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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Xavier University

August 2022 - present

Teaching Professor in the Department of Economics

Catholic University of America

August 2021 - December 2021

Lecturer in the Department of Economics

EDUCATION

George Mason University

2018-2022

Ph.D., Economics (May 2022)

M.A., Economics (May 2020)

Hillsdale College

2014-2018

Economics and Politics, minor in French (*summa cum laude*)

PUBLICATIONS

Research Papers

1. The Supply and Demand of Marital Contracts: The Case of Same-Sex Marriage (with Clara Piano and Kacey Reeves West). *Public Choice*, forthcoming.
2. Three Forms of Friendship in the Market (with Virgil H. Storr). *Journal of Markets and Morality*, forthcoming.
3. Understanding Pandemic Entrepreneurship as a Unique Form of Crisis Entrepreneurship (with Virgil H. Storr). *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*, 2022.
4. “Commercial Friendships During a Pandemic” (with Virgil H. Storr and Michael Romero), *The Review of Austrian Economics*, pp. 1-26, 2021.
5. “Trust and Envy: The Political Economy of Business Groups in Developing Countries” (with Nathaniel Leff, Jeffery Frieden, and Shelby Grossman), *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 56 (3), pp. 297-315, 2021.

Book Chapters

1. “Tocquevillean Association and the Market” (with Virgil H. Storr) in Richard Boyd (ed.), *Cambridge Companion to Democracy in America*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 278-305, 2022.
2. “Elements of Economic Sociology in Classical Political Economy” (with Virgil H. Storr) in Milan Zafirovski (ed.), *International Handbook of Economic Sociology*, London: Routledge, forthcoming.

Book Reviews

1. Review of *Fundamentals of Happiness: An Economic Perspective*, by Lall Ramrattan and Michael Szenberg, *The Independent Review*, 27(1), Summer 2022.
2. Review of *Pandemic Politics: The Deadly Toll of Partisanship in the Age of COVID*, by Shana Kushner Gadarian, Sara Wallace Goodman, and Thomas B. Pepinsky, *Public Choice*, forthcoming.

3. Review of *The Lonely Century: How to Restore Human Connection in a World That's Pulling Apart*, by Noreena Hertz, *The Review of Austrian Economics*, July 2021.

RESEARCH

Under Review

Clash of Customs: Public Health Rules and Orthodox Jewish Communities During COVID-19 (with Trey Carson, Tony Carilli, and Justin Isaacs).

Working Papers

Fordlandia and the Knowledge Problem (with Kacey Reeves West).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Professor, Xavier University

ECON 201: Principles of Macroeconomics (4.13/5)

Fall 2022

ECON 320: Natural Resource Economics (4.44/5)

Fall 2022

Lecturer, Catholic University of America

ECON 350: Environment and Economics (6.9/7)

Fall 2021

Graduate Lecturer, George Mason University

ECON 306: Intermediate Microeconomics (Evaluation: 5.0/5)

Spring 2021

ECON 311: Intermediate Macroeconomics (Evaluation: 4.6/5)

Fall 2020

ECON 105: Environmental Economics for the Citizen (Evaluation: 4.6/5, 4.78/5)

Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant, George Mason University

ECON 380: Economies in Transition

Summer 2020

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Campus Service

Faculty Advisor, Xavier Libertarians

2022-present

Member, Teaching Professor Committee

2022-present

Journal Service

Journal of Institutional Economics

2022

Sociological Inquiry

2022

Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy

2022

Journal of Private Enterprise

2022

The Review of Austrian Economics

2021-present

Professional Memberships

Association of Private Enterprise and Education

2020-present

Southern Economic Association

2021-present

Public Choice Society

2022-present

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Xavier University's Wheeler Award Grant, Course Development

2023

Acton Institute's Mini-Grant, Course Development

2023

Outstanding Graduate Student, College of Humanities and Social Sciences	<i>2022</i>
Graduate Fellow, F.A. Hayek Program	<i>2018 - 2022</i>
Ph.D. Fellow, The Mercatus Center at George Mason University	<i>2018 - 2022</i>
Graduate Student Summer Research Fellow, The Mercatus Center	<i>2018 - 2022</i>
Bradley Fellow, George Mason University	<i>2019 - 2022</i>
Humane Studies Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies	<i>2019 - 2022</i>
Provost Fellow, George Mason University	<i>2020 - 2022</i>
JIN Fellow, The Mercatus Center at George Mason University	<i>2021 - 2022</i>
Weaver Fellow, George Mason University	<i>2021 - 2022</i>
Graduate Student Fellow, Public Choice Society	<i>March 2022</i>
Young Scholar, Association of Private Enterprise Education	<i>April 2021, April 2022</i>
Outstanding Mason Core Social/Behavioral Sciences Course Lecturer	<i>Spring 2021</i>
Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, George Mason University	<i>2020 - 2021</i>
Economics Department Honor for GPA and Academic Success, Hillsdale College	<i>2018</i>
Research Fellow, Hillsdale College Department of Economics	<i>2017 - 2018</i>

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS

Invited Talks

Women in Economics Forum, Sweet Briar College	<i>Spring 2023</i>
Dine Better Together Series, Xavier University	<i>January 2023</i>
Schumpeter Fellowship Discussion Leader, The Mercatus Center	<i>Spring 2022</i>
Loyola University Economics Club, Loyola University	<i>October 2021</i>

Paper Presentations at Academic Conferences

Association of Private Enterprise and Education, Cancun, MX	<i>April 2023</i>
“Clash Of Customs: Orthodox Jewish Communities & COVID-19” “Fordlandia and the Knowledge Problem”	
Association of Private Enterprise and Education, Las Vegas, NV	<i>April 2022</i>
“Three Forms of Friendship in the Market” “The Median Voter and Mask Mandates”	
Public Choice Society, Nashville, TN	<i>March 2022</i>
“The Median Voter and Mask Mandates”	
Southern Economic Association, Houston, TX	<i>November 2021</i>
“Three Forms of Friendship in the Market”	
Association of Private Enterprise and Education, Fort Lauderdale, FL	<i>April 2021</i>
“Commercial Friendships During COVID-19”	
Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, LA	<i>November 2020</i>
“Aristotelian Friendship in the Market” “Collective Narratives Around Mask Wearing”	

Association of Private Enterprise and Education, Las Vegas, NV
“New Themes from Adam Smith: Smith as a Behavioral Economist”
Presented with Dr. Michael J. Clark.

April 2018

Paper Workshops

Graduate Student Paper Workshop, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
“Three Forms of Friendship in the Market”
“The Median Voter and Mask Mandates”
“Commercial Friendships During COVID-19”

April 2022
September 2021
January 2021

Seminars

American Institute for Economic Research, Nashville, TN
“Harwood Graduate Colloquium on Public Choice”

March 2022

The Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
“Applied Research: Foundations of a Free Society”

November 2021

Institute for Humane Studies and The Mercatus Center, Arlington, VA
“Liberty, Equality, and the Market Order”

August 2021

Liberty Fund, Fort Lauderdale, FL
“Ethics, Economics, and Knowledge of Adam Smith”

April 2021

Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, VA
“Family, Community, and Meaningful Work”

January 2021

Institute for Humane Studies, Arlington, VA
“Artificial Intelligence and Liberal Futurism”

February 2020

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Fellow, George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center

Summer 2017

Legislative Intern, United States Senate Committee on the Budget

Fall 2016

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Dr. Virgil Storr, Associate Professor of Economics at George Mason University
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George Mason University, MS 3G4
Fairfax, VA 22030
vstorr@gmu.edu

Dr. Peter Boettke, University Professor of Economics at George Mason University
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Dr. Christopher Coyne, Professor of Economics at George Mason University
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