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Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Simon Fraser University: Honours First Class B.A. (Economics and Business Administration), 1983.

Simon Fraser University: M.A. (Economics), 1984.

University of Washington: Ph.D. (Economics), 1988.

Present Positions

Burnaby Mountain Professor of Economics, Simon Fraser University, since 2000. Full Professor since July 1999.

Senior Consultant, Delta Economics Group Inc., Vancouver, B.C.

Undergraduate Chair, Department of Economics 2004- present.

Previous Positions

Erskine Fellow, University of Canterbury (spring 2006)

Visiting Professor University of Canterbury (spring 2000)

Novosibirsk State Technical University (winter 2000).

Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, SFU 1993-1999. Assistant Professor, 1990-1993.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Carleton University, 1988-90.

Professional Honours

Giblin Lecture, University of Tasmania, May 2006.

Dean's Silver Medal: Outstanding Academic Service for Research and Teaching, 2000.

Henry Buechel Undergraduate Teaching Award (UW), 1988.

Western Economic Association Graduate Paper Prize, 1983.

Professional Affiliations

American Economic Association
Canadian Law and Economics Association
American Law and Economics Association
International Society for New Institutional Economics
Western Economics Association.

Research and Consulting

Major Research and Consulting Areas:

1. Family Economics
2. Agricultural Economics
3. Organization Theory
4. Applied Microeconomics

Consulting Experience:

1. Provided affidavit for Federal Department of Justice in *Halpren*, Ontario Supreme Court (2001). Case involved the issue of whether or not same-sex couples should be allowed to marry.

2. Provided report to council in *Nygaard* (2004), Ontario Supreme Court. Case involved the issue whether Child Support Guidelines should be applied to all levels of income.

3. Provided report and expert testimony in *Ducharme* (2004), National Tax Court. Case involved the valuation of the services of a housewife.

4. Provided report to council in *Withler and Fitzsimonds*, (2005) BC Supreme Court. Case involved age discrimination and the Supplementary Death Benefit for Public Servants.

Selected Papers:

Economics of the Family

“The Effect on Divorce of Legislated Net-Wealth Transfers: The Case of Canada's Child Support Guidelines” forthcoming in *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*

“No-Fault Divorce and the Contraction of Marriage Ages” (with Krishna Pendakur and Wing Suen) forthcoming in *Economic Inquiry*

“An Economic Assessment of Same-Sex Marriage” *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* Vol. 29 (3) Summer 2006: pp. 949--980.

“The Impact of Legal Reforms on Marriage and Divorce” in Anthony Dnes and Robert Rowthorn (eds.) *Marriage and Divorce: An Economic Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2002.)

“These Boots Are Made For Walking: Why Most Divorce Filers Are Women” (with Margaret Brinig) *American Law and Economics Review* Vol.2(1) Spring 2000.

“No-Fault Divorce and the Divorce Rate: Its History, Effect, and Implications” in Douglas Allen and John Richards (eds.) *It Takes Two: The Family in Law and Finance* (C.D. Howe, 1999).

“No-Fault Divorce In Canada: Its Cause and Effect.” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 37(2) October 1998.

“Welfare and the Family: The Canadian Experience.” *Journal of Labor Economics*, 11(1) January 1993.

“Marriage and Divorce: Comment.” *American Economic Review*, 82 June 1992.

Economics of Agricultural Organizations

“Agricultural Contracts” (with Dean Lueck) in Claude Menard and Mary M. Shirley, eds. *Handbook for New Institutional Economics*. (Norwell MA: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2004).

“The Role of Risk in Contract Choice” (with Dean Lueck) *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* Vo. 15, No. 3 October 1999.

``The Nature of the Farm" (with Dean Lueck). *Journal of Law and Economics* 41(2)October 1998.

``Contract Choice In Modern Agriculture: Cash Rent vs. Cropshare" (with Dean Lueck). *Journal of Law and Economics*, 35 October 1992.

Economic History

``Purchase, Patronage, and Professions: Incentives and the Evolution of Public Office in Pre-Modern Britain," *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 161(1), 2005.

``The British Navy Rules: Monitoring and Incompatible Incentives in the Age of Fighting Sail". *Explorations in Economic History* 39, 2002.

``Compatible Incentives and the Purchase of Military Commissions." *Journal of Legal Studies* January 1998.

Transaction Cost Theory

``The Rhino's Horn: Incomplete Property Rights and the Optimal Value of an Asset" *Journal of Legal Studies* XXXI June 2002.

``Transaction Costs" *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics (Volume One: The History and Methodology of Law and Economics)* Bouckaert, Boudewijn and De Geest, Gerrit (eds.) (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Press, 2000).

``What Are Transaction Costs?" *Research in Law and Economics*, 14 Fall 1991, pp. 1--18.

Teaching

Courses Taught: Microeconomic Theory: all levels
Law and Economics
Property Rights
Industrial Organization