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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Michigan, 2014.

Main fields: Public Finance, Corporate Finance, Taxation

Committee: James R. Hines Jr., Joel Slemrod, Christopher House, Justin Wolfers

M.A. Economics, University of Michigan, 2010.

B.A. Economics and Mathematics, Grinnell College, 2007.

Employment

Assistant Professor, Grinnell College Department of Economics, 2014 - present.

Research

Published and Forthcoming

“The Effect of Corporate Taxation on Investment and Financial Policy: Evidence from the DPAD”

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy Vol. 10, No.2, May 2018 (pp. 272 - 301)

“Corporate Charitable Foundations, Executive Entrenchment, and Shareholder Distributions”

with Nicolas J. Duquette

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization Volume 152, August 2018 (pp. 235 - 253)

“Taxes and the Location of U.S. Business Activity Abroad” with Jack Mutti

National Tax Journal 72(1), March 2019, (pp. 165–192)

Under Review

“Tax Policy and Local Labor Market Behavior” with Daniel Garrett and Juan Carlos Suárez Serrato
(Conditionally Accepted, American Economic Review: Insights)

“The Effect of Tax Incentives on U.S. Manufacturing: Evidence from State Accelerated Depreciation Policies” (Revision Requested, Journal of Public Economics)

“The Impact of Shareholder Investor-Level on Mergers and Acquisitions,” with Nathan Seegert
(Revision Requested, Journal of Public Economics)

In Progress

“Corporate Tax Breaks and Executive Compensation”

“Do Investors Value Tax Investment Incentives? Evidence from Bonus Depreciation and the Fiscal Cliff”

Grants and Awards

Future of Work Research Grant, Russell Sage Foundation – 2019–2021

Early Career Research Grant, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Institute – 2019

Committee for the Support of Faculty Scholarship grant, Grinnell College – 2017, 2018

Young Economist Award for papers “that stand out for their scientific quality, creativity and relevance”,
International Institute for Public Finance 2016 Annual Congress

International Tax Policy Forum Research Grant – 2015–2016

Oxford Centre for Business Taxation Annual Doctoral Meeting – Best Paper 2013

Michigan Economics Society – Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, Fall 2010

Michigan Dept. of Economics – Letters of Commendation for Excellent Teaching - Fall 2009, Winter 2010

Michigan Dept. of Economics – Summer Research Apprenticeship - 2009, 2010

Rackham Travel Grant – 2011, 2012

Phi Beta Kappa, 2007

Professional Activities

Referee: Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Finance, Journal of Public Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, National Tax Journal, Journal of Comparative Economics, Southern Economic Journal

Presentations

2019: The World Bank (scheduled)

Federal Reserve Board of Governors (scheduled)

2018: National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Taxation of Business Income Conference

U.S. Treasury Office of Tax Analysis Research Conference

National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation

Conference of Macroeconomists from Liberal Arts Colleges

2017: Wesleyan University Economics Seminar

Lyon College Omicron Delta Epsilon Invited Speaker

International Institute for Public Finance Annual Congress

National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation

2016: Duke University Department of Economics Public Finance Seminar

National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation

International Institute for Public Finance Annual Congress

Michigan Tax Invitational Ross Business School University of Michigan

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Universities' Conference on State Business Taxation

ITPF & IIEL Conference on the Taxation of Intellectual Property in a Global Economy

2015: Grinnell College Data Seminar Series

Oxford Centre for Business Taxation Academic Symposium

National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation

Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting

2014: Invited Presentation: US Department of the Treasury, Office of Tax Analysis

National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation

Michigan Tax Invitational Ross Business School University of Michigan

2013: National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation

Invited Presentation: US Department of the Treasury, Office of Tax Analysis

U of M Public Finance, U of M Corporate Finance

2012: U of M Public Finance, Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting

2011 and prior: U of M PFFLS, U of M Informal Labor

Selected Teaching Experience

Professor – Grinnell College 2014–2018

ECN 111: Introduction to Economics (6 times)

ECN 250: Public Finance (1 time)

ECN 326: Introduction to Financial and Managerial Accounting (three times)

ECN 327: Corporate Finance (four times)

ECN 395: Seminar in Causal Inference Techniques (two times)

TUT 101: First Year Tutorial: The Rise and Fall of American Manufacturing (one time)

Service

2018: Grinnell College Benefits Committee

Grinnell College Ombuds Office Advisor Committee

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Iowa Chapter Vice President

2016: Co-Chair Grinnell College Scholarship Selection Committee

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Iowa Chapter Committee Member

2015: Grinnell College Scholarship Selection Committee

Grinnell College Apparel Purchasing Committee

Workshop on Teaching with Technology and Technology Studies

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Iowa Chapter Committee Member

Media & Policy Engagement

2018: Research included in the Economic Report of the President, February 1, 2018

Marginal Revolution, www.marginalrevolution.com, May 2, 2018

2017: Marginal Revolution, www.marginalrevolution.com, October 26, 2018

2016: Research presented at House Finance Committee Hearing on Business Tax Policy

Additional Research Work Experience

Research Assistant - Prof. James Hines, Department of Economics, UofM. Fall 2010.

Summer Research Apprenticeship with Prof. James Hines, Department of Economics, UofM. Summer 2010.

Summer Research Apprenticeship with Prof. David Lam, Department of Economics, UofM. Summer 2009.