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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Stanford University, 1999
A.B., Economics, magna cum laude, Harvard College, 1994

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, and Affiliate Professor,
Department of Economics, University of Maryland–College Park, 2014-present
(Associate Professor and Affiliate Associate Professor, 2010-2014; Visiting Associate
Professor, 2009-2010)
Senior Fellow and Director of Academic Programs, Resources for the Future, 2009-present
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2008-present (Faculty Research
Fellow, 2000-2008)
Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin,
2007-2010 (Assistant Professor, 1999-2007)
Visiting Research Scholar, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, 2003-04
Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, Economic Studies, Brookings Institution, 2002-03

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Environmental Economics, Public Economics, Microeconomic Theory, Applied
Microeconomics, Energy Economics

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Listed in *Who's Who in America*, all editions 2007-present
Economic Inquiry Best Article Award, 2011, for “A Simple Model of Optimal Hate Crime
Legislation” (co-authored with Li Gan and Thomas Wiseman)
Big XII Faculty Fellowship, 2007-08
Dean’s Fellowship, University of Texas, Spring 2003 and Spring 2008
Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Economic Studies, Brookings Institution, 2002-2003
Second Place, National Tax Association Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, 2000
Environmental Protection Agency STAR Graduate Fellowship, 1997-1999
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1994-1997
Jacob Javits Graduate Fellowship for 1994-98 (declined in favor of NSF fellowship)
John Harvard (1992-94) and Harvard College (1991-92) Honorary Scholarships
Major H (varsity letter), 1991-94

PUBLISHED OR FORTHCOMING PAPERS

“Environmental Taxation,” in A. Auerbach and K. Smetters (eds.) *The Economics of Tax Policy*,
Oxford University Press, 2017.

- “General Equilibrium Impacts of a Federal Clean Energy Standard,” with Lawrence Goulder and Marc Hafstead, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2016, 8(2):186-218.
- “The Initial Incidence of a Carbon Tax across Income Groups,” with Hal Gordon, Dallas Burtraw, Jared Carbone, and Richard Morgenstern, *National Tax Journal*, 2015, 68(1):195-214.
- “Macroeconomic Effects of Carbon Taxes,” with Casey J. Wichman, in I. Parry, A. Morris, and R. Williams (eds.), *Implementing a US Carbon Tax: Challenges and Debates*, International Monetary Fund and Routledge Press, 2015.
- “The Initial Incidence of a Carbon Tax across U.S. States,” with Hal Gordon, Dallas Burtraw, Jared Carbone, and Richard Morgenstern, *National Tax Journal*, 2014, 67(4):807-830.
- “Growing State-Federal Conflicts in Environmental Policy: The Role of Market-Based Regulation,” *Journal of Public Economics*, 2012, 96(11-12):1092-1099.
- “The Choice of Discount Rate for Climate Change Policy Evaluation,” with Lawrence H. Goulder, *Climate Change Economics*, 2012, 3(4), 1250024:1-18.
- “How to Design a Carbon Tax” with Ian Parry and Rick van der Ploeg, in R. de Mooij, I. Parry, and Michael Keen (eds.) *Fiscal Policy to Mitigate Climate Change: A Guide for Policymakers*, International Monetary Fund, 2012.
- “Setting the Initial Time-Profile of Climate Policy: The Economics of Environmental Policy Phase-Ins,” in D. Fullerton and C. Wolfram (eds.) *The Design and Implementation of U.S. Climate Policy*, University of Chicago Press, 2012.
- Comments on “Upstream versus Downstream Implementation of Climate Policy,” in D. Fullerton and C. Wolfram (eds.) *The Design and Implementation of U.S. Climate Policy*, University of Chicago Press, 2012.
- “Moving US Climate Policy Forward: Are Carbon Taxes the Only Good Alternative?” with Ian Parry, in R. Hahn and A. Ulph (eds.) *Climate Change and Common Sense: Essays in Honour of Tom Schelling*, Oxford University Press, 2012.
- “A Simple Model of Optimal Hate Crime Legislation,” with Li Gan and Thomas Wiseman, *Economic Inquiry*, 2011, 49:674-684.
- “Do U.S. Policymakers Have Better Alternatives to Cap and Trade?” with Ian Parry, in G. Ingram and Y. Hong (eds.) *The Environment, Climate Change, and Land Policies*, Lincoln Institute, 2011.
- “What are the Costs of Meeting Distributional Objectives for Climate Policy?” with Ian Parry, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, 2010, 10(2): Article 9.
Reprinted in M. Cohen, D. Fullerton, and R. Topel (eds.) *Distributional Aspects of Energy and Climate Policies*, Edward Elgar, 2013.
- Comments on “How Much Should Highway Fuels Be Taxed?” in G. Metcalf (ed.), *United States Energy Tax Policy*, Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- “Overcoming Distributional Obstacles to Market-Based Environmental Policies,” in I. Parry and F. Day (eds.) *Issues of the Day: 100 Commentaries on Climate, Energy, the Environment, Transportation, and Public Health Policy*, RFF Press, 2010.
- Comments on “Environmental Taxation: What Have We Learned in This Decade?” in A. Viard (ed.), *Tax Policy Lessons from the 2000s*, AEI Press, 2009.

- “Optimal Taxation and Cross-Price Effects on Labor Supply: Estimates of the Optimal Gas Tax,” with Sarah West, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2007, 91:593-617.
- “The Incidence of Pollution Control Policies,” with Ian Parry, Hilary Sigman, and Margaret Walls, in H. Fulmer and T. Tietenberg (eds.), *International Yearbook of Environmental and Resource Economics*, Edward Elgar, 2006, p. 1-42.
- “Evaluating Public Goods and Regulations: Comment,” with Lawrence Goulder and Ian Parry, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2005, 19:233-234
- “The Cost of Reducing Gasoline Consumption,” with Sarah West, *American Economic Review (Papers and Proceedings)*, 2005, 95:294-299
- “The Death of the Pigouvian Tax: Comment,” with Ian Parry, *Land Economics*, 2004, 80:575-581
- “Estimates from a Consumer Demand System: Implications for the Incidence of Environmental Taxes,” with Sarah West, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* 2004, 47:535-558
 Reprinted in T. Sterner and A. Muller (eds.) *Environmental Taxation in Practice*, Ashgate Publishing, 2006
 Reprinted in D. Fullerton (ed.) *Distributional Effects of Environmental and Energy Policy*, Ashgate Publishing, 2009
 Reprinted in T. Sterner (ed.) *Fuel Taxes and the Poor: The Distributional Effects of Gasoline Taxation and Their Implications for Climate Policy*, RFF Press, 2011
- “The Substantial Bias from Ignoring General Equilibrium Effects in Estimating Excess Burden, and a Practical Solution,” with Lawrence Goulder, *Journal of Political Economy*, 2003, 111:898-927
 Reprinted in R. Zerbe (ed.) *Benefit-Cost Analysis*, Edward Elgar, 2008
- “Health Effects and Optimal Environmental Taxes,” *Journal of Public Economics*, 2003, 87:323-335
- “Environmental Tax Interactions When Pollution Affects Health or Productivity,” *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 2002, 44:261-270
 Reprinted in L. Goulder (ed.), *Environmental Policy Making in Economies With Prior Tax Distortions*, Edward Elgar, 2002
- “Tax Normalizations, the Marginal Cost of Funds, and Optimal Environmental Taxes,” *Economics Letters*, 2001, 71:137-142
 Reprinted in L. Goulder (ed.), *Environmental Policy Making in Economies With Prior Tax Distortions*, Edward Elgar, 2002
- “The Importance of Tax Interactions for the Costs and Benefits of Government Policies,” *Proceedings of the National Tax Association*, November 2000 meetings, 156-163
- “Revisiting the Cost of Protectionism: The Role of Tax Distortions in the Labor Market,” *Journal of International Economics*, 1999, 47:429-447
- “The Cost-Effectiveness of Alternative Instruments for Environmental Protection in a Second-Best Setting,” with Lawrence Goulder, Ian Parry, and Dallas Burtraw, *Journal of Public Economics*, 1999, 72:329-360
 Reprinted in L. Goulder (ed.), *Environmental Policy Making in Economies With Prior Tax Distortions*, Edward Elgar, 2002
 Reprinted in M. Hoel (ed.), *Recent Developments in Environmental Economics*, Edward Elgar, 2004
 Reprinted in T. Sterner and A. Muller (eds.) *Environmental Taxation in Practice*, Ashgate Publishing, 2006
 Reprinted in R. Brooks, N. Keohane, and D. Kysar (eds.) *Economics of Environmental Law, Volume II: Issues and Applications*, Edward Elgar, 2009

“When Can Carbon Abatement Policies Increase Welfare? The Fundamental Role of Distorted Factor Markets,” with Ian Parry and Lawrence Goulder, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 1999, 37:52-84

Reprinted in T. Tietenberg (ed.), *The Theory and Design of Emissions Trading Programs*, Ashgate Publishing, 2001

Reprinted in L. Goulder (ed.), *Environmental Policy Making in Economies With Prior Tax Distortions*, Edward Elgar, 2002

“A Second-Best Evaluation of Eight Policy Instruments to Reduce Carbon Emissions,” with Ian Parry, *Resource and Energy Economics* 1999, 21:347-373

Reprinted in M. Toman and B. Sohngen (eds.) *Climate Change*, Ashgate Publishing, 2004

“The Double Dividend When Environmental Quality Affects Health or Productivity,” *Proceedings of the National Tax Association*, November 1998 meetings, 63-69

WORKING PAPERS

“Adding Quantity Certainty to a Carbon Tax: The Role of a Tax Adjustment Mechanism for Policy Pre-Commitment,” with Marc Hafstead and Gilbert Metcalf (2016)

“Unemployment and Environmental Regulation in General Equilibrium,” with Marc Hafstead, NBER Working Paper no. 22269 (2016)

“Carbon Taxes and Deficit Reduction,” with Jared Carbone and Richard Morgenstern, working paper

“Distribution, Distortionary Taxation, and the Evaluation of Public Goods,” working paper

“An Estimate of the Second-Best Optimal Gasoline Tax, Considering Both Efficiency and Equity,” working paper

“Cost-Effectiveness vs. Hot Spots: Determining the Optimal Size of Emissions Permit Trading Zones,” working paper

“Equity in Social Security Benefit Determination: The Effects of Ignoring Some Working Years,” working paper

“Prices vs. Quantities vs. Tradable Quantities,” NBER Working Paper no. 9283 (2002)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Transitional Incidence of a Carbon Tax,” with Hal Gordon, Dallas Burtraw, Jared Carbone, and Richard Morgenstern

“Tax Interactions in a Dynamic Model with Capital Accumulation”

“The Rise and Fall of the Clipper Ship Era, 1850-1859”

“Optimal Taxes, Tax Interactions and the Structure of Preferences”

“The Use of Capital Taxes for Income Redistribution in an Overlapping Generations Model”

“Optimal Environmental Taxation vs. the Double Dividend,” with Lawrence Goulder

“Distributional Weights Without Apology: An Efficiency Approach to Distributional Issues in Cost-Benefit Analysis”

BOOKS

Effects of U.S. Tax Policy on Greenhouse Gas Emissions, with William D. Nordhaus (Chair), Maureen L. Cropper, Francisco de la Chesnaye, Noah Diffenbaugh, David G. Hawkins, Roberta F. Mann, Brian C. Murray, John M. Reilly, Drew Shindell, Eric Toder, and Catherine Wolfram (as a committee appointed by the National Academies, Board on Science, Technology, and Economic Policy), National Academies Press, 2013.

Implementing a US Carbon Tax: Challenges and Debates, with Ian W.H. Parry, and Adele Morris, International Monetary Fund and Routledge Press, 2015.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Texans Deserve to Know How a Bill Would Affect Their Taxes,” *Austin American-Statesman* (Op-Ed), July 14, 2005.

Reprinted as “What’s the Cost? Texas Senate Not Showing Bottom Line of School Finance Bill,” *Waco Tribune-Herald* (Op-Ed), July 15, 2005

Reprinted as “Lawmakers Need to Know Potential Effects of Tax Bills,” *Bryan-College Station Eagle* (Op-Ed), July 15, 2005.

GRANTS

Linden Trust for Conservation and Resources for the Future New Frontiers Fund, “Employment Effects and the Evaluation of Environmental Policy” \$100,000, Principal Investigator, 2013-14

National Science Foundation, “The Interface of Infrastructures, Markets, and Natural Cycles, Innovative Modeling and Control Mechanisms for Managing Electricity, Water and Air Quality in Texas,” \$2,000,000, Co-Principal Investigator, 2008-2012

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, “Developing and Estimating a Comprehensive Model of Commercial Fishing Effort,” \$64,166, Principal Investigator (on behalf of Tess Stafford, Ph.D. student), 2008-2010

Smith Richardson Foundation, “Pollution Regulation Under Asymmetric Information,” \$60,000, Principal Investigator, 2003-04

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (MOST RECENT 10 YEARS)

2007: Colorado Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop (keynote speaker)

2008: American Enterprise Institute Conference on Tax Policy Lessons from the 2000s (discussant); European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Annual Conference

2009: NBER Pre-Conference on Fiscal Federalism; Camp Resources (luncheon speaker); American Tax Policy Institute Conference on US Energy Taxes (discussant); National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation (presenter and discussant)

2010: Chicago-RFF-Illinois Symposium on Distributional Aspects of Energy and Climate Policy; NBER Fiscal Federalism Conference (presenter and discussant); NBER Conference on the Design and Implementation of U.S. Climate Policy (presenter and discussant); Lincoln Institute Conference on The Environment, Climate Change, and Land Policies; Lewis & Clark Law School Fall Forum: Taxation and the Environment; Developing Standards for Benefit-Cost Analysis Conference

- 2011: Conference on Macroeconomics and the Environment, Arizona State University (discussant); Chicago-RFF Energy Policy Symposium (discussant); IMF Workshop on Fiscal Policy and Climate Change (presenter and discussant); Stanford-RFF Workshop on The Next Round of Climate Economics & Policy Research
- 2012: ASSA Meetings (discussant); NBER Environmental and Energy Economics Program Meeting (discussant); Northeast Workshop on Energy Policy and Environmental Economics; Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference; Cowles Summer Conference on Macroeconomics and Climate Change; AEI-Brookings-IMF-RFF Conference on the Economics of Carbon Taxes
- 2013: ASSA Meetings (AEA/AERE Session); NBER Public Economics Program Meeting (discussant); Conference on Pricing Climate Risk, Arizona State University; Northeast Workshop on Energy Policy and Environmental Economics; Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference; NBER Summer Institute on Environmental and Energy Economics
- 2014: National Tax Association Spring Symposium; Closing the Carbon Price Gap: Public Finance and Climate Policy, Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (Berlin); World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists; Energy Modeling Forum 32; Taiwan Research Institute Conference on Strategic Policy for Green Growth and Green Industrial Development (keynote lecture and research presentation)
- 2015: International Workshop on Empirical Methods in Energy Economics (discussant); NBER Summer Institute on Environmental and Energy Economics (discussant); US Climate Policy Workshop: Interplay between Taxes, Subsidies, and Regulations; Berkeley-Wharton-Urban-Brookings Conference on the Economics of Tax Policy
- 2016: Payne Institute (Colorado School of Mines) Annual Conference; Canadian PhD and Early Career Workshop in Environmental Economics & Policy (keynote speaker); Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (keynote speaker)
- 2017: ASSA Meetings (discussant, session chair)

INVITED SEMINARS (MOST RECENT 10 YEARS)

- 2007: University of British Columbia
- 2008: Wellesley College; University of Colorado; University of California, San Diego; Resources For the Future
- 2009: University of Maryland; Texas A&M University; Cornell University; University of Missouri
- 2010: World Bank; University of Alberta; University of Calgary; Resources for the Future; International Monetary Fund
- 2012: Congressional Budget Office; Georgia Tech
- 2013: University of Arizona; University of Ottawa; University of New South Wales
- 2014: National Center for Environmental Economics, US Environmental Protection Agency; University of Michigan
- 2015: National Economic Club/Society of Government Economists Luncheon

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Panel Member, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board Panel on Economy-wide Modeling of the Benefits and Costs of Environmental Regulation, 2015-present

Faculty Member, EAERE-FEEM-VIU European Summer School on Environmental Regulation, 2015

Local Organizer, International Workshop on Empirical Methods in Energy Economics, 2015

Expert Group Member for review of Brazil's Market Readiness Plan, Partnership for Market Readiness, 2014

Organizer, NBER Summer Institute on Environmental and Energy Economics, 2013

Study Panel, National Academies Study of Effects of Provisions in the Internal Revenue Code on Greenhouse Gas Emissions, 2011-2013

Co-Editor, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2009-2012 (Associate Editor, 2007-2009)

Editorial Board, Berkeley Electronic Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy, 2005-2012

Organizer, AEI-Brookings-IMF-RFF Conference on the Economics of Carbon Taxes, 2012

Co-Editor, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 2007-2009 (Editorial Council member 2005-2007 and 2009-2011)

Organizer, Stanford-RFF Workshop on The Next Round of Climate Economics & Policy Research, 2011

Scientific Committee, 2011 International Institute of Public Finance Annual Congress

Program Committee, 2010 National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation

Review Panel, EPA Peer Review of Computable General Equilibrium Models for Climate Change Analysis, 2009-2010

Organizer, NBER Summer Institute on Public Policy and the Environment, 2007

Referee for: *Ambio*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy*, *Bulletin of Economic Research*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Ecological Economics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economic Modelling*, *Economic Theory*, *Economics Letters*, *Energy Journal*, *Environment and Development Economics*, *Environmental and Resource Economics*, *European Economic Review*, *FinanzArchiv/Public Finance Analysis*, *Forest Science*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, *International Economic Review*, *International Tax and Public Finance*, *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, *Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic Education*, *Journal of Economic Literature*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, *National Tax Journal*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *Public Finance Review*, *Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Resource and Energy Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Southern Economic Journal*, Congressional Budget Office, Department of Energy, Inter-American Development Bank, Mercatus Center, National Science Foundation, Czech Science Foundation, Addison-Wesley, Cambridge University Press, Edward Elgar, Harvard Press, Prentice Hall, RFF Press

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Undergraduate courses taught:

University of Maryland: Introduction to Economics and the Environment

University of Texas: Intermediate Microeconomics, Public Economics (regular and writing-intensive versions), Environmental Economics for Non-Economists

Graduate courses taught:

University of Maryland: Environmental Taxation and Regulation (Ph.D. field), Applied Microeconomic Theory (Ph.D. core)

University of Texas: Public Finance Theory (Ph.D. field), Natural Resource Economics (Ph.D. field), Public Economics Research Seminar (Ph.D. upper-year seminar), Writing Seminar in Public and Environmental Economics (Ph.D. upper-year seminar)

Ph.D. Dissertation Supervisor or Co-Supervisor for:

University of Maryland: Cristobal Ruiz-Tagle (in progress), Jikun Wang (in progress), Davide Cerruti (2016), Jaclyn Evans (2016), Anand Murugesan (2015), Ian Page (2015), Casey Wichman (2015), Kanishka Kacker (2014)

University of Texas: Holly Monti (2011), Tess Stafford (2010), R. J. Briggs (2009), Sanghyun Hwang (2009), Abdulkadir Nagac (2009), Conan Crum (2008), Jason DeBacker (2008), Fidel Gonzalez (2003)

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member for:

University of Maryland: Aaron Adalja (AREC, in progress), Xiaoyu Liu (Civil & Environmental Engineering, 2016), Shirley Pon (AREC, 2016), Yichen Christy Zhou (Economics, 2016), Jeffrey Ferris (AREC, 2015), Joseph Maher (AREC, 2015), Filippou Petroulakis (Economics, 2015), Daniel Werner (AREC, 2015), Dana Andersen (AREC, 2014), Ron Chan (Economics, 2014), Timothy Essam (AREC, 2013), Claudia Hitaj (AREC, 2013), Takahiko Kiso (AREC, 2013), Kabir Malik (AREC, 2013), Ariel Ortiz-Bobea (AREC, 2013), Randy Chugh (Economics, 2012), Will Gans (AREC, 2012), Fanqing Ye (AREC, 2012), Gabriel Lara-Ibarra (Economics, 2011)

University of Texas: Jocelyn Wikle (2013), Noah Kaufman (2011), Rebecca Chenevert (2010), Kazuki Konno (2009), Jean Lim (2009), Carolina Rodriguez-Zamora (2009), Katie Raynor (2008), Ping Yan (2008), Jennifer Brown (accounting, 2008), Garth Heutel (2007), Inkee Hong (2007), Diya Mazumder (2007), Lori Stuntz (2007), Jijun Tan (2006), Laura Konda (2004), Allen Fawcett (2003), Seung-Rae Kim (2003), William Macey (2002), Young Yoo (2002), Joseph Breedlove (2001)

M.S. Thesis Advisor for:

University of Maryland: Gaurav Satija (AREC, 2016), Linlin Cheng (Economics, 2016), Xiaoyu Liu (Economics, 2016), Olivier Francois (AREC, 2015), Jane Zhou (AREC, 2014)

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor or Co-Advisor for:

University of Texas: Jeff Scott (2008), Sarah Smith (2008), Ryan Kingsbury (2007), Erin Mallard (2006), Justin Hauke (2005), George Hoyt (2002)

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Maryland:

AREC Faculty Advisory Committee, 2015-present

Faculty Steering Committee, Maryland Center for Economics and Policy, 2013-present

AREC Junior Faculty Mentor for Lint Barrage (2013-2015), Sébastien Houde (2013-present), Pamela Jakiela (2016-present), and Neslihan Uler (2016-present)

AREC Seminar Committee, 2010-present
Seminar Committee Chair, 2012-present
AREC Faculty Search Committee, 2010-2013 and 2014-2016
AREC Department Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure (APT) Committee (4 cases, chair for 1), 2014-2017
APT Committee, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2014-2016
APT Committee Associate Chair, 2014-2015
APT Committee Chair, 2015-2016
AREC Department Chair Search Committee, 2014-2015
Review committee for the Associate Dean of Research, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, 2013-2014
AREC Graduate Studies Committee, 2009-2012
Director of Graduate Studies, 2011-2012
AREC Assistantship/Teaching Committee, 2011-2012

University of Texas:

Economics Department Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2006-2010
Department Representative, Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, 2007-2010
Faculty Panel Member, Bridging Disciplines Program in the Environment, 2007-2010
Faculty Participant, IGERT program on indoor environmental quality, 2006-2010
Faculty Sponsor, Texas Economics Association, 2000-2010
Organized and led association trips to Monterrey, Mexico, April 2001 and 2002
Economics Department Executive Committee, 2001-2002 and 2008-2009
Economics Department Recruiting Coordinating Committee, 2007-2009
Economics Department Graduate Placement Chair, 2007-2008
Economics Department Strategic Planning Committee, 2007
Applied Microeconomics Faculty Recruiting Committee Chair, 2006-2007
University Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability, 2005-2007
Economics Department Ph.D. Admissions and Awards Committee, 2005-2007
Co-Chair, Graduate Recruitment Weekend, 2006
Economics Department Marshal, Commencement 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2009
Conference Organizer, First UT-ITAM Economics Conference, 2001

PERSONAL

Born December 2, 1972 in Keflavik, Iceland
U.S. Citizen (by birth), native English speaker