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**Academic Positions:**

Associate Professor	Millersville University	fall 2011-present
	Principles of Microeconomics (including Honors section), Principles of Macroeconomics, Applied Statistics I, Econometrics, Intermediate Microeconomics, The Economics of Industrial Organization, Mathematical Economics (Ind. Study), Seminar in Economics (Ind. Study), Games and Experiments in Economics.	
Assistant Professor	Millersville University	fall 2005-spring 2011
Research Assistant	Interdisciplinary Experimental Lab Indiana University-Bloomington	2004-2005
Associate Instructor	Indiana University-Bloomington	1999-2003
Research Assistant	Indiana University-Bloomington	summer 1999
Graduate Assistant	Indiana University-Bloomington	1998-1999

**Education:**

Ph.D., Economics, Indiana University-Bloomington, 2005  
Concentration: Experimental Economics  
Secondary Fields: Game Theory, Industrial Organization, Econometrics  
Dissertation: Comparing Group and Individual Decision-Making in Risky Environments  
Advisor: Arlington W. Williams

M.A., Economics, Indiana University-Bloomington, 2000

B.S., high honors, Economics and Mathematics, Saint Vincent College, 1998

**Research Publications and Works in Progress:**

Buy the Seat of Your Pants: Does Increasing the Stakes of a Classroom Experiment Increase Learning Outcomes? (co-author: Kirsten Madden), work in progress, 2010.

Dynamic Contributions to a Public Project with Increasing Marginal Benefits (co-author: Matthew Halloran), work in progress, 2010

Sabotage! Rank-Order Tournament Theory and *The Price is Right* (co-author: Jeremy T. Schwartz), work in progress, 2009

An Exploration of the Robustness of Alternative Laboratory Methodologies: Matching Funds and the Provision of Public Goods (co-authors: James M. Walker and Arlington W. Williams), work in progress, 2009

An Econometric Analysis of Fuelwood Use in Africa (co-author Angela L. Cuthbert), work in progress, 2008

Matching Contributions and the Voluntary Provision of a Pure Public Good: Experimental Evidence (co-authors: James M. Walker and Arlington W. Williams), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* Vol. 70, May 2009, pp.122-134.

Comparing Small-Group and Individual Behavior in Lottery-Choice Experiments (co-authors: Susan K. Laury and Arlington W. Williams), *Southern Economic Journal*, Vol. 75(2), October 2008, pp. 367-382.

The Seat Is Right: Bidder Heterogeneity in *The Price is Right* (co-author: Jeremy T. Schwartz), *The Journal of Socio-Economics*, Vol. 37(1), February 2008, pp. 79-89.

Resource Allocations with Uncertainty: Experiments on Learning and Groups Acting as Decision-Makers (co-authors: Hugh Kelley and James M. Walker), working paper, 2005

**Referee Work:**

American Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization

**Academic Conference Presentations and Participation:**

Presenter “Buy the Seat of Your Pants: Does Increasing the Stakes of a Classroom Experiment Increase Learning Outcomes?” National Conference on Teaching Economics, Palo Alto, CA, 6/11

Presenter “Dynamic Contributions to a Public Project with Increasing Marginal Benefits,” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA 11/10

Presenter “Matching Contributions and the Voluntary Provision of a Pure Public Good: Further Experimental Evidence,” Pennsylvania Economic Association Annual Meeting, West Chester, PA 6/09

Presenter “Matching Contributions and the Voluntary Provision of a Pure Public Good: Further Experimental Evidence,” Indiana University Graduate Alumni Conference, Bloomington, IN 4/09

Presenter “Matching Contributions and the Voluntary Provision of a Pure Public Good: Further Experimental Evidence,” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. 11/08

Presenter “An Econometric Analysis of Fuelwood Use in Africa,” Pennsylvania Economic Association Annual Meeting, Slippery Rock, PA 6/08

Presenter “Matching Contributions and the Voluntary Provision of a Pure Public Good: Experimental Evidence,” MU Economics Department Colloquium Series, Fall 2006

Presenter “Matching Contributions and the Voluntary Provision of a Pure Public Good: Experimental Evidence,” Economic Science Association North American Regional Meeting, Tucson, AZ 10/06

Presenter “Matching Contributions and the Voluntary Provision of a Pure Public Good: Experimental Evidence,” Pennsylvania Economic Association Annual Meeting, Indiana, PA 6/06

Presenter “The *Seat* Is Right: Bidder Heterogeneity in *The Price is Right*,” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. 11/05

Presenter “Comparing Small-Group and Individual Behavior in Lottery-Choice Experiments,” Economic Science Association North American Regional Meeting, Tucson, AZ 11/04

Discussant “Teacher and Student Characteristics as Determinants of Success in High School Economics Classes,” National Conference on Teaching Economics, Palo Alto, CA 6/11

Discussant “A Dynamic Public Good Game,” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA 11/10

Discussant “How Equal is Equal? A Study of New Jersey Public School Resources,” Pennsylvania Economic Association Annual Meeting, West Chester PA 6/09

Discussant “A Powerful Adaptive Distribution-Free K-Sample Test Against Ordered Alternatives,” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. 11/09

Discussant “Using Technology in the Principles of Economics Course,” Pennsylvania Economic Association Annual Meeting, Slippery Rock, PA 6/08

Discussant “An Experimental Analysis of Public Goods Provision with Egalitarian Redistribution,” Economic Science Association North American Regional Meeting, Tucson, AZ, 10/06

Discussant “Regulatory Reform Reinforces Market Power: The Case of Banking Sector Competition in Jamaica,” Pennsylvania Economic Association Annual Meeting, Indiana, PA 6/06

Discussant “Regional Specialization and Wage Patterns in China,” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. 11/05

Attendee Allied Social Science Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA 1/10

Attendee Allied Social Science Association Meetings, San Francisco, CA 1/09

Attendee Allied Social Science Association Meetings, New Orleans, LA 1/08

Attendee Allied Social Science Association Meetings, Chicago, IL 1/07

Attendee Allied Social Science Association Meetings, Philadelphia, PA 1/05

Panelist “Research in the Disciplines: Contemporary Theory, Current Practice,” Millersville Academic Festival, 5/06

- Participant MU Showcase of Scholarship, 3/09
- Participant MU Scholarly Passions exhibit, 3/07
- Participant MUtopia: A Galaxy of Ideas exhibit, 3/06

**Awards and Grants Received**

- Millersville University Faculty Travel-to-Present Grant: “Buy the Seat of Your Pants: Does Increasing the Stakes of a Classroom Experiment Increase Learning Outcomes?” summer 2011
- Millersville University Faculty Research Grant: “Dynamic Contributions to a Public Project with Increasing Marginal Benefits,” summer 2010
- Millersville University Faculty Travel-to-Present Grant: “Matching Contributions and the Voluntary Provision of a Pure Public Good: Further Experimental Evidence,” fall 2008
- Millersville University Faculty Travel-to-Present Grant. “Matching Contributions and the Voluntary Provision of a Pure Public Good: Experimental Evidence,” fall 2006
- Millersville University Faculty Travel-to-Present Grant: “The *Seat* Is Right: Bidder Heterogeneity in *The Price is Right*,” fall 2005
- Indiana University-Bloomington Fred Whitney Award: Awarded to a graduate student whose research is valuable to the field of Applied Microeconomics, 2005
- Indiana University Center on Philanthropy Research Grant: “Matching Contributions and the Voluntary Provision of a Pure Public Good: Experimental Evidence,” 2004

**Professional Development**

- Attendee Writing Better NSF Research and Education Proposal Workshop, Spring 2010.
- Attendee Millersville University Faculty Development Workshop on Academic Advisement, spring 2006

**Millersville University Economics Department Service**

- Advisor Economics Society, 2006-Present
- Chair Five-Year Review Committee, fall 2010-spring 2011
- Chair Curriculum Management Committee, summer 2008-Present
- Chair Middle-States Committee, 2009-2010
- Member Economics Department Honors and Awards Committee, 2005-Present
- Member Faculty Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Economics, 2007-2008
- Member Faculty Search Committee for two One-Year Full Time Economics Positions, spring 2007

- Chair Honors Thesis: Patricia Grieggs, "Variations in Individual Decision-Making: Children, Adults, and Economic Theory"  
\*\*\*winner of Omicron Delta Epsilon Frank W. Taussig Award and forthcoming in *The American Economist*\*\*\*
- Com. Member Honors Thesis: Nicole Hinton: "Who's Got What? A Demographic Income Inequality Study of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Census Data, 1980-2000," spring 2008
- Com. Member Honors Thesis: Scott Savage: "Economic Development and Microfinance," spring 2008
- Com. Member Honors Thesis: Ryan Walker: "Does Foreign Direct Investment Converge Economies?" spring 2007
- Advisor Co-op Internship: Ryan McCauley, Northwestern Mutual, summer 2011
- Advisor Co-op Internship: Adam Ostrowski, Lancaster County Republican Party, fall 2010
- Advisor Co-op Internship: Celine Kuntz, Penn State Cooperative Extension in Adams County, summer 2010
- Advisor Co-op Internship: Ryan Gonder, Department of Defense Distribution Center, spring 2010
- Advisor Co-op Internship: Erik Eddy, Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board, fall 2009
- Advisor Co-op Internship: Brandon Lester, PSECU, summer 2009
- Advisor Co-op Internship: Marci McCall, Smith-Barney, fall 2008
- Advisor Co-op Internship: Tameka Gowe, State Farm Insurance, summer 2008
- Advisor Co-op Internship: Matthew Van Wyen, Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board, summer 2006
- Panelist MU Economics Department Open House, spring 2006
- Representative Carnival of Majors 2006-2011
- Millersville University Service**
- Senator Faculty Senate, fall 2007-spring 2011
- Member Academic Cultural Climate Enrichment Grant Committee, fall 2010-present
- Member Academic Policies Committee, fall 2006-spring 2010
- Member Social Science Curriculum Committee, fall 2006-spring 2009

Member Social Science Dean Search Committee, spring 2010-fall 2010

Member Academic Standards Committee, fall 2007-spring 2010

Member University Wide Advising Council, fall 2005-spring 2009

Advisor Millersville University Men's Lacrosse Club Team, fall 2010-present

Advisor Sigma Pi Fraternity, fall 2006-present

Speaker Last Lecture Series, Christians Open Minded, fall 2008

Member Search Committee for Women's Head Volleyball Coach, fall 2010

Member Search Committee for Women's Head Volleyball Coach, summer 2008

Member Ad-Hoc Honor Code Committee, 2006-2007

Panelist New Faculty Orientation, summer 2006

**Community Service**

Presenter "The Scientific Method," Centerville Elementary School, fall 2007 (as part of data collection for the honors thesis of Patricia Grieggs)

Consultant Roherstown Volunteer Fire Department: Assisted in organizing fund drive, 2007

**Professional Affiliations**

American Economic Association, 2006-present

Southern Economic Association, 2005, 2007-present

Economic Science Association, 2004, 2005, 2007

Western Economic Association, 2009-2010

