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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Economics

Virginia Military Institute

July 2014 – Present Lexington, VA

- Adjunct Professor from June 2014 – July 2024; Instructor of Economics beginning August 2024.
- Teach a 4–4 economics course load in the Economics and Business Department.
- Serve as an academic advisor to cadets.
- Rank of Captain in the Virginia Militia (unorganized)

Assistant Professor of Economics

Southern Virginia University

August 2015 – June 2024 Buena Vista, VA

- Adjunct Professor for academic year 2015 – 2016; Instructor of Economics for academic years 2016 – 2022.
- Taught a 4–4 economics course load in the Business Management and Leadership program
- Developed and coordinated SVU's Economics Minor.
- Served on and chaired Academic Planning and Review Committee.

Adjunct Professor

Mary Baldwin University

June 2021 – May 2022 Staunton, VA

Adjunct Professor

Blue Ridge Community College

August 2014 – July 2016 Weyers Cave, VA

EDUCATION

Economics, M.A.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

August 2012 – May 2014 Blacksburg, VA

Economics, B.S. (*magna cum laude*)

George Mason University

August 2008 – May 2012 Fairfax, VA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I take a broad view of economics, so my research and teaching interests are similarly broad. Some of my interests include:

- Applied microeconomics
- Economic pedagogy
- Public choice and public policy
- Economics and history of religion
- Food, drink, and cooking

COURSES TAUGHT

- Survey of Economics
- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Engineering Economy
- Public Choice
- Statistics and Business Statistics
- Econometrics
- Game Theory
- Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations*

SKILLS/CERTIFICATIONS

LaTeX, Beamer, R



RStudio, Stata



QM Distance Learning Certification, 2014

HONORS/AWARDS

- Professor of the Semester - Fall 2019, Southern Virginia University
- Dan Searle Fellow (2012 - 2014), Institute for Humane Studies
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Award (2012), George Mason University

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Associate Policy Analyst

National Taxpayers Union Foundation

📅 May 2010 – May 2012

📍 Alexandria, VA

- Conducted original research to estimate cost of congressional legislation as part of NTUF's BillTally program.
 - Contacted congressional staffers and Congressional Budget Office to acquire cost information and data.
 - Frequently contributed to the NTUF blog.
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Charles G. Koch Summer Fellow

Institute for Humane Studies

📅 2011

📍 Arlington, VA

MEMBERSHIPS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- American Economics Association, 2018 - Present
- *Junior Warden*, Trinity Episcopal Church, Staunton, VA, 2024
- *Vestry*, Trinity Episcopal Church, Staunton, VA, 2022 - Present
- *Stewardship Committee*, Trinity Episcopal Church, Staunton, VA, 2022 - Present
- *Property Committee*, Trinity Episcopal Church, Staunton, VA, 2022 - Present
- *Rector Search Committee*, Trinity Episcopal Church, Staunton, VA, 2020
- *Sunday School Teacher*, Trinity Episcopal Church, Staunton, VA, 2017 - 2020
- *Joining God in the Neighborhood*, Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- Riley, Zebulen. Review: Entrepreneurship: A global perspective by Stephen Roper. *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*, 4(1), pp. 134 - 135

WORKING PAPERS

- Riley, Zebulen. Distributive justice and allocative mechanisms. An economic synthesis of Nozick, Dworkin, and George.
- Riley, Zebulen. Social choice and minimax strategies: A game theoretic critique of Rawls.
- Riley, Zebulen and Thorsten Matje. The political economy of traffic tickets: A microeconomic replication and extension of Makowsky and Stratmann.
- Riley, Zebulen. Food safety: A public choice approach to regulation and private certification.