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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Economics, Beloit College *Fall 2021*

Assistant Professor of Economics, Beloit College *Fall 2015 – current*

Principles of Economics (ECON 199)
Comparative Economic Systems (ECON 209)
Austrian School Economics (ECON 336)
Health Economics (ECON 271)
Business Management (ECON 285)
The Beloit Economy and Adam Smith (a first-year seminar)

Visiting Instructor of Economics, Beloit College *Fall 2013 - Spring 2015*

Principles of Economics (ECON 199)
Comparative Economic Systems (ECON 209)
Austrian School Economics (ECON 336)

EDUCATION

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA

Ph.D., Economics *May 2015*

M.A., Economics *May 2013*

Beloit College, Beloit, WI, USA

B.A., Economics and Management; Minor, African Studies *May 2008*

AWARDS AND HONORS

Nominated for Underkofler Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award *2016-17*

Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellow *2013-15*

Mercatus Center PhD Fellow *2011-13*

Mercatus Summer Fellow *2012-14*

Dunn Fellowship *2013-14*

Marcia Whitney Scholar *2013-14*

Fulbright Student Scholarship *2008-09*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Post-disaster recovery, economic development and (re)development, the role of civil society in economic development, liberal education, entrepreneurship theory, Austrian School Economics

BOOKS

Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster Lessons in Local Entrepreneurship. (with Virgil Henry Storr and Stefanie Haefele-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

- "Crisis as a Source of Social Capital: Adaptation and Formation of Social Capital during the COVID-19 Pandemic," (with Virgil Henry Storr, Stefanie Haefele, and Jordan K. Lofthouse). *Cosmos + Taxis*, 9 (5 +6) 2021: 94-108.
- "Essential or not? Knowledge problems and COVID-19 stay-at-home orders," (with Virgil Henry Storr, Stefanie Haefele, and Jordan K. Lofthouse). *The Southern Economic Journal* 87(4) 2021: 1229-1249.
- "Entrepreneurs drive community revival in the wake of disaster," (with Virgil Henry Storr and Stefanie Haefele-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 Haefele-Balch). *Journal of Institutional Economics* 13(4) 2017: 875-897.
- "Social capital and social learning after Hurricane Sandy," (with Virgil Henry Storr and Stefanie Haefele-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

- "Exploring Your Own Local Economy Using Adam Smith," in *Off-Campus Study, Study Abroad, and Study Away in Economics*, (eds.) Joshua Hall and Kim Holder. Springer. *Forthcoming*.
- "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 Haefele. Mercatus Studies in Political and Social Economy. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. 2020: 13-28.
- "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 Haefele. Mercatus Studies in Political and Social Economy. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. 2020: 13-25.

- “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

- Review of Daniel Aldrich, *Black Wave How Networks and Governance Shaped Japan's 3/11 Disasters*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2019. *The Review of Austrian Economics*, forthcoming.
- 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/
- 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

- “Baseline Sense of Place Survey Results for Hackett and Merrill Neighborhoods, 2019” (with Jermaine Moulton, Salma Ali*, and Quin Brunner*). Prepared for ACTS Housing by Belmark Associates, Beloit College. February 2020.

SHORT NEWS PIECES

- “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

- "Parallels between Aldrich's *Black Wave* and the Austrian Disaster Studies Program" Book panel for Daniel Aldrich's *Black Wave: How Networks and Governance Shaped Japan's 3/11 Disasters*. Mercatus Center George Mason University. Fairfax, VA. 29 August 2019.
- "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 Ostrows' 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 ACTIVITIES

- Conference participant, “Adam Smith on Ethics and Economics” Liberty Fund. June 17 - 21, 2019 Carmel, IN
- Discussion leader, “Applied Research in Political Economy” Mercatus Center George Mason University. July 23 & 24, 2019. Fairfax, VA
- Discussion leader, “Crisis and Government” Bastiat Fellowship Colloquium. Mercatus Center George Mason University. November 16 & 17, 2018. Arlington, VA
- Discussion leader, “Applied Research in Political Economy” Mercatus Center George Mason University. August 14 & 15, 2018. Fairfax, VA
- Participant, “Responding to Crisis” Workshop. Mercatus Center George Mason University. July 16-18, 2018. Fairfax, VA
- Participant, “A Free Society and the Academy” Mercatus Center George Mason University. June 14-16, 2018. Arlington, VA
- Participant, “Liberty and Responsibility in Adam Smith” Liberty Fund. July 30 – August 6, 2017. Destin, FL
- Participant, “Responding to Crisis” Workshop. Mercatus Center George Mason University. June 6 & 7, 2017. Fairfax, VA
- Discussion leader, “Crisis” Bastiat Fellowship Colloquium. Mercatus Center George Mason University. March 17 & 18, 2017. Arlington, VA

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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

- Hackett and Merrill Neighborhoods. Belmark Associates, Beloit College. June and July 2019.
- 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

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

COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE (selected)

- Faculty sponsor, Beloit Executive in Residence (helped to fundraise five-figure initial gift), Economics Department, *Beloit College* (spring 2020)
- Summer Working Group, *Beloit College* (summer 2019)
- Physical Asset Management Committee, *Beloit College* (spring 2019 – present)
- Curriculum Oversight and Administration Committee (COA), *Beloit College* (fall 2019 - present)
- Adviser to Young America's Foundation club, *Beloit College* (fall 2018 – fall 2019)
- Fringe Benefits Committee, *Beloit College* (spring 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 \$15,000 (funded through donations)
- Adviser to Belmark Associates, *Beloit College* (fall 2015 – present)
- Alumni Association Board, faculty representative, *Beloit College* (fall 2015-present)
- Charles G. Koch Speaker Series (\$7,000 each year), Economics Department, *Beloit College* (fall 2014 – fall 2016)
 - Invite 2-3 speakers to campus each academic year

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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