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Appointments

Current Position:

2011- Associate Professor of History and Department Chair, Sam Houston
State University
2005-2011 Assistant Professor of History

Previous Positions:

2002-2005 Instructor of History, Slippery Rock University
2004 Adjunct Lecturer in History, Grove City College
2003 Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Allegheny College
2000-2002 Tutor in History, Harvard University

Education

2000 Ph.D., history (A.M., 1991), Harvard University, Cambridge MA

Thesis: "Max Horkheimer, Social Philosopher," Prof. Donald Fleming, advisor.
Graduate exam fields: modern intellectual; medieval intellectual; modern
U.S.; modern economic (in econ. dept.)

1989 A.B., Columbia University, New York NY. History major, mathematics minor

1989 Additional university study: University of Navarre, Pamplona, Spain

Awards

2011 Fellowship Research Grant, Earhart Foundation
2009 Lehrman American Studies Center fellowship, Princeton Univ.
2009 O'Donnell Grant, Scowcroft Institute for International Affairs, Texas A&M Univ.
2007 Fellowship Research Grant, Earhart Foundation (renewed 2008)
2007 Research Enhancement Grant, SHSU
2005 American Democracy Project essay prize, SHSU
2003 Title VI grant, U.S. Department of Education
2000 Director's Award, Intercollegiate Studies Institute
1998 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University
1996 Travel grant, Charles Warren Center
1995 Travel grant, Center for European Studies/Krupp Foundation
1994 Richard M. Weaver Fellowship Award
1989 Elsberg Award for Excellence in Modern History, Columbia College

Publications

Book:

Econoclasts: The Rebels Who Sparked the Supply-Side Revolution and Restored American Prosperity (Wilmington, Del.: ISI Books, 2009; series: The Culture of Enterprise), x + 358 pp.

Honor: Publisher's Picks, best financial books of 2009, Real Clear Markets

Articles/chapters

"*Capitalism and Freedom: A Poor Part Won Out*," libertylawsite.org, May 4, 2012

"Cosmopolitanism for Thee but Not for Me: Big and Small Countries in the Modern Era of Monetary Nationalism," in *Cosmopolitanism in the Age of Globalization: Citizens Without States* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2011)

(with James S. Olson), "The Banking Crisis," in *A Companion to Franklin D. Roosevelt* (Hoboken NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011)

"Economic Policy and the Road to Serfdom: The Watershed of 1913," *Intercollegiate Review* Vol. 46, No. 1 (Spring 2011); also ch. 1 in *Back on the Road to Serfdom*, ed. Thomas Woods (ISI Books, 2011)

"A Time for Action: William F. Buckley, *National Review*, and the Defeat of Stagflation," *Intercollegiate Review* Vol. 43, No. 2 (Fall 2008)

"Nathan Marsh Pusey: An Appreciation," *Modern Age* Vol. 46, No. 3 (Summer 2004)

"Paul Elmer More: America's Reactionary," *Modern Age* Vol. 45, No. 4 (Fall 2003)

"The Future and the 'End of History'," *Vision: Harvard Students Look Ahead* (Dipylon Press, 1994)

White papers and policy reports:

"Tax Revolt! It's Time to Learn from Past Success," *Cato Policy Report*, January/February 2014

"The Gold Standard: The Foundation of Our Economy's Greatness," American Principles Project, October 2012

"The Left's Dubious History of Income Inequality," Laffer Center for Supply-Side Economics, July, 2012

"The Secret Third Term in the Fed's *Triple* Mandate: A Critical History," Laffer Center for Supply-Side Economics, Nov. 2011

Encyclopedia/Dictionary essays:

“Catholic Social Thought – Germany,” in *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy* (Scarecrow Press, 2007)

“H.L. Mencken” and “George H. Nash,” in *American Conservatism: An Encyclopedia*, ed. B. Frohnen, J. Beer, J. Nelson (ISI Books, 2006)

“Max Horkheimer,” in *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers*, ed. John R. Shook (Thoemmes Press, 2004), Vol. 2

Reviews:

“Safety-Net Nation,” city-journal.net, Aug. 6, 2013

“Crisis and Leviathan: IMF Edition,” libertylawsite.org, Aug. 4, 2013

“To the Randians of All Parties,” city-journal.net, Nov. 19, 2012

“Stimulating Arguments,” city-journal.net, April 27, 2012

“Gross as a Mountain,” *Journal of Policy History* 23, No. 3 (Summer 2011)

American Power and Policy (ed. Robert Leeson), eh.net, June 10, 2011

“A Civilized Relic,” eh.net, Nov. 11, 2010

The Mermaid and the Messerschmitt (by Rulka Langer), *The Sarmatian Review* XXX, No. 2 (April 2010)

“Cold War Policy Could Have Been *Intelligencer*,” *Intercollegiate Review* Vol. 51, No. 2 (Spring 2009)

“Not the West, but Europe,” *Modern Age* Vol. 50, No. 2 (Spring 2008)

“Crack-up-a-lot,” *Intercollegiate Review* Vol. 43, No. 1 (Spring 2008)

“Doing Good by Doing Well,” *University Bookman* Vol. 45, No. 3 (Fall 2007)

“New Thoughts on an Old Idea,” *Modern Age* Vol. 47, No. 3 (Summer 2005)

“The Duelist,” *The American Spectator*, April 2005

Jacob Burckhardt and the Crisis of Modernity, by John R. Hinde, in *Modern Age* Vol. 44, No. 2 (Spring 2002)

Presentations

“The JFK Tax Cuts,” Eubank Conference on Real World Markets, Rice Univ., Sept. 23, 2013

“Inequality: Sorting Through the Facts,” Cato Institute, Washington, DC, Aug. 14, 2012

“The Nobel Prize and the Phillips Curve: An Inverse Relationship,” Policy History Conference, Richmond VA, June 8, 2012

- “Convergence vs. Convexity: How Should Mature Economies Grow, and How Have They Grown?” 3rd Eubank Conference on Real World Markets, Rice Univ., Houston, Oct. 18, 2011
- “What Really Were the Gold Standard Effects at the Origins of the Great Depression?” The George Washington Forum: The Great Depression Revisited, Ohio Univ., Athens OH, Oct. 14, 2011
- “US GDP and the Price Level: The Historical Record,” Heritage Foundation Conference on a Stable Dollar, Arlington VA, Oct. 5, 2011
- Co-moderator, “Jack Kemp and the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981,” Jack Kemp oral history project, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA, Apr. 18, 2011
- Panelist, “Supply-Side Economics: From the Reagan Era to Today,” conference hosted by the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, and *The Wall Street Journal*, New York NY, March 22, 2011
- “The Futility of Monetary Policy,” 2nd Eubank Conference: Modeling Financial Markets in an Age of Fiat Money, Rice Univ., Oct. 19, 2010
- Panelist, Houston PBS Elevate Lecture with Susie Gharib of Nightly Business Report, July 21, 2010
- “The JFK Tax Cuts: The Evidence for Keynesianism is Thin,” Policy History Conference, Columbus OH, June 2010
- “The Economic Crisis,” Philadelphia Society, Phila. PA, April 2010
- “New Growth Theory or New Growth Metrics?” Gulf Coast Economics Association, Savannah GA, Nov. 2009
- “How Much Economic Growth is Enough? The Great 20th-Century Debate,” Gulf Coast Economics Association, San Antonio TX, Nov. 2008
- “Late Modernity and Economic Growth,” Gulf Coast Economics Association, Austin TX, Nov. 2007
- “Downgrading the Marshall Plan,” Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio TX, Apr. 2006
- “Hayek’s Road to Serfdom,” ISI Honors Fellow conference, Princeton Univ., June 2005
- “Horkheimer and Hayek Diagnose the Problem,” Center for West European Studies, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Mar. 2003
- “The Strange Career of *Dialectic of Enlightenment*,” Yale Germanic studies conference, Mar. 1999
- “Max Horkheimer after 1950,” Contemporary History Workshop, Cambridge MA, April 1997

Lectures

- “Gold, Prosperity, and the Federal Reserve at 100: The Path Ahead in the 21st Century,”
Center for Political and Economic Thought, St. Vincent College, Latrobe PA, Oct. 30,
2013
- “Economic Myths in American History,” Center for Reflective Citizenship, University of
Tennessee-Chattanooga, June 14, 2013
- “Are We Back on the Road to Serfdom?” CPAC conference, National Harbor MD, March 14,
2013
- “Restoring American Prosperity,” Founder’s Day Breakfast, Center for the American
Republic, Houston, Nov. 8, 2012
- “The Argument for Returning to the Gold Standard,” Hillsdale Free Market Forum, Houston,
Oct. 5, 2012
- “Macroeconomics: Another Modern Invention,” ISI/James Madison Program in American
Studies, Princeton Univ., June 21, 2011
- “The Long 1970s as Trojan Horse,” Contemporary History Institute, Ohio Univ., Athens OH,
Jan. 13, 2011
- “The Economic Crisis in Context,” 2010 ISI Rancho Santa Fe (CA) Conference, June 12, 2010
- “Economic Crisis and History,” Friends Univ., Wichita KS, April 20, 2010
- “The Historic 1970s,” Templeton Enterprise Awards, New York NY, April 6, 2010
- “Escaping Economic Crisis: the Lessons of History,” Houston Community College – Central,
March 23, 2010
- “Supply-Side Economics and Reversion to Trend,” Statistics Colloquium, Rice Univ., March
8, 2010
- “Sparking the Supply-Side Revolution,” Baylor Univ. Honors College, Waco TX, Feb. 4, 2010
- “Solving Economic Crisis,” Huntsville TX Rotary, Jan. 6, 2010
- “Supply-Side Economics as Contribution to Stabilization Theory,” Heritage Foundation,
Washington, DC, Nov. 2009 (video archived at heritage.org)
- “Defending the 1913 Price Level and the Causes of the Great Depression,” Peter Secchia
Breakfast Keynote Lecture, Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, Grand Valley
State Univ., Grand Rapids MI, Oct. 2009 (video archived on YouTube)
- “Supply-Side Economics and Economic Crisis,” ISI National Leadership Conference,
Indianapolis, Oct. 2009

“How Milton Friedman Joined the Supply-Siders,” Milton Friedman Anniversary Lecture, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Wilmington DE, July 2009

“How the United States Slipped Economic Crises in the Past,” Phi Alpha Theta lecture, Lamar State Univ., Beaumont TX, Apr. 14, 2009

Three lectures on the history economic crises, Center for the American Idea, Houston, Mar. 27, 2009

Three lectures on “Wealth, Poverty, and Human Destiny,” United Way of Houston, Feb. 5, 2008

“Supply-Side Economics and the Restoration of Postwar Prosperity,” Gulf Coast Economics Association major speaker address, November 2007

Lectures at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston Branch, sponsored by the Center for the American Idea

Oct. 15, 2007:

“The Greatest Fact of Modern History”

“Economic Growth and Modernity”

“Economic Growth and Religious Tradition”

Feb. 2, 2007:

“The Case for the Gold Standard”

“Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish Perspectives on Free Markets”

“The Rise of Supply-Side Economics”

Oct 24, 2006:

“The Great Depression: Caused by Business – or Government?”

“Downgrading the Marshall Plan”

“Why did the Markets Hate the Carter Deficits but Love the Reagan Ones?”

“Dread for Democracy: Karl Löwith Reads Burckhardt and Tocqueville,” ISI Honors Fellow conference, Princeton Univ., June 2005

“The First Neo-Conservatives,” Allegheny College, Nov. 2003

“New Thinking on the History of Atheism,” Quincy House Senior Common Room, Cambridge MA, Jan. 1997

“Freud, Augustine, and Atheism,” Elmbrook University Center, Cambridge MA, April 1993

Journalism

Print:

“With Plenty of Time, Obama Gave Us -0.3% Growth,” *Forbes*, Nov. 5, 2012

“Occupy Wall Street Duped by ‘1%’ Economics,” *Washington Examiner*, July 12, 2012

“The Weak Dollar Caused the Great Recession,” *Forbes*, May 7, 2012

“The Reagan Revolution’s Unfinished Business,” *Forbes*, Nov. 21, 2011

“Overextended U.S. Needs Cuts In Taxes, Spending,” *Investor’s Business Daily*, Apr. 29, 2011

“Europe’s GDP Envy,” *Wall Street Journal*, June 1, 2010

“History Shows CBO Is Partisan,” *Roll Call*, March 22, 2010

“Shovel-ready Shibboleth,” *Washington Times*, Jan. 6, 2010

“Banking on Job Growth,” *Townhall.com*, Dec. 21, 2009

“JFK Defied Samuelson, Setting Off Boom,” *Investor’s Business Daily*, Dec. 17, 2009

“Michael Moore Killed All the Jobs,” *Human Events*, Dec. 8, 2009

“Gross Domestic Happiness? Why the French want to redefine economic growth,” *Wall Street Journal*, Sept. 29, 2009

“Shanghai the G-20 with a Shadow,” *AC360° Anderson Cooper blog on CNN.com*, Sept. 25, 2009

“The G-20: What Would Andrew Mellon Do?” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, Sept. 22, 2009

“Supply-Side Warnings, Ignored Yet Again; Obama Ignores Mistakes of 1969-1970,” *NYDailyNews.com*, Sept. 16-17, 2009

“Supply-Siders Can Ride To Rescue The Same Way They Did in 1970s,” *Investor’s Business Daily*, Sept. 3, 2009

“Uncovering the History of Supply-Side Economics—At Last,” *The Canon*, Summer 2009

“Kemp Almost Made Carter,” *Palm Beach Post*, May 7, 2009; reprinted in *Providence Journal*, May 11, 2009

“Constitution Day: Byrd’s Latest Highway to Nowhere,” *Vision & Values* online, Sept. 19, 2005, hyperlinked on townhall.com
http://gcc.savior.com/Constitution_Day__Byrd_s_Latest_Highway_to_Nowhere.php

Radio:

(appearances all Sept. 2009ff.) national: Lars Larson show biweekly economics guest; Jim Bohannon show; Voice of America; Public Radio International; Gabe Wisdom Show, Business Talk Radio; News & Views; Savage Nation; Larry Kudlow Show; Crane Durham Nothing But Truth; various local shows, including Sid Salter (MS), Rob Shilling (VA), Fred Honsberger (PA), Big Biz Show (CA), Jim Parisi (AZ), Rick Hamada (HI), New Capital Show (Pacifica Houston)

Television:

C-SPAN, Aug. 14, 2013; *Book TV*, C-SPAN 2, May 2-3, 2010; *Lou Dobbs Tonight*, Oct. 29, 2009; *The Kudlow Report*, Oct. 23, 2009, Aug. 20, 2013, Nov. 22, 2013; Fox Business morning shows, Sept. 8 & 24, 2009

Internet podcast:

“Coffee & Markets,” Nov. 29, 2011

Financial Sense Newshour, Dec. 12, 2009, financialsense.com/Experts/2009/Domitrovic.html

“Supply-Side Due for Revival,” Sept. 21, 2009, newsmax.com

“Between the Covers with John J. Miller,” Aug. 18, 2009, nationalreview.com

Regular column and blog:

Contributor (biweekly), forbes.com opinions, byline “Past & Present”

“Supply-Side Economics Today,” at briandomitrovic.com

Teaching

Ancient-medieval	Europe, 1914-1989
Renaissance-imperialism world	Modern Germany
Germany & Central Europe since 1815	Great Books colloquium
World in the 20 th century	Historical methods
Later modern Europe (graduate & online)	Honors thesis in history
History of the Jews	European intellectual history
America, 1492-present	Economic history
Historical methods (graduate & online)	Middle East

Service

2011-	Senior Associate, Laffer Center for Supply-Side Economics
2011-	Economic Policy Advisory Board, Herman Cain for President
2011-	Board of Advisors, thegoldstandardnow.org
2005-13	Editorial Advisory Board, <i>Modern Age: A Quarterly Review</i>

Languages

Competence in German and Spanish, reading and speaking