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## Academic Appointments

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<b>State University of New York-Purchase</b> (New York, USA) Assistant Professor of Economics	2015-Present
<b>King's College London</b> (London, UK) Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Economy	2018-2019
<b>New York University School of Law</b> (New York, USA) Research Fellow	2014-Present

## Education

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George Mason University (Fairfax, Virginia, USA) Ph.D., Economics	2015
New York University (New York, USA) Visiting PhD Scholar, Department of Economics	2013-2015
George Mason University (Fairfax, Virginia, USA) Masters in Arts, Economics, magna cum laude	2012
Bachelor of Science, Economics, summa cum laude	2011

**Languages:** English—Native  
Russian—Native  
Italian—Basic

## Other Roles

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Advisory Board, United States Bureau of Labor Statistics	2020
Guest Editor, <i>Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy</i>	2018-Present
Founder and Director, 'Startup Purchase' & Shark Tank Entrepreneurship Program	2017-Present

## Research Grants

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\$210,910	John Templeton Foundation (for "Startup Innovation: The Role of Regulation in Entrepreneurship") <b>Co-Principal Investigator</b> with Richard Epstein and Seth Oranburg	2017-2019
\$50,000	Matching funds to the Templeton grant from private donor	2017-2019

## Journal Articles

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1. “Are Aid Agencies Changing their Practices?” **Journal of International Development**, 2020 (with C. Williamson)
2. “The Gig Economy, Transaction Costs, and Female Participation” **Journal of Law, Economics, and Policy**, 2020 (with P. Suarez)
3. “Transaction Cost Economics, Labor Law, and the Gig Economy,” **Journal of Legal Studies**, 2020 (with S. Oranburg)
4. “African Chiefs: Comparative Governance under Colonial Rule” **Public Choice** 174(3/4): 277-300, 2018.
5. “Disrupting the Employee and Contractor Laws” **University of Chicago Legal Forum** 15: 397-408, 2017.
6. “Federalism and the Police: An Applied Theory of Fiscal Attention” **Arizona State Law Journal** 49(3): 907-933, 2017 (with P. Boettke and E. Piano)
7. “Re-evaluating Community Policing in a Polycentric System” **Journal of Institutional Economics** 12(2): 305-325, 2016 (with P. Boettke and J. Lemke)
8. “Taming Leviathan” **Supreme Court Economic Review** 23(1): 279-303, 2015 (with P. Boettke)
9. “Polycentricity, Self-governance, and the Art & Science of Association” **Review of Austrian Economics** 28(3): 311-335, 2015 (with P. Boettke and J. Lemke)
10. “James Buchanan’s Contributions in Constitutional Political Economy, Institutional Analysis, and Self-governance” **Journal of Law, Economics, and Policy** 10(3): 649-667, 2014 (with P. Boettke)
11. “Riding in Cars with Boys: Elinor Ostrom’s Adventures with the Police” **Journal of Institutional Economics** 9(4): 407-425, 2013 (with P. Boettke and J. Lemke)
12. “Henry Hazlitt as an Intellectual Middleman of ‘Orthodox Economics’” **History of Political Economy** 45(5), 2013 (with P. Boettke)

## Monographs

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1. *The Decline and Rise of Institutions*. Elements in Austrian Economics. Cambridge: **Cambridge University Press**. Pp. 1-60: 2017 (with E. Piano and D. Skarbek)

## Book Chapters

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1. “Entrepreneurship, Institutions, and Economic Prosperity” in *What America’s Decline in Economic Freedom Means for Entrepreneurship and Prosperity* (Published by The Fraser Institute), 2015
  - Book winner, Sir Antony Fisher International Memorial Award 2015

2. “The Comparative Political Economy of a Crisis” *Advances in Austrian Economics* 20: 235-263, 2015 (with P. Boettke)
3. “Balancing Flexibility and Rigidity: Do Unions Make Sense in the On-Demand Economy?” (with S. Oranburg) in *The Cambridge Handbook of U.S. Labor Law: Reviving American Labor for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Economy* (Cambridge University Press), 2019
4. “Evaluating Aid Agencies: Challenges, Comparisons, and Causes of Best Aid Practices” in *Foreign Aid and Economic Development: Micro and Macro Perspectives* (Palgrave-MacMillan), 2019
5. “Silicon Valley vs. Main Street: Regulatory Impact on Entrepreneurial Ventures,” In, *Entrepreneurship and the Market Process* (Ed. Diana Thomas). Rowman & Littlefield., 2020

#### Policy Papers and Book Reviews

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1. “An Economic Analysis of Overtime Pay Regulations,” Mercatus Working Papers, April 2016 (with D. Boudreaux)
  - Submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), April 2016
  - Invited (and accepted) to testify with OIRA, Washington D.C., May 4, 2016
  - Featured & interviewed for the Society for Human Resource Management, May 2016
  - Submitted to Department of Labor for a “Request for Information,” September 2017
2. “Does the DOL’s Overtime Regulation Make Sense in an Information Economy?” May 4, 2016. Mercatus Center Policy Brief
  - Briefed congressional staff at “Regulation University” event, Washington D.C. May 4, 2016
3. Review of F. Sabetti and P. Dragos Aligica (eds.), *Choice, rules and collective action: the Ostroms on the study of institutions and governance*, *Public Choice* 161(3/4): 547-549, 2014.
4. Review of Evan Osborne, *Self-regulation and human progress: how society gains when we govern less*, *Public Choice*, 178(1/2): 315-217, 2019.

#### Work in Progress

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1. “Native American Chiefs: How European Frontier Expansion Altered Indigenous Governance,” work in progress
2. “Polycentric Institutions and External Influence: Case Studies of Colonial Legacies on Indigenous Governance,” work in progress
3. “Technology Startups and Industry Specific Regulations” (with P. Suarez), under review
4. “Are Emerging Donors Engaging in Poor Aid Practices?” (with C. Williamson), under review

#### Selected Popular Press

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1. “Actually, Curbing Uber Won’t Relieve Heavy Traffic” August 2, 2018. **New York Times**
2. “Don’t Be So Sure the Gig is Up” June 13, 2018. **Wall Street Journal**
3. “Adam Smith, Wilbur Ross Differ on Balance of Trade” Dec. 4, 2016. **Wall Street Journal**
4. “New Overtime Regulations Could Harm Tech Startups and Small Businesses” May 18, 2016. **Forbes** (with J. Hartley)
5. “Working Overtime to Avoid the Truth” April 8, 2016. **Wall Street Journal** (with D. Boudreaux)
6. “Innovating Ancient Ride-hail Regulation” Feb.21, 2016. **San Francisco Examiner** (with J. Hartley)
7. “An Uber Good Way to Even the Playing Field” Dec. 8, 2015. **U.S. News & World** (with R. Friel)
8. “Lessons from the Uber-de Blasio Showdown” August 10, 2015. **Newsday**.
  - Reprinted in the **Providence Journal** and **Sun Sentinel**
9. “Political Self-Interest and Lobbying Lead to Bad Regulation” June 16, 2015. **U.S. News and World Report**.
10. “U.S. Regulations Stifling Entrepreneurs” April 15, 2015. **U.S. News and World Report**.
11. “Do Higher Minimum Wages Create More Jobs?” August 21, 2014. **Wall Street Journal** (with R. Mace)
12. “Misleading Minimum Wage Statistics” July 28, 2014. **U.S. News and World Report** (with D. Boudreaux)
13. “The Myth of the Great Wages ‘Decoupling’” March 7, 2014. **Wall Street Journal** (with D. Boudreaux)

#### Student Program Building

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Organizer, Startup Innovation: Role of Regulation in Entrepreneurship, NYU	2019
Founder and Director, Startup Purchase (supports student entrepreneurs), SUNY	2017-Present
Faculty Advisor, Purchase Economics Club, SUNY	2015-Present
Organizer, Economic Lecture Series, SUNY	2015-Present
Organizer, The Future of Federalism Conference, NYU	2016
Organizer, Tech Entrepreneurs and the Regulatory State, NYU	2016

#### Teaching

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##### State University of New York-Purchase

Entrepreneurship, Public Policy, and the Law (Fall 2019)

Macroeconomic Theory I (almost every semester since Fall 2015)

Senior Seminar Research Methods and  
Writing (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

Macroeconomic Theory II (every semester  
since Fall 2015)

Junior Seminar: Research Methods rese(Fall  
2019)

Econometrics (Fall 2015)

### **New York University**

Introduction to Macroeconomics (Recitations), Fall 2014

### **George Mason University**

Intermediate Microeconomics, Summer 2014

Principles of Microeconomics, Summer 2013

### **Selected media-related activities**

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- Selected as 2016 **Forbes 30 Under 30** in Law & Policy
- Video profile and interview with **Voice of America – Georgia** (June 2017)
- Video profile and interview with **Voice of America – Armenia** (June 2017)

### **Awards & Fellowships**

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2018	IHS Research Sabbatical Award
2017	Foundation for Economic Education, Leonard Liggio “Rising Star Under 30” Award
2016	F.A. Hayek Summer Research Fellowship, Mercatus Center
2015	Sir Anthony Fischer International Memorial Award
2015	Israel M. Kirzner Award for Best Dissertation in Austrian Economics
2014	Law & Economics Fellowship, Classical Liberal Institute, NYU Law
2013	Richard Cornuelle Fellowship, George Mason University
2013	Marcia Whitney Scholar, Mercatus Center
2013-15	Bradley Fellowship, New York University, Department of Economics
2012-15	Mercatus PhD Fellowship, George Mason University
2012	Young Scholars Award, Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE)
2011-15	Oloffson Weaver Fellowship in Political Economy, George Mason University
2011-15	Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies
2011	Wall Street Journal Award, George Mason University, Economics
2011	Outstanding Academic Achievement, George Mason University, Economics

### **Academic Presentations**

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2019	“African Chiefs: Comparative Governance under Colonial Rule” University of Birmingham
2018	“African Chiefs: Comparative Governance under Colonial Rule” Durham University
2018	“African Chiefs: Comparative Governance under Colonial Rule” King’s College London
2018	“Transaction Costs, Labor Law, and the Gig Economy,” University of Chicago School of Law
2017	“Taming Leviathan,” Southern Economic Association
2017	“ER Economics: Long-term Illnesses caused by Short-term Cures,” George Mason Univ.
2017	“Disrupting the Employee and Contractor Laws,” University of Chicago School of Law
2017	“Disrupting the Employee and Contractor Laws,” Duquesne School of Law
2016	“Startups and Regulation,” Southern Economic Association
2016	“Federalism and the Police,” NYU School of Law, The Future of Federalism
2016	“Startups and Regulations,” Public Choice Conference,
2015	“Taming Leviathan” and “African Chiefs,” APEE Conference
2015	“Aid the Role of External Influence in Polycentric Institutions,” Public Choice Conf.

- 2014 “Contribution of the Ostroms on Law & Economics,” Southern Economics Conf.
- 2014 “African Chiefs,” Southern Economic Conference
- 2014 “Transitioning Economies: Armenia’s Experience,” Manhattanville College
- 2014 “Polcentricism, Fiscal Federalism and the Role of Aid,” Bruno Leoni Institute, Italy
- 2014 “Polcentricism, Fiscal Federalism and the Role of Aid,” LUISS University, Italy
- 2014 “Colonial Impact on Governance in West African Chieftaincies,” APEE Conference
- 2014 “Colonial Impact on Governance in West African Chieftaincies,” NYU, Colloquium on Market Institutions & Economic Processes, Department of Economics
- 2013 “Riding in Cars with Boys: Elinor Ostrom’s Adventures with the Police,” APEE Conf.
- 2013 “The Relevance of the Municipality Debate for the Solution of Collective Action Problems,” Institute for the Study of Collective Action, Utrecht, Netherlands
- 2012 “Informal Institutions in post-Soviet Armenia” Southern Economic Association

#### Invited Public Lectures

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- 2019 “Institutions for Innovation: Finding Favorable Climates for Entrepreneurs,” Fraser Institute Seminar, Toronto, Canada
- 2018 “Freedom vs. Fairness: The Tension Between Free Market and Populist Ideals,” NYU School Law, New York City
- 2018 “Can We Still be Optimistic about the Future of Work,” Reboot 2018, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 “Institutions for Innovation: Finding Favorable Climates for Entrepreneurs,” The King’s College, New York City
- 2017 “Institutions for Innovation: Finding Favorable Climates for Entrepreneurs,” Fraser Institute Seminar, Montreal, Canada
- 2016 “Why Zoning for Affordable Housing makes Housing Un-Affordable,” Students for Liberty Conference, NYU, New York City
- 2016 “Institutions, Technology, and Innovation,” Providence College, Providence, RI
- 2016 “Institutions, Technology, and Innovation” Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC
- 2016 “Institutions, Technology, and Innovation” Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC
- 2015 “Colonial Impact on Governance in African Chiefdoms,” Loyola College, New Orleans
- 2014 “Foreign Aid and Economic Growth” Students For Liberty, Columbia University, NYC
- 2014 “Foreign Aid and Economic Growth,” Students For Liberty, LUISS University, Rome
- 2014 “Introduction to Austrian Economics,” Rethinking Economics Conference, NYC
- 2014 “Public Choice and the Growth of Government,” Students for Liberty, D.C.
- 2014 “Comparative Economic Systems and Development,” Students For Liberty, D.C.

#### Referee

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Journal of Econ. Behavior & Organization  
 Journal of Institutional Economics  
 Journal of Public Finance & Public Choice  
 Foreign Policy  
 Rationality & Society

Journal of Econ & Finance Education  
 Review of Austrian Economics  
 Journal of Private Enterprise  
 Edward Elgar Publishing  
 Rowman & Littlefield Publishing

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