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## **EDUCATION**

### **Degrees**

Auburn University, AL 36830  
Doctor of Philosophy in Economics  
Degree Earned May 2005

#### *Fields of study:*

Industrial Organization (Regulation and Antitrust)  
Environmental Economics  
Econometrics

#### *Dissertation Title:*

“Ranking the Cost of Environmental Regulation Among the  
Several  
States: A Quantitative Approach”

#### *Dissertation Committee:*

John D. Jackson, Ph.D. (Co-Chair)  
Robert B. Ekelund, Jr. Ph.D. (Co-Chair)  
Mark Thornton, Ph.D.

Auburn University, Auburn University, AL 36830  
Master of Science in Economics  
Degree Earned August 1999

Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, LA 71290  
Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics  
Degree Earned December 1996

## **FUNDED RESEARCH:**

Awarded a research grant funded through Auburn University by three Fortune 500 Companies.  
Grant Amount \$3,000  
**Topic:** Choosing the geographic location of new electricity production units after implementation of Phase 1 and Phase 2 by the EPA.

## **UNIVERSITY RELATED TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

### **Louisiana Tech University – Ruston, LA – Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics Sept. 2003 to Present**

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate:

Money and Banking

Introductory Microeconomics

Introductory Macroeconomics

Economics for Non-Business Majors

Quantitative Analysis

Intermediate Micro

Graduate:

Managerial Economics (MBA)

Louisiana Tech Graduate Faculty

Spring 2005 – Present

Graduate Committee Member

Fall 2005 – Present

### **Auburn University - Auburn, AL - Graduate Teaching Assistant Sept. 1997 to May 2002**

Courses Taught:

Environmental Economics

Introductory Microeconomics

Economics for Non-Business Majors

### **Southern Union State Community College - Opelika, AL - Instructor Spring 2000 & Spring 2002**

Courses Taught:

Introductory Macroeconomics

## **PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS / INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE:**

Research Economist -- ERS Group, Tallahassee, FL

August 2002 – September 2003

ERS Group is an economic and financial consulting firm that specializes in analyses

for complex business litigation, matters involving employment decisions, and regulation. Over 3,000 clients, including Fortune 500 companies, law firms, universities, industry trade associations and government agencies, have retained ERS Group professionals in a wide variety of cases involving numerous industries.

As a research economist, I was asked to design and conduct statistical analysis in support of litigation using large, complex data sets and state-of-the-art statistical packages and techniques.

Assistant to the Director - Auburn Policy Research Center, Auburn University, AL  
July 1998 - Dec. 2000

The APRC conducted economic research for southern utility companies. My responsibilities included organizing and managing the APRC's office, and acting as intermediary between clients, contributors, professors and government agents while ensuring that the Center operated smoothly.

Mortgage Loan Auditor - Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Monroe, LA  
1996 - 1997

Inspected and corrected mortgage loans purchased from regional loan agencies before being sold by CMMC to Fannie May or Freddie Mac.

### **PROFESSIONAL AWARD:**

Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award - Department of Economics  
Auburn University - April, 2000

### **SELECTED SHORT ARTICLES:**

*Flower Prices -- Gouging for Flowers?*  
mises.org

*A Global Warming Primer*  
mises.org

*Another One for the List*  
mises.org

*Baby's Daddy*  
lewrockwell.com

*You Too Can Retire as a Millionaire! (A How-To Guide for Young People)*  
lewrockwell.com

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

*Economic Precursors of the Crimean War*  
Presented at the May, 2002 Austrian Scholars Conference, Auburn, AL

### **WORKING PAPERS:**

"Taxes and Tariffs: An Economist's History of the United States" with John Sophocleus

"Pay No Attention to the Man Behind the Curtain: Can the Fed's Inflation Tax be Measured?"

"Environmental Regulatory Cost to the Electricity Producing Industry: A Quantitative Approach"

"Utility Regulation and Industry Concentration: A Public Choice Examination"

Reviewed 1/2007

“Has the Andean Trade Preferences Act Achieved its Goals? Producers’ Vs. Consumers’ Surplus”

“No-Fault Divorce Laws: A Boon to Marriage?” with Tim Bisping

“The Cone of Ignorance: Does Class Attendance and Seating Affect the Grade? A New Approach”

**Professional Memberships:**

American Economic Association  
Southern Economic Association

**Community Organizations:**

West Monroe Lodge, #419 Free and Accepted Masons – West Monroe, LA  
Scottish Rite – Valley of Monroe, LA