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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, 2005
Washington State University
Major: Economics

Bachelor of Arts, 1989
Emporia State University
Major: Economics

Dissertation

“Optimal Management of a Groundwater Resource with Allowance for Backstop Technologies” Robert Rosenman, Chair

Teaching Fields of Interest

Principles of Economics (Micro and Macro), Intermediate Microeconomics, Applied Microeconomics, and Natural Resource/Environmental Economics

Professional Experience

Oregon State University

Instructor (Fall 2011 – Present)

- Introduction to Macroeconomics, 25 sections (Fall 2011 – Spring 2015)
Overall Student Evaluation Mean = 5.1 (1(low) to 6(high) scale)
- Introduction to Microeconomics, 8 sections (Fall 2011 – Spring 2015)
Overall Student Evaluation Mean = 5.17
- Environmental Economics & Policy, 4 sections (Fall 2011 – Fall 2014)
Overall Student Evaluation Mean = 5.23
- Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, 1 section (Spring 2013)
Overall Student Evaluation Mean = 5.7
- Money & Banking, 2 sections Ecampus (Summer 2014 – Winter 2015)
Overall Student Evaluation Mean = 5.55

Texas A&M University

Promoted to Senior Lecturer (Fall 2009 – Summer 2011)

Lecturer (Fall 2000 – Summer 2009)

- Principles of Macroeconomics, 47 sections (Fall 2000 – Spring 2011)
Overall Student Evaluation Mean = 4.56 (1(low) to 5(high) scale)
- Applied Microeconomic Theory, 16 sections (Fall 2001 – Spring 2011)
Overall Student Evaluation Mean = 4.52
- Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, 6 sections (Sum 2004 – 2010)
Overall Student Evaluation Mean = 4.64
- Environmental Economics, 6 sections (Spring 2007 – Summer 2011)
Overall Student Evaluation Mean = 4.78

Washington State University

Instructor (Fall 1999 – Summer 2000)

Teaching Assistant (Fall 1994 – Summer 1999)

- Courses Taught: Environmental Economics, Principles of Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Money and Banking

Departmental/College/University Service

- Principles Instruction Coordinator, Economics Program, OSU, Fall 2012 – Present
- McCall Lecture Committee, School of Public Policy, OSU, 2014 – Present
- Undergraduate Career Services Initiative member, School of Public Policy, OSU, 2014 – Present
- Faculty Marshall for OSU Graduation, 2014
- CLA instructor meeting with Phi Beta Kappa representatives to OSU, 2014
- Undergraduate Research Fund Committee, School of Public Policy, OSU, 2013
- Instructor Hiring Committee, Economics Program, OSU, Spring 2013
- Intellectual Climate and Diversity Committee, Dept of Economics, Texas A&M University, 2009 – 2011

Mentoring and Professional Development

- Arranged for undergraduate Economics student Jesse Thurman to present his research at the *Pacific Northwest Regional Economics Conference* in Bellingham, WA, April 2015. Accompanied Jesse to the conference and provided extensive monitoring.
- Completed the six week *Developing an Online Course Workshop* offered by OSU Ecampus, April/May 2014
- Attended *Hybrid Course Development Workshop* offered by OSU Center for Teaching and Learning, November 2013
- Participated in the *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's Workshop on Teaching Monetary Policy for Professors* in Seattle, WA, October 2013
- Attended *Pearson Education Teaching Conference* in Henderson, NV, March 2013
- Attended *McGraw-Hill Economics Educators Conference* in Austin, TX, March 2012
- Participated in *Teaching the Big Class* symposium through the College of Liberal Arts' Fasken Chair at Texas A&M University, December 2010
- Faculty sponsor for Mario Garza's participation in the *Economic Scholars Program of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas*. Mario presented the paper which he wrote in my Environmental Economics course: "An Economic Overview of the Overfishing Problem Faced by the Gladden Spit Fish Aggregation Site and Possible Solutions", Spring 2010

- Mentored Gaosheng Ju (Ph. D student in Economics at Texas A&M University) in his teaching of Econ 203: Principles of Macroeconomics, Summer 2009
 - Gave Gaosheng general advice concerning lecturing effectively, classroom management, coverage of topics, etc.
 - Provided detailed assistance in the preparation of lectures.
- Served as a Teaching Mentor in the Teacher Mentor Program of the Graduate Teaching Academy at Texas A&M University for Yingning Wang, Ph. D student in Economics, 2007

Course Development

- Course Redevelopment for Ecampus version of Econ 330, OSU, Spring 2014
- Developed Econ 436: Environmental Economics, Texas A&M University, 2006
- Designed and secured approval of Econ 436 as a Writing Intensive Course, Texas A&M University, 2006

Reviewing

- Reviewed *MindTap for Econ*, an integrated digital learning pathway, for Cengage Learning, 2015
- Provided an extensive pre-release review of the core macroeconomic model developed in Macroeconomics (1st edition) by Daron Acemoglu, David Laibson, and John List, 2014
- Participated in *Macroeconomics Digital Initiatives Virtual Focus Group* for Pearson Education, 2014
- Participated in development of alternative educational media for Principles of Economics: Best Case Media by Michael Ryan, 2013
- Reviewed proposed chapters for the forthcoming principles of economics text by Daron Acemoglu, David Laibson, and John List, 2013
- Reviewed chapter revisions for Microeconomics (2nd edition) by B. Douglas Bernheim and Michael D. Whinston, 2013
- Participated in an Evidence Based Economics Focus Group and provided input concerning the vision of the forthcoming principles of economics text by Daron Acemoglu, David Laibson, and John List, 2013
- Participated in a Digital Initiatives Focus Group and a Digital Initiatives Virtual Focus Group for Pearson Higher Ed Publishing, 2013
- Served on a blind principles of economics review panel for a proposed “technology-based textbook” for Pearson Higher Ed Publishing, 2012
- Served on a blind principles of economics pre-signing review panel for Pearson Higher Ed Publishing, 2012
- Reviewed proposal for new principles text by Dirk Mateer and Lee Coppock: Economics Encounter (proposed 1st edition) – along with a detailed chapter review, 2012

- Reviewed chapter revisions for Principles of Macroeconomics (4th edition) by Robert H. Frank and Ben S. Bernanke, 2009
- Reviewed chapter revisions for Macroeconomics: Principles and Tools (4th edition) by Arthur O'Sullivan and Steven Sheffrin, 2004
- Reviewed The Economics of Public Issues (14th edition) by Roger Miller, Daniel Benjamin, and Douglass North, 2003
- Performed Competitive Analysis Critique for Aplia, Inc., 2003
- Reviewed and edited Foundations of Macroeconomics (2st edition) by Robin Bade and Michael Parkin, 2002 - 2003
- Reviewed and edited Foundations of Macroeconomics (1st edition) by Robin Bade and Michael Parkin, 2002
- Reviewed and edited "Test Item File" by David N. Figlio for the textbook Economics by Arthur O'Sullivan and Steven M. Sheffrin, 1998
- Reviewed and edited on-line student review questions for the textbooks Principles of Microeconomics and Principles of Macroeconomics by Karl E. Case & Ray C. Fair, 1998-1999

Refereeing

- Reviewed manuscript for publication consideration in *Economic Inquiry* (2003) and *Contemporary Economic Policy* (1998)

Research Presentations

- "Optimal Groundwater Use Over Time" presented at the February 2000 meeting of the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee in Moscow, Idaho.

Awards and Recognition

- "Professor of the Term" award from Panhellenic Executive Council of OSU (one of 10 university-wide recipients), Fall 2014
- Scholarship Dinner Honoree at Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, OSU, Fall 2012
- "2004-2005 Outstanding PanHellenic Professor" given by The Collegiate PanHellenic Council of Texas A&M University (one of 12 university-wide recipients)
- The Corps of Cadets' "Recognition of True Interest and Enthusiasm While Teaching, Supporting, and Counseling Students at Texas A&M University", 2002
- College of Business and Economics Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, Washington State University, 1999-2000
- Washington State University Graduate Student Summer Research Grant, 1999

(References available upon request)