepreneurship and Regional Development*

## COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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- Curriculum Oversight and Administration Committee (COA), *Beloit College* (fall 2019)
- Alumni Association Board, faculty representative, *Beloit College* (fall 2015-present)
- Adviser to Young America's Foundation club, *Beloit College* (fall 2018 – present)
- Economics Day, Economics Department, *Beloit College* (fall 2015-present)
  - Annual current student and alumni event
  - Held each February at the University of Chicago
  - Organize morning visit to area business and two panels
  - Budget \$12-15,000
- Adviser to Belmark Associates, *Beloit College* (fall 2015 – present)
- Speaker Series, Economics Department, *Beloit College* (2014-15 academic year - present)
  - Invite 2-3 speakers to campus each academic year

### *Past (selected)*

- Fringe Benefits Committee, *Beloit College* (spring 2018 – spring 2019)
- Adviser to Mortar Board, *Beloit College* (2018/19)
- Listening and Hearing Taskforce, *Beloit College* (spring 2017)
- Strategic Enrollment Management Committee, *Beloit College* (fall 2016)
- CRIS Grant, *Beloit College* (2014-15 academic year)
- Think Big Internship Committee, *Beloit College* (spring 2014)
- Endowed internships, Economics Department, *Beloit College* (fall 2015 - 2016)

## NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Senior Business Consultant**, *Perficient, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, July 2010-July 2011*

- Agribusiness, Agribusiness client
- Health Care, Pharmacy Benefit Manager client

### **Business Technology Analyst**, *Deloitte Consulting LLP, St. Louis, Missouri, July 2009- July 2010*

- Manufacturing, Aerospace and Defense client

## REFERENCES

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Virgil Henry Storr, Ph.D.

Research Associate Professor of Economics, Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center, and Director of Graduate Student Programs

George Mason University

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Peter Boettke, Ph.D.

Professor of Economics and Philosophy, VP for Research and Director of the F.A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

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