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## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

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Lecturer, Economics Department, University of Maryland College Park;

2016–present. Courses taught:

ECON230: Economic Statistics

ECON456: Law and Economics

ECON301: Intermediate Microeconomics

ECON488K: Research Fellows Program

ECON641: Microeconomic Theory (MSc in Applied Economics)

BUSO604: Managerial Economics (Online MBA)

## FIELDS OF INTERESTS

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Contract Theory, Law and Economics, Industrial Organization

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Obstructive Monitoring,” (w Dongsoo Shin), forthcoming in *Journal and Economics and Management Strategy* (2020).

“A Theory of Alcoholics and Workaholics,” (w Dongsoo Shin), *Economic Inquiry*, 52(2), 896-899, (2014).

“Disregarding the Attorney’s Advice: A Principal-Agent Perspective,” (with D. Shin), *Review of Law and Economics*, 6(2), (2010)

“Contracts in the Shadow of the Law: Optimal Litigation Strategies within Organizations,” *International Journal of Business and Economics* 9(2), 131-155 (2010)

“Conducting Inaccurate Audits to Commit to the Audit Policy,” (with D. Shin) *International Journal of Industrial Organization* 25(2), 379-389 (2007)

“A Preference for an Aggregate Measure: A Reply to Sagoff,” (with Y. Bauman and R. Zerbe), *Ecological Economics* 60, 14-16 (2006)

“An Aggregate Measure for Benefit Cost Analysis,” (with R. Zerbe and Y. Bauman), *Ecological Economics*, 58, 449-461 (2006). (also published at AEI/Brookings Joint Center)

“Relying on Information Acquired by a Principal,” *International Journal of Industrial Organization* 23(3-4), 263-278 (2005)

**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D., Economics, University of Washington, Seattle WA, December 2004

Dissertation “Essays in the Economics of Information, Incentives and The Law.”

M.A., Economics, University of Washington, Seattle WA, June 2002

B.A., Mathematics, Reed College, Portland OR, June 1998

**PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

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Assistant Visiting Professor, Davidson College

2014-present, Economics Department

Classes: Law and Economics, Industrial Organization, Introductory Economics, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

Assistant Professor of Economics, California State University San Marcos, CA

2006–2013, Department of Economics

Classes: Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics (I and II), Business and Government, Game Theory, Law and Economics, Industrial Organization, Managerial Economics (MBA)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Willamette University, Salem, OR

2013-14; 2004-06, Economics Department

Classes: Law and Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Introductory Statistics, Mathematical Economics.

Visiting Faculty in Economics, Hanyang University, 2009, Ansan, Korea

Visiting Instructor, Seattle Central Community College, WA, 2003

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 1999-2004, Dept of Economics

Intermediate Microeconomics, Industrial Organization, Principles of Microeconomics, Introductory Economics, Graduate Microeconomics

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 1999 – 2004, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs

Benefit-Cost Analysis (graduate class)

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK**

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Economic Consultant, Thomas Melville, Attorney-at-Law, Portland OR, 2006.

Research Assistant, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, 2002 & 2004 for Prof. Richard O. Zerbe.

LaTeX Instructor (typesetting language), University of Washington, 2002-2004.

Actuary, Standard Insurance Co., Portland OR, 1998-1999.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- “Obstructive Monitoring,” Seton Hall University, South Orange, 2013; Davidson College, 2013; *Midwest Economic Theory Conference*, Lawrence, 2014.
- “When Good Isn’t Enough: R&D Selection with Uncertain Project Returns,” Eastern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Fall 2011
- “California’s Propositions,” Election Issues Panel, CSUSM Fall 2010
- “Games Lawyers Play,” Political Economy Days at Palomar College, San Marcos, Fall 2010.
- “A Primer on Game Theory,” Political Economy Days at Palomar College, San Marcos, Spring 2008
- “Moral Sentiments and BCA,” Political Economy Days at Palomar College, San Marcos, Spring 2007
- “Disregarding Your Attorney's Advice: Attorney-Plaintiff Contracts and Non-Meritorious Suits,” Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, March, 2007
- “Contracts in the Shadow of the Law,” Eastern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 2006
- “Investigation and Settlement of NEV Suits,” Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, (Presenter, Discussant & Session Chair), 2005
- “Pretrial Investigation and the Occurrence of Frivolous Suits,” Midwest Economic Theory Conference, Nashville, 2005
- “Contracts in the Shadow of the Law: Optimal Litigation Strategies within Organizations,” Western Economic Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, 2004

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Test Bank for Jeffrey Perloff’s “Intermediate Microeconomics with Calculus,” 1<sup>st</sup> ed.(2007) and 2<sup>nd</sup>ed.(2010)

## REFeree WORK

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*Journal of Law, Economics and Policy*, *National Science Foundation Grant*, *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, *Bulletin of Economic Research*, *International Journal of Economics and Business*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Quantitative Finance*, *Research in Economics*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy*

## **AWARDS**

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Most Valuable Professor (M.V.P.) Award University of Maryland Soccer, 2018.

Teaching Award for Large Undergrad Class, University of Maryland Economics Department, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.

Faculty Research Grant (\$2,500), Willamette University, Summer 2005.

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, University of Washington, 2002.