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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- **University of South Alabama**  
Visiting Lecturer of Economics 2011-

## EDUCATION

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- **Ph.D., Economics** expected January 2012, *George Mason University*
- **Master of Arts, Economics** *George Mason University*, 2010
- **Bachelor of Science, Economics, Classics** *University of Colorado at Boulder*, 2004

## INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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### EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- Assistant Editor, *Journal of Private Enterprise*, 2007-

### REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

#### Journal Articles

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“Bandit Heroes: Social, Mythical or Rational?” (with Alexander Fink) *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, forthcoming.

“Foreign Aid, the Rule of Law, and Economic Development in Africa.” *University of Botswana Law Review*, forthcoming.

“Market Process Economics and the Market for Money: A Rejoinder to Barnett and Block.” *Laissez-Faire*, No. 33 (September 2010): 12-16.

“The Marginal Utility Theory of Price Determination and the Market for Money: A Comment on Barnett and Block.” *Laissez-Faire* 32 (March 2010): 67-70.

#### Book Chapters and Policy Studies

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“The Historical Development of Public Policing, Prosecution, and Punishment,” (with Edward P. Stringham) in *Handbook on the Economics of Crime*, Bruce Benson (ed.), Edward Elgar. 2010.

“The Rise of Government Law Enforcement in England,” (with Edward P. Stringham) in *The Pursuit of Justice: Law and Economics of Legal Systems*, Edward J. Lopez (ed.), Palgrave Macmillan. 2010.

“Lower Business Regulation: Costs and Unintended Consequences,”(with Joab N. Corey) in Russell Sobel, (ed.), *Unleashing Capitalism: Why Prosperity Stops at the West Virginia Border and How to Fix it*. Morgantown: The Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia. 2007.

## Book Reviews

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“Christopher J. Coyne and Peter T. Leeson, Media, Development, and Institutional Change.” *Review of Austrian Economics*, 23(4): 419-23. 2010.

## POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

“Alexander Hamilton & the Perils of State Capitalism.”(with Tyler A. Watts) *The Freeman* 60 (7), September 2010.

## WORKING PAPERS

Curott, Nicholas A. and Tyler A. Watts. “America’s First Business Cycle? A Monetary Explanation for the Recession of 1797.” Revisions Requested, *Southern Economic Journal*

Curott, Nicholas A. and Nicholas A. Snow. “A Reassessment of Irving Fisher’s Economics of Prohibition in Light of Modern Behavioral Economics.” *Working Paper*

Curott, Nicholas A. “Adam Smith’s Banking Theory.” *Working Paper*

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Adam Smith and Free Banking” *Association of Private Enterprise Education* Annual Convention, Nassau, Bahamas, April 12, 2011.

“The Evolution of Markets and Financial Institutions in 1790 America: Lessons for Political Economy” *Southern Economic Association* 80th Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 22, 2010.

“Self-Regulation in American Stock Exchanges” *Association of Private Enterprise Education* Annual Convention, Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 6, 2009.

“The Historical Development of Public Policing, Prosecution, and Punishment in England” *Symposium on the Economics of Crime*, Florida State University, Tallahassee FL, March 27, 2009.

“The Rise of the New York Stock Exchange as a Self-Regulating Club” *Southern Economic Association* 78th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 22, 2008.

“Bandit Heroes: Rational or Mythical” *From Vienna to Virginia Symposium*, Irvington-on-Hudson, NY, September 21, 2008.

“The Rise of Government Law Enforcement in England” *Association of Private Enterprise Education* Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April 6, 2008.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS**

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### **FIELDS OF INTEREST**

*Primary:* Money and Banking, Economic History, Public Choice

*Secondary:* History of Economic Thought, Macroeconomics, Development

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Instructor (University of South Alabama), *Principles of Macroeconomics*, *Principles of Microeconomics* (2 sections), *Introduction to Economics*

Instructor, (George Mason University) *Principles of Macroeconomics*: Summer 2010

Teaching Assistant, *Introductory Econometrics*: Spring 2010, 2009; Fall 2009, 2008

Teaching Assistant, *Intermediate Microeconomics*: Spring 2008, Fall 2007

Teaching Assistant, *Comparative Political and Economic Systems* (Georgetown University). Summer 2009, 2010

### **HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- \* Mercatus Center Dissertation Fellowship, 2010-2011
- \* Mercatus Center PhD Fellow 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10
- \* Mercatus Center Graduate Summer Research Fellowship 2008, 2009, 2010
- \* The Cortopassi Institute Graduate Fellow, 2007-08
- \* Charles G. Koch Pre-Doctoral Fellow, West Virginia University, Spring 2007
- \* Rothbard Graduate Fellow, San Jose State University, 2006-2007
- \* James F. Willis Award for Most Outstanding Graduate Student, SJSU, 2005-2006

### **PEER REVIEWING FOR REFEREED JOURNALS**

*American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, *Journal of Private Enterprise*, *Review of Austrian Economics*

### **MEDIA CITATIONS**

“The Folk Hero Playbook,” Steven Slater, New York Times, Aug.14 2010 (citing 2010 *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* article with Alexander Fink)  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/15/weekinreview/15carey.html>

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Economic Association
- Southern Economic Association
- Association of Private Enterprise Education
- Society for the Development of Austrian Economics

## REFERENCES

Dr. Peter J. Boettke  
BB&T Professor for the Study of Capitalism  
at the Mercatus Center, George Mason  
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