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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT and AFFILIATIONS

Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Economics and Business, Virginia Military Institute, since April 2017  
Visiting Scholar (non-resident), The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, August 2013-present

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Business, Virginia Military Institute, since 2015  
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, American Indian Economic Development, 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, *Research and Politics*, April – June, 1-9 (2016)
- (17) "The Duration of Judicial Deliberation: Evidence from Belgium" with Samantha Bielen, Wim Marneff and Peter Grajzl, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 174(2), pp. 303-333 (2018)
- (18) "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, forthcoming in *Comparative Economic Systems*.
- (19) "From Gaming to Justice? The Effect of American Indian Casinos on Tribal Judicial Systems" with Randall Akee, Peter Grajzl and Richard Todd, accepted at *Native American and Indigenous Studies*.
- (20) "Should Immigrants Culturally Assimilate or Preserve Their Own Culture? Individual Beliefs and the Longevity of National Identity" with Peter Grajzl and Jonathan Eastwood, forthcoming in *Social Science Research*.

#### **WORKING PAPERS**

- "Do Parliamentary Gender Quotas Decrease Gender Inequality? The Case of African Countries" with Iyabo Obasanjo, under review
- "Unveiling the Checkered Fortunes of the Ottoman Empire" SSRN Working Paper No. 983738 (Mimeo, University of Maryland, 2006)

#### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- "The Effect of CDFIs on Credit Outcomes in Indian Country" with Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse, Richard Todd and Michou Kokodoku
- "The Effect of Personality, Social and Cognitive Factors on Attrition and College Success" with Sara Whipple
- "Court Decisions on Sexual Assault Cases in Belgian Courts" with Samantha Bielen and Peter Grajzl

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Present (at Virginia Military Institute)
- EC306: International Economics
  - EC202: Principles of Macroeconomics
  - EC435XW: Institutions and Economic Development\*
  - EC304: Econometrics
  - EC450X: The Economics of Transition and Institutional Development in Central and South East Europe (summer study abroad class in Slovenia and Hungary)\*

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**

The Jackson-Hope VMIRL Matthew Fontaine Maury Prize for Excellence in Research, Spring 2018

The Dr. Rae Carpenter Award for Best Research Proposal submitted to the VMI Research Committee, Spring 2018

VMI Grant in Aid of Research, \$2250, Spring 2018, joint with Sara Whipple

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

VMI Dean's Travel Funding Award (every year since 2011)

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**

Southern Economic Association, November 2018 (forthcoming)

Midwest Economic Association, March 2017

Southern Economic Association, November 2016

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 Economic 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)**

Unsettling Economics, June 2018  
 UNCW Annual Teaching Workshop, October 2017  
 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 Faculty Handbook Committee, Academic Program Subcommittee, March 2018 - present
- (2) VMI Faculty Development Committee, August 2017 – present
  - Coordinator, VMI Brown Bag Seminar
- (3) VMI Service Committee, March 2014 – present
  - Chair, Practicum Sub-committee, Feasibility Study for Civic Engagement at VMI, since January 2016
- (4) Distinguished Speaker Committee, 2011 – 2017
  - Chair of committee, Fall 2013 – Spring 2017
- (5) IWP Publication Board Committee, 2013 – 2015
- (6) Committee on Academic Advising, 2012/2013
- (7) AACSB Accreditation Departmental Committee: Participants – Students, 2012 - 2016
- (8) Goal Assessment Team on Critical Thinking, ECBU, 2011-present
- (9) Chair, Robert Research Assistantship Grant Committee, since 2015
- (10) Chair, Department Honors Committee, since 2017

(11) ECBU Hiring Committee, 2011/2012; 2012/2013

Other:

- (12) Academic Advisor to 20 + students, annually
- (13) Honors Thesis Advising:
- Simone Jimenez (2012-13)  
Paper received the Philpott Economics Research Medal for undergraduate research in the ECBU department
  - Gianluca Mangiapane (2014 -15)  
Paper received the Philpott Economics Research Medal for undergraduate research in the ECBU department
  - John O'Donnell (2018-2019)
- (14) Summer Undergraduate Research:
- Gianluca Mangiapane (Summer 2014)
- (15) 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
  - Avery Richardson (2017-18)  
Paper received the Philpott Economics Research Medal
- (16) Independent Study  
Travis Klein (Spring 2016)
- (17) Habitat for Humanity Initiative "VMI Women Build with Habitat", Spring 2013-Summer 2014
- (18) Mentor to junior faculty member, since May 2013
- (19) Academic Advisor for Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honor Society, since May 2013
- (20) Faculty Advisor for "Building BRIDGES" VMI Service Club, since September 2014
- (21) Program Director, Summer Study Abroad Program in Europe "The Economics and Politics of the European Union" (to be launched in Summer 2019)

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, Applied Economics Letters, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, American Indian Culture and Research Journal, Journal of Institutional Economics*

Discussant: Southern Economic Association: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018

Session chair: Southern Economic Association: 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018

Session organizer: Southern Economic Association: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018

**Service to the community:**

Co-President, Rockbridge County High School PTSA Board, Summer 2018 – present

Member, Board of Directors, FOR Swimming, January 2018 – present

Member, Finance Committee, since 2018

Member, Board of Directors, Woods Creek Montessori, Summer 2015 – Summer 2018

President of the Board: August 2016-August 2017

Secretary of the Board: August 2017-August 2018

Member, Swim Team Parent Booster Club, Spring 2015 – Spring 2017

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

**CONSULTING**

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