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CONTACT INFORMATION

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Business, Virginia Military Institute, since 2015

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Business, Virginia Military Institute, 2011-2015

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Washington and Lee University, 2010 – 2011

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy and Department of Economics (joint position)
Central European University, 2007 –2010

Guest Lecturer, Summer School, Faculty of Management, Koper, Slovenia, June 2010
Institutions and Development (MA level, part of the Economy and Institutions course)

Guest Lecturer, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Nova Gorica, Slovenia, January 2009
Institutions and Development (PhD level, Sociology Department)

Guest Lecturer, University Centre for Euro-Mediterranean Studies (EMUNI), Slovenia, July 2008
Institutions for Good Governance and Growth (part of the Economic Policy course)

Visiting Professor, Department of Public Policy, Central European University, 2005 –2007

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, USA, 2006

Dissertation: "Essays on the Historical and Current Institutional Development of the South East and Central European States"

Committee: Peter Murrell (Chair), John Wallis, Roger Betancourt

M.A. Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, USA, 2002

B.A. Economics and East Asian Studies, Wittenberg University, USA, 1998, *summa cum laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Institutions, Post-Socialist Economies and Politics, Law and Economics, Economic History

PUBLICATIONS

- (1) "The Great Divide Revisited: Ottoman and Habsburg Legacies on Transition" *Kyklos*, 60(4), pp. 539-558 (2007)
- (2) "The Choice in the Law-Making Process: Legal Transplants vs. Indigenous Law" with Peter Grajzl, *Review of Law & Economics*, 5(1), Article 26 (2009)
- (3) "Political Trust and Historical Legacies: The Effect of Varieties of Socialism" with Ester Simon, *East European Politics and Societies*, 24(2), pp. 206-228 (2010)

- (4) "Political Efficacy of Emerging Elites in Post-Socialist Countries: The Impact of Disciplinary Culture and Political Opportunity Structure" with Ester Simon and Alex Fischer, *Transition Studies Review*, 14(4), pp. 807-821 (2010)
- (5) "Trust, Path Dependence and Historical Legacy: The Second Decade after 'Transition'" in: *Twenty Years after the Collapse of Communism: Expectations, achievements and disillusion of 1989*. Eds: Nicolas Hayoz, Leszek Jesień, Daniela Koleva (2011)
- (6) "Trust, Perceptions of Corruption, and Demand for Regulation: Evidence from Post-Socialist countries" with Peter Grajzl and Joseph Guse, *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 41(1), pp.292-303 (2012)
- (7) "Court Output, Judicial Staffing, and the Demand for Court Services: Evidence from Slovenian Courts of First Instance " with Peter Grajzl, Janez Sustersic, Katarina Zajc, *International Review of Law and Economics*, 31(1), pp. 19-29 (2012)
- (8) "Judicial Incentives and Performance in Lower Courts: Evidence from Slovenian Judge-Level Data" with Peter Grajzl, Janez Sustersic, Katarina Zajc, *Review of Law and Economics*, 8(1), pp. 215-252 (2012)
- (9) "Jurisdiction, Crime and Development: The Impact of Public Law 280 in Indian Country" with Peter Grajzl and Joseph Guse, *Law and Society Review*, 48(1), pp. 127-160 (2014)
- (10) "Understanding Modes of Civil Case Disposition: Evidence from Slovenian Courts" with Peter Grajzl and Katarina Zajc, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 42(4), pp. 924-939 (2014)
- (11) "The Ottoman Economic Legacy on the Balkans" (*in French*), *Anatoli*, numéro 5, Automne (2014)
- (12) "Consumer Credit on American Indian Reservations" with Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse, and Richard Todd, *Economic Systems*, 39(3), pp.518-540 (2015)
- (13) "Inside Post-Socialist Courts: The Determinants of Adjudicatory Outcomes in Slovenian Commercial Disputes" with Peter Grajzl and Katarina Zajc, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, 41(1), pp. 85-115 (2016)
- (14) "Courts in a Transition Economy: Case Disposition and the Quantity-Quality Tradeoff in Bulgaria" with Peter Grajzl, Atanas Slavov and Katarina Zajc, *Economic Systems*, 40(1), pp. 18-38 (2016)
- (15) "Racial Group Affinity and Religious Giving: Evidence from Congregation-Level Panel Data" with Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse and Taylor Smith, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, 16(2), pp. 689-725 (2016)
- (16) "The Longevity of National Identity and National Pride: Evidence from Wider Europe" with Jonathan Eastwood and Peter Grajzl, forthcoming in *Research and Politics*

WORKING PAPERS

"Neighborhood Characteristics and Bankcard Credit in Indian Country: Evidence from Individual-Level Credit Bureau Records" with Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse, Richard Todd and Michael Williams, under review

"The Duration of Judicial Deliberation: Evidence from Belgium" with Samantha Bielen, Wim Marneff and Peter Grajzl

"Unveiling the Checkered Fortunes of the Ottoman Empire" SSRN Working Paper No. 983738 (Mimeo, University of Maryland, 2006)

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Caseload, Staffing, and Dispositions in Bulgarian Provincial Courts: A Quantitative Overview" with Peter Grajzl, Atanas Slavov and Katarina Zajc

"Tracing the Global Spread of National Identity: A Pilot Study" with John Eastwood, Peter Grajzl and Nicolas Prevelakis

"A Quantitative Perspective on Tribal Court Development in the Self-Determination Era" with Randall Akee, Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse, Richard Todd

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Present (at Virginia Military Institute)

EC306: International Economics

EC202: Principles of Macroeconomics

EC435XW: Institutions and Economic Development*

EC304: Econometrics (developing course for Spring 2017)

Study abroad: Central and Eastern Europe (developing course for Summer 2017)

Past (at Washington and Lee University, Central European University, University of Maryland, Wittenberg University)

Principles of Macroeconomics (BA level), Washington & Lee

Principles of Microeconomics (BA level), Washington & Lee

Quantitative Methods (MA level, Public Policy Department), CEU

Microeconomics for Public Policy (MA level, Public Policy Department), CEU

Macroeconomics for Public Policy (MA level, Public Policy Department), CEU

Institutions and Economic Development (MA level, Public Policy Department), CEU*

Economic History (MA level, Economics Department), CEU*

European Economic History (BA), UMD*

American Economic History (BA), UMD, Teaching Assistant

Principles of Microeconomics (BA), UMD, Teaching Assistant

Math Workshop, Wittenberg University, Assistant Director

Principles of Microeconomics, Wittenberg University, Teaching Assistant

Mathematics and Economics, Math Workshop, Wittenberg University, Tutor

*New Course

HONORS AND AWARDS

VMI Dean's Travel Funding Award (every year since 2011)
Nominated by VMI for the SCHEV Outstanding Professor Award for the State of Virginia, Fall 2015
VMI Award for Distinguished Teaching, Spring 2015
Wilbur S. Hinman Jr.'26 Research Award: Social Science, Spring 2015
Faculty Development Leave, Fall 2014
American Sociological Association, Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Award, \$5400,
Project Title: "Tracing the Global Spread of National Identity: A Pilot Study" joint with
Jonathan Eastwood, Peter Grajzl and Nicolas Prevelakis, Fall 2013
Phi Kappa Phi, 2013
Omicron Delta Epsilon, 2013
Teaching Award, University of Maryland, Spring 2004
Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland, 2001-2005
Graduate Fellowship, University of Maryland, 1999-2001
Summa Cum Laude, Wittenberg University, 1998
Award for Best Senior in Economics, Wittenberg University, 1998
Award for Best Senior in East Asian Studies, Wittenberg University, 1998
Ezra Keller Presidential Scholar, Wittenberg University, 1997
Phi Beta Kappa, Wittenberg University, since 1996

CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Economic Analysis of Litigation Conference, Montpellier, France, June 2016
Southern Economic Association, November 2015
Economic Analysis of Litigation Workshop, Torino, Italy, June 2015
Wittenberg University, April 2015
Southern Economics Association, November 2014
Southern Economic Association, November 2013
Honors Week Faculty Presentation, Virginia Military Institute, March 2013
Southern Economics Association, November 2012
Society of Government Economists, November 2012
Virginia Military Institute, Roberts Lunch Seminar, September 2012
ASSA/ACES, January 2012
Southern Economic Association, November 2011
Washington and Lee University, January 2011
Southern Economics Association, November 2010
Virginia Military Institute, October 2010
American Law and Economics Association, May 2008
Central European University, February 2007

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (ATTENDED)

Economic Analysis of Litigation Workshop – Catania, Sicily, June 2014
Good Native Governance: Innovative Research in Law, Education, and Economic Development –
UCLA School of Law, March 2014
AACSB Critical Thinking Workshop – Florida, February 2013
AACSB Global Business Workshop – Florida, February 2013
AACSB Conference– Texas, March 2012

UNCW Annual Teaching Workshop, October 2011

SERVICE

University Level

Present (at Virginia Military Institute)

Committees:

- (1) VMI Service Committee, March 2014 – present
 - Chair, Practicum Sub-committee, Feasibility Study for Civic Engagement at VMI, since January 2016
- (2) Distinguished Speaker Committee, 2011 – present
 - Chair of committee since Fall 2013
- (3) IWP Publication Board Committee, 2013 – 2015
- (4) Committee on Academic Advising, 2012/2013
- (5) AACSB Accreditation Departmental Committee: Participants – Students, 2012 - 2016
- (6) Goal Assessment Team on Critical Thinking, ECBU, 2011-present
- (7) Chair, Robert Research Assistantship Grant Committee, since 2015
- (8) ECBU Hiring Committee, 2011/2012; 2012/2013

Other:

- (9) Academic Advisor to 20 + students, annually
- (10) Honors Thesis Advising:
 - Simone Jimenez (2012-13)
Paper received the Philpott medal Philpott Economics Research Medal for undergraduate research in the ECBU department
 - Gianluca Mangiapane (2014 -15)
Paper received the Philpott medal Philpott Economics Research Medal for undergraduate research in the ECBU department
- (11) Summer Undergraduate Research:
Gianluca Mangiapane (Summer 2014)
- (12) Department Honors Advising
 - Isaac Lewis (2015 - 16)
Paper presented at the Virginia Association of Economists Annual Meeting and at the VCUR Conference; received Philpott Economics Research Medal
- (13) Independent Study
Travis Klein (Spring 2016)
- (14) Habitat for Humanity Initiative “VMI Women Build with Habitat”, Spring 2013-Summer 2014
- (15) Mentor to junior faculty member, since May 2013
- (16) Academic Advisor for Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honor Society, since May 2013
- (17) Faculty Advisor for "Building BRIDGES" VMI Service Club, since September 2014

Past (at Central European University)

- DPP Hiring Committee, 2009
- Departmental Committee on Academic Dishonesty, 2008/2009
- Departmental Admissions Committee, 2008/2009, 2007/2008
- MUNDUS MAPP Scholarship Committee, 2008/2009
- M.A. Thesis Advising (All at DPP, CEU), 2006-2009:

Aziz Atamanov (2006), Jonathan Ozarow (2006), Katherine Bancs (2007) , Peter Csicsai (2007), Irakli Khmaladze (2007), Kelsey Vaughan (2007) , Diana Ursachi (2007), Elizabeth Brown (2008), Sinziana-Elena Poiana (2008), Ana Nutu (2008), Daniela Bolganschi (2008), Isa Aliyev (2008), Olga Zelinska (2008), Mirna Skrbic (2009), Shane McCollam (2009), Katina Pancheva (2009), Andreea Leru Raluca (2009), Aysel Soltanova (2009), Maya Nikolova (2009)

Service to the profession:

Ad Hoc Referee: *International Political Science Review, Political Studies, International Journal of Social Economics, Virginia Social Science Journal, World Development, European Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Economics and Business, Urban Studies, Journal of the European Economics Association*

Discussant: Southern Economic Association: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Session chair: Southern Economic Association: 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015

Session organizer: Southern Economic Association: 2013, 2014, 2015

Community Service:

Member, Board of Directors, Woods Creek Montessori, Summer 2015 – present

Member, Swim Team Parent Booster Club, Spring 2015 - present

Co-chair, Reflections Committee, LDMS, AY 2014/15, 2015/16

CONSULTING

Institutional Research Officer, Central European University, April 2008 – August 2010

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: Dual - Bulgaria and USA

Gender: Female