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Curriculum Vitae

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Personal:

- Date of Birth: August 15, 1960
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Education:

- Ph.D. (1988), Economics, University of Washington
Fields: Price Theory, Industrial Organization
- M.A. (1984) Economics, Simon Fraser University
- B.A. (Hons.) (1983) Economics and Business Administration,
Simon Fraser University

Honors:

- 2020 Liberty Lecture, Arizona State University
- 2018: Cormack Teaching Award
- 2018: Erskine Fellow, University of Canterbury
- 2014: Douglass C. North Book Prize
- 2013: Erskine Fellow, University of Canterbury
- 2011 Janis Lecture, Brown University
- 2009 University Teaching Award, Simon Fraser University.
- 2006: Erskine Fellow, University of Canterbury
- 2006: Giblin Lecture, University of Tasmania
- 2000 Dean's Silver Medal: Outstanding Academic Service
- 2000 Burnaby Mountain Chair

- 1988: Henry Buechel Teaching Award, University of Washington
- 1984–1988: SSHRCC, Doctoral Fellowship
- 1984: S.F.U. Thesis Fellowship
- 1983: Western Economic Association’s Best Graduate Paper Prize
- 1980–1982: S.F.U. Open Scholarship

Grants:

- 2021–2024: SSHRCC Insight Research Grant
- 2018–2020: SSHRCC Institutional Grant
- 2013–2016: SSHRCC Insight Research Grant
- 2006–2011: SSHRCC Standard Research Grant
- 2002-2005: SSHRCC Standard Research Grant
- 1995-97: NSF Research Grant (Dean Lueck principal investigator)
- 1995-98: SSHRCC Standard Research Grant
- 1995: Research Grant, Center for the Study of Contracts, Univ. of Pittsburgh
- 1992-93: SSHRCC Standard Research Grant
- 1992: SSHRCC Small Grant
- 1990-92: S.F.U. President’s Research Grant
- 1988-89: SSHRCC GR-6, Research Award

Teaching Experience:

- 2000–: Burnaby Mountain Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University.
- Dec. 2018: Faculty, Ronald Coase Institute, Bratislava, Slovakia.
- Sept.-Oct. 2018: Erskine Fellow, University of Canterbury
- May 2016: Faculty, Ronald Coase Institute, Tallinn, Estonia.
- May 2015: Faculty Fellow, European School For NIE, Cargese, France.
- April-May 2013: Erskine Fellow, University of Canterbury
- May-June 2006: Erskine Fellow, University of Canterbury

- Fall 2004: Visiting Professor, Trinity Western University
- December 2000: Visiting Professor, Novosibirsk State Technical University.
- May 2000: Visiting Professor, University of Canterbury
- 1999–2000: Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University.
- 1993–99: Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University.
- 1990–93: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University.
- 1988–1990: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Carleton University.
- 1984–1988: Teaching Associate, University of Washington
- 1982–1983: Teaching Assistant, Simon Fraser University

Other Academic Service

- 2020 –: Advisory Board, Western Community College.
- 2018–: International Advisory Board, *Journal of Institutional Economics*
- 2018 – 2021: Program Advisory Committee, Kwantlen Polytechnic University.
- 2012 –: Chair, Senate Committee on Disciplinary Appeals, SFU
- 2011–2013 Board of Directors, ISNIE.
- 2010 –: Standing Committee on Academic Standards, Alexander College.
- 2006–2009 Associate Editor, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*

Journal Publications:

- “On the Primacy of Economic Property Rights” *Journal of Institutional Economics* 19(1), 2023: 272–275.
- “Covid-19 Lockdown Cost/Benefits: A Critical Assessment of the Literature.” *International Journal of the Economics of Business* 29(1) 2022: 1–32.
- “Property Right Acquisition and Path Dependence: Nineteenth Century Land Policy and Modern Economic Outcomes” (with Bryan Leonard) *The Economic Journal* 131(November) 2021: 3073–3102.
- “How Many Rushed During the Oklahoma Land Openings?” (with Bryan

- Leonard) *Clometrica* 14(2), 2020: 397–416.
- “The Institutional Economics of Marriage: A Reinterpretation of Margaret Brinig’s Contribution to Family Law” *Notre Dame Law Review* 95(4) 2020: 1539–1566.
 - “Stability Rates of Same-Sex Couples: With and Without Children” (with Joseph Price) *Marriage & Family Review* 56(1) 2020: 51–71.
 - “Right on Time: Not Quite Right on Economics” *Boston University Law Review* 99, 2019: 44–46.
 - “Rationing by Racing and the Oklahoma Land Rushes” (with Bryan Leonard) *Journal of Institutional Economics* April, 2019: 1–18.
 - “Establishing Economic Property Rights by Giving Away an Empire” *Journal of Law and Economics* 62(2), May 2019: 251–280.
 - “The Insight and the Legacy of ‘The Theory of Share Tenancy’,” (with Dean Lueck) *Man and the Economy* 5(1) June 2018.
 - “The Lesser of Two Weevils: British Victualling Organization In the Long Eighteenth Century” *European Review of Economic History* 22(2), May 2018: 233–259.
 - “Property As Sequential Exchange: Definition and Language Issues.” *Journal of Institutional Economics* 13(4), 2017: 785–792.
 - “Matching, Marriage, and Children: Differences Across Sexual Orientations.” (with Shih En Lu) *Review of Economics of the Household* 15(2), 2017: 527–547.
 - “Conservation Practices and the Growth of U.S. Cash Rent Leases.” (with Allison Borchers) *Journal of Agricultural Economics* 67(2): 2016: 491–509.
 - “Institutionally Constrained Technology Adoption: Resolving The Longbow Puzzle” (with Peter Leeson) *Journal of Law and Economics* 58(2) August 2015: 683–715.
 - “On Hodgson On Property Rights” *Journal of Institutional Economics* 11(4) 2015: 711–717.
 - “More Heat Than Light: A Critical Assessment of the Same-Sex Parenting Literature, 1995–2013” *Marriage & Family Review* 51(2) 2015: 154–182.
 - “Same-Sex Marriage and Negative Externalities: A Critique, Replication, and Correction of Langbein and Yost” (With Joe Price) *Econ Journal Watch*

- 12(2) May 2015: 142–160.
- “The Coase Theorem: Coherent, Logical, and Not Disproved” *Journal of Institutional Economics* 11(2), 2015:379–390.
 - “Coasean Method: Lessons From the Farm” *Journal of Institutional Economics* 11(1), 2015: 93–110.
 - “Household Production and Sexual Orientation” *Economic Inquiry* 53(1) January 2015: 406–418.
 - “High School Graduation Rates Among Children of Same-Sex Households” *Review of Economics of the Household* 11(4) 2013: 635–658.
 - ★ Reprinted in *No Differences? How Children in Same-Sex Households Fare: Studies from Social Science*. Ana Samuel (ed.) (Princeton: Witherspoon Institute 2014).
 - “In Defense of the Institutional Revolution” *Review of Austrian Economics* 26(4), 2013: 397–412.
 - “Nontraditional Families and Childhood Progress through School: A Comment on Rosenfeld” (with Joe Price and Catherine Pakaluk) *Demography* 50(3) June 2013: 955–961.
 - ★ Reprinted in *No Differences? How Children in Same-Sex Households Fare: Studies from Social Science*. Ana Samuel (ed.) (Princeton: Witherspoon Institute 2014).
 - “The Ancient Olympics As a Signal of City-State Strength” (with Vera Lantinova) *Economics of Governance* 14(1), 2013: 23–44.
 - “Child Support Guidelines and Divorce Incentives” (with Margaret Brinig), *International Review of Law and Economics* 32 2012: pp. 309–316.
 - “The Evolution of Criminal Law and Police During the Pre-Modern Era” (with Yoram Barzel) *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 27(3) October 2011: pp. 540–567.
 - “Child Support Guidelines: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly” (with Margaret Brinig) *Family Law Quarterly* Vol. 45(2) Summer 2011: pp. 135–156.
 - “Do Joint Parenting Laws Make Any Difference?” (with Margaret Brinig) *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* Volume 8(2), June 2011: pp. 304–324.
 - “Who Should Be Allowed Into the Marriage Franchise?” *Drake Law Review*

- Vol. 58(4) Summer 2010, pp. 1043–1075.
- “A Better Method for Assessing the Value of Housewife Services” *American Journal of Family Law* Vol. 23(4) Winter 2010: 219–223.
 - “Custom and Incentives in Contracts” (with Dean Lueck) *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 91(4) November 2009: 880–894.
 - “A Theory of the Pre-Modern Aristocracy” *Explorations in Economic History* 46, 2009: pp. 299–313.
 - “Information Sharing During the Klondike Gold Rush” *Journal of Economic History* Vol 67(4) December 2007: pp. 944–967.
 - “The Effect on Divorce of Legislated Net-Wealth Transfers: The Case of Canada’s Child Support Guidelines” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* 2007 Vol. 23(3): pp. 580–597.
 - “Lays vs. Wages: Contracting in The Klondike Gold Rush” *Research in Law and Economics* Vol 22 Spring 2007: pp. 1–16.
 - “Theoretical Difficulties with Transaction Cost Measurement” *Division of Labor and Transaction Costs* Vol 2(1) December 2006: pp. 1–14.
 - “The Duel of Honor: Screening for Unobservable Social Capital” (with Clyde Reed) *American Law and Economics Review* 8 2006 : pp. 81–115
 - “No-Fault Divorce and the Contraction of Marriage Ages” (with Krishna Pendakur and Wing Suen) *Economic Inquiry* Vol. 44(3) July 2006: pp 547–558.
 - “An Economic Assessment of Same-Sex Marriage” *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* Vol. 29 (3) Summer 2006: pp. 949–980.
 - ★ Reprinted in *Same Sex Marriages — An Overview* C.P. Nandini (ed) (Hyderabad: Amicus Books, 2008).
 - “Purchase, Patronage, and Professions: Incentives and the Evolution of Public Office in Pre-Modern Britain,” *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 161(1), 2005, pp. 57–79.
 - “Rules and Rewards in the Age of Sail: A Reply” *Explorations in Economic History* 40(2) April 2003, pp. 212–220.
 - “The Rhino’s Horn: Incomplete Property Rights and the Optimal Value of an Asset” *Journal of Legal Studies* XXXI June 2002 pp. 339–358.

- “These Boots Are Made For Walking: Reply” (with Margaret Brinig) *American Law and Economics Review* 4(2), 2002 pp. 376–379.
- “The British Navy Rules: Monitoring and Incompatible Incentives in the Age of Fighting Sail”. *Explorations in Economic History* 39, 2002 pp. 204–231.
- “A Transaction Cost Primer on Farm Organization” *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics* (with Dean Lueck) 48, 2001, pp. 643–652.
- “These Boots Are Made For Walking: Why Most Divorce Filers Are Women” (with Margaret Brinig) *American Law and Economics Review* Vol.2(1) Spring 2000, pp. 126–169.

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- “The Role of Risk in Contract Choice” (with Dean Lueck) *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization* Vo. 15, No. 3 October 1999, pp. 704–736.
- “The Nature of the Farm” (with Dean Lueck). *Journal of Law and Economics* 41(2)October 1998, pp.343–386.

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- “No-Fault Divorce In Canada: Its Cause and Effect.” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 37(2) October 1998, pp. 129–149.
- “Sex, Property Rights and Divorce” (with Margaret Brinig). *European Journal of Law and Economics* 5 June 1998, pp. 211–233.
- “Compatible Incentives and the Purchase of Military Commissions.” *Journal of Legal Studies* January 1998, pp. 45–66.
- “Why Do Family Farms Dominate in Agriculture?” (with Dean Lueck). *Revue d’Economie du Developpement* 1997(2) pp. 15–38.
- “Order In the Church: A Property Rights Approach.” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* July 1995, pp. 97–117.
- “Risk Preferences and the Economics of Contracts” (with Dean Lueck). *American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings* May 1995, pp. 447–451.

- “Pot-Bellies and Cattle Breeds as ReVealing Signals.” *Economic Inquiry*, July 1993, pp. 481–487.
- “Welfare and the Family: The Canadian Experience.” *Journal of Labor Economics*, 11(1) January 1993 pp. 201–223.
- “Transaction Costs and the Design of Cropshare Contracts” (with Dean Lueck). *RAND Journal of Economics*, 24(1) Spring 1993, pp. 78–100.
- “Contract Choice In Modern Agriculture: Cash Rent vs. Cropshare” (with Dean Lueck). *Journal of Law and Economics*, 35 October 1992, pp. 397–426.
- “Marriage and Divorce: Comment.” *American Economic Review*, 82 June 1992, pp. 679–685.
 - ★ Reprinted in *The Economics of Family Law* Margaret Brinig (ed) (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Press, 2006).
- “The Back-Forty on a Handshake: Specific Assets, Reputation, and The Structure of Farmland Contracts” (with Dean Lueck). *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, 8 April 1992, pp. 366–377.
 - ★ Reprinted in *Foundations of Property Law* Bruce Ackerman, Robert Ellickson, and Carol Rose, eds. (Little Brown Boston, 1995.)
- “What Does She See In Him: The Effect of Sharing on the Choice of Spouse.” *Economic Inquiry*, 30 January 1992, pp. 57–67.
- “What Are Transaction Costs?” *Research in Law and Economics*, 14 Fall 1991, pp. 1–18.
- “Homesteading and Property Rights: Or ‘How the West Was Really Won’.” *Journal of Law and Economics*, 34 April 1991, pp. 1–23.
 - ★ Reprinted in *The Political Economy of the American West* Terry L. Anderson and Peter J. Hill. eds. (Rowman & Littlefield London, 1994).
- “An Inquiry Into the State’s Role in Marriage.” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 13(2) 1990, pp. 171–191.
- “Evidence of ‘Tax’ Farming: Tests Using Differential Land Assessments For BC Farms” *Canadian Public Policy — Analyse de Politiques*, XI: 4: 1985, pp. 659–664.

Miscellaneous Publications:

- “Same-Sex Marriage and Disneyesque Fantasies” *C2C Journal* Manning Centre, April 2013.

- “When We Lived With Labours Lost” *Scope*, Vol. 1, 2012: 46–54.
- “The Institutional Revolution” *The Montreal Review* November 2011. available at <http://www.themontrealreview.com/2009/The-Institutional-Revolution.php>
- “Does Divorce Law Affect the Divorce Rate? A Review of Empirical Research 1995-2006,” (with Maggie Gallagher) (Manassas, VA: Institute for Marriage and Public Policy, July 2007).
- “Agricultural Contracts” (with Dean Lueck) in Claude Menard and Mary M. Shirley, eds. *Handbook of New Institutional Economics*. (New York: Springer, 2005).
- “Transaction Costs” *Encyclopedia of Law and Society: American and Global Perspectives* David Clark (ed) (London: Sage Publications, 2005).
- “An Alternative Method for Assessing the Value of Housewife Services” *The Expert Witness* Vol. 9 No. 1. Spring 2004.
- “Family Farm Inc.” (with Dean Lueck) *Choices: The Magazine of Food, Farm, and Resource Issues*, First Quarter, 2000, pp. 13–17.
- “Transaction Costs” *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics (Volume One: The History and Methodology of Law and Economics)* Bouckaert, Boudewijn and De Geest, Gerrit (eds.) (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Press, 2000). pp. 893-926. Also published on line at <http://allserv.rug.ac.be/gdegeest/0740art.htm>.
 - ★ Reprinted in *The International Library of the New Institutional Economics* Claude Ménard, (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Press, 2003)
- “Cropshare Contracts” *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics and the Law* Peter Newman (ed.) (London: MacMillan Press, 1998) pp. 569–571.
- “1967 Was A Bad Year” *Fraser Forum* (Fraser Institute) September 1995 pp. 26–28.
- “Property Rights And Transaction Costs” (with Eugene Silberberg) chapter 9 in *Principles of Microeconomics* by Eugene Silberberg (Prentice Hall, 1994).
- “Farmland Leasing In Modern Agriculture” (with Dean Lueck). *Choices: The Magazine of Food, Farm, and Resource Issues*, First Quarter 1992, pp. 30–31.

Book Chapters:

- “Why Did States Repeatedly Use Inefficient Lockdowns During The Covid-

- 19 Pandemic?” in *Covid: What We’ve Learned but Continue to Ignore* D. Boudreaux (ed.) (Vancouver: Fraser Institute, 2022).
- “Lockdown: A Final Assessment” in *Covid: What We’ve Learned but Continue to Ignore* D. Boudreaux (ed.) (Vancouver: Fraser Institute, 2022).
 - “The Organization of Vineyards and Wineries” (with Dean Lueck) in A. A. Ugaglia *et al* (eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Wine Industry Economics* (London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2019).
 - “Recognizing and Solving Institutional Puzzles” in C. Ménard and M. Shirley (eds.), *A Research Agenda for New Institutional Economics* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Press, 2018).
 - “Coase’s Contribution To Contract Theory” (with Yoram Barzel) in C. Menard and E. Bertrand (eds.), *Ronald H. Coase*. (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Press, 2016).
 - “Normal Progress Through School: Further Results” (with Catherine Pakaluk and Joe Price) in Ana Samuel (ed.) *No Differences? How Children in Same-Sex Households Fare: Studies from Social Science*. (Princeton: Witherspoon Institute 2014).
 - “The Anatomy of Canada’s Child Support Guidelines: The Effects, Details, and History of A Feminist Family Policy” in Lloyd Cohen and Joshua D Wright (eds.), *Research Handbook on the Economics of Family Law* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Press, 2011).
 - “Theocracy as a Screening Device” in Ronald Wintrobe (ed.) *The Political Economy of Theocracy* (Palgrave/Macmillan, 2009).
 - “Marriage as an Institution: A New Institutional Economic Approach” in Daniel Cere (ed.), *The Conjugal Bond: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Institution of Marriage* (Montreal: McGill University Press, 2008).
 - “The Sky is Not Falling: The Economic Impact of Terrorist Security After 9/11 on Canadian Industries” in Marc Duhamel and Zhiqi Chen (eds.), *Industrial Organization in Canada: Empirical Evidence and Policy Challenges*. (Ottawa: Industry Canada, 2006) Also published under the same title by McGill-Queens University Press, 2011.
 - “The Impact of Legal Reforms on Marriage and Divorce” in Anthony Dnes and Robert Rowthorn (eds.), *Marriage and Divorce: An Economic Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2002.) pp. 191–211.

- “No-Fault Divorce and the Divorce Rate: Its History, Effect, and Implications” in Douglas Allen and John Richards (eds.), *It Takes Two: The Family in Law and Finance* (C.D. Howe, 1999) pp. 1–35.
- “Welfare Reforms In Alberta” in Chris Bruce, Ken McKenzie and Ron Kneebone (eds.), *A Government Reinvented: A Study of Alberta’s Deficit Elimination Program* (Oxford University Press, Toronto 1997) pp. 275–282.
- “Property Rights, Transaction Costs, and Coase: One More Time” in Steven Medema (ed.), *Coasean Economics: Law and Economics and the New Institutional Economics* (Kluwer Academic Publishers 1997) pp. 105–118.
- “The Transaction Cost Approach To Agricultural Contracts” (with Dean Lueck) in David Martimort (ed.), *Agricultural Markets: Mechanisms, Failures, Regulations* (North Holland Press, 1996) pp.31–65.
- “Some Comments Regarding Divorce, Lone Mothers, and Children” in J. Richards and W. Watson (eds.), *Family Matters: Dealing with Divorce, Lone Mothers, and Child Poverty* (C.D. Howe Institute, 1995) pp. 258–284.
- “A Fish Out of Water: A Fallacy in the Application of Common Property”, in T. K. Rymes (ed.), *Welfare, Property Rights and Economic Policy in a Democracy: Essays in Honour of H. Scott Gordon*. (Ottawa: Carleton University Press 1991), pp. 78–85.

Books:

- *Economic Analysis of Property Rights* (with Yoram Barzel) 3rd Edition. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2023).
- *The Institutional Revolution: Measurement & The Economic Emergence of the Modern World* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2012)
 - ★ Winner of 2014 Douglass C. North Book Prize, for best book in Institutional Economics.
- *The Nature of the Farm: Contracts, Risk and Organization in Agriculture* with Dean Lueck. (Cambridge, The MIT Press, 2002).
- *It Takes Two: The Family in Law and Finance* co-edited with John Richards (C.D. Howe, 1999).
- *Microeconomics, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Editions* with Curt and Dianne Eaton. (Pearson Education, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2009, and 2011)
- *Economic Principles: Seven Ideas for Thinking ... About Almost Anything*

(Pearson Education, 2002–2018).

- *Economic Literacy: A Different Approach to Economic Principles* (McInnes Creek Press, 2019–2021)

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- “A Review of ‘The Theory of Transaction in Institutional Economics: A History.’ by Massimiliano Vatiello. *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics* 14(1), Spring 2021: 246–250.
- “A Review of ‘Golden Rules: the Origins of California Water Law in the Gold Rush,’” by M. Kanazawa. *EH.Net*, October 2015.
- “A Review of ‘Institutions, Innovation, and Industrialization: Essays in Economic History and Development,’” Avner Greif, Lynne Kiesling, and John V.C. Nye (eds.). *Public Choice* 163(3), 2015:397–399.
- “A Review of ‘Economic Origins of Roman Christianity,’” by R. B. Ekelund Jr. and R.D. Tollison. *Journal of Economic Literature* Vol. L, No. 2, March 2012, pp. 545–546.
- “A Review of ‘Legalising Land Rights: Local Practices, State Responses, and Tenure Security in Africa, Asia and Latin America.’” Janine M. Ubrink, Andre J. Hoekema, and Willem J. Assies (eds.). *Agricultural History* 85(1) 2011, pp. 119-120.
- “A Review of ‘American Agriculture and the Problem of Monopoly: The Political Economy of Grain Belt Farming, 1953–1980.’” by Jon Lauck *Journal of American History* December 2001, p. 157.
- “A Review of ‘Southern Paternalism and the American Welfare State.’” by Lee Alston and Joseph Ferrie. *Journal of Economic History* pp. 835–836.
- “A Review of ‘The Dawn of Conservation Diplomacy.’” by Kurkpatrick Dorsey. *Journal of Economic History* Summer 1999, pp. 344–346.
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- “A Review of ‘Nationalism and Rationality,’” Albert Breton *et al.* (eds.). *Journal of Economic Literature* (June 1997) pp. 820–821.
- “A Review of ‘Public Goods and Private Communities: The Market Provision of Social Services’ by Fred Foldvary.” *Journal of Economic Literature* (June 1995) pp. 52–53.

- “A Review of ‘Property Rights and Indian Economies’,” Terry Anderson (ed.). *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 75 February 1993, pp. 243–244.
- “A Review of ‘The Firm, The Market, And The Law’,” by R.H. Coase. *Canadian Journal of Economics*, August 1991, pp. 740–743.