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RESEARCH & TEACHING FIELDS

- Public Finance, Urban Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Real Estate

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (Economics), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. Conferred, 2006
- M.A. (Economics), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. Conferred, 1999
- B.Sc. (Honours Mathematics & Economics), University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. Conferred, 1998 with First Class Honours

EMPLOYMENT

- Oberlin College, July 2010 to date. Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
- Florida State University, August 2005 to June 2010. Assistant Professor, Department of Economics. Also Faculty Associate, DeVoe L. Moore Center

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS – ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Who Supports Portable Assessment Caps: The Role of Lock-in, Tax Share and Mobility” (with Chris Cunningham), *Regional Science and Urban Economics* (2011), vol. 41, no. 3, p. 173-186 [lead article]
- “Homeowners’ Associations and Their Impact on the Local Public Budget”, chapter in *The Changing Landscape of Local Public Revenues* (Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2010), p. 338-366
- “The Incidence of the Land Use Regulatory Tax” (with Keith Ihlanfeldt & Thomas Mayock), *Real Estate Economics* (2009), vol. 37, no. 4, p. 675-704
- “The Regulatory Tax and House Price Appreciation in Florida” (with Keith Ihlanfeldt & Thomas Mayock), *Journal of Housing Economics* (2009), vol. 18, p. 24-48
- “The Interaction Between Public and Private Governments: An Empirical Analysis”, *Journal of Urban Economics* (2008), vol. 63, no. 3, p. 885-901
- “The Effect of Property Tax Limitations on Residential Private Governments”, *National Tax Journal* (2008), vol. 61, no. 1, p. 35-56
- “Taxation Impacts on Inequality in Canada: Methodologies and Findings” (with Jonathan Kesselman), in *Dimensions of Inequality in Canada* (UBC Press, 2006), p. 347-416. Volume awarded the 2007 Doug Purvis Prize by the Canadian Economics Association

- “Public and Private Institutions, Political Action, and the Practice of Local Government” (with Charles Barrilleaux and Thomas M. Carsey), *Review of Policy Research* (2006), vol. 23, no. 6, p. 1119–1121
- “Tax Incidence, Progressivity, and Inequality in Canada” (with Jonathan Kesselman), *Canadian Tax Journal* (2004), vol. 52, no. 3, p. 709-789

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- DeVoe L. Moore Center Policy Brief, “The Regulatory Tax: Assessing and Tracking the Impact of Land Use Regulation on House Prices in Leon County” (April, 2007)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Homeowners Associations and the Demand for Local Land Use Regulation” (with Rachel Meltzer), revised & resubmitted
- “An Empirical Analysis of Socio-Demographic Factors and the Mispricing of Homeowners Insurance in Florida” (with Cassandra Cole, David Macpherson, Kathleen McCullough and Charles Nyce), under review
- “How Are Homeowners Associations Capitalized Into Housing and Land Values?” (with Rachel Meltzer)
- “Catastrophic Risk and House Prices: Evidence from Florida” (with Chris Cunningham and Charles Nyce)
- “Homeowner Distress, House Price Declines and the Role of Homeowners’ Associations” (with Chris Cunningham and Rachel Meltzer)
- “Voting with Your Feet or Just Voting: The Timing and Determinants of Annexation” (with Chris Cunningham)
- “The Politics of Residential Private Government” (with Robert Helsley)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 8-12 June 2009
- Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, 24-27 June 2008

INVITED SEMINARS

- 2012: Lincoln Land Institute Urban Economics and Public Finance Conference
- 2010: University of Akron, University of Waterloo, University of Iowa, University of Texas at Arlington, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Freddie Mac, Oberlin College
- 2009: McGill University, Lincoln Land Institute Urban Economics and Public Finance Conference, Lincoln Land Institute Conference on the Changing Landscape of Local Public Revenues
- 2008: University of Adelaide, University of Melbourne
- 2006: University of Florida
- 2005: Florida State University, Georgia State University, California State University – Fullerton

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

- American Real Estate & Urban Economics Association (arm of ASSA) Meetings: 2012, 2011, 2009
- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Meeting: 2011, 2010, 2008
- National Tax Association Meeting: 2009, 2008, 2007
- Regional Science Association / Urban Economics Association Meeting: 2009, 2006
- Canadian Economics Association Meeting: 2008
- UBC Centre for Urban Economics and Real Estate Summer Symposium: 2007
- Joint Asian Real Estate Society – AREUEA International Conference: 2006

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental & College Service:

- Oberlin:
 - 2011-12: Quantitative Proficiency Committee; International Studies Concentration Committee
 - 2010-11: Oberlin College—University of Michigan Mentorship Program (mentor for one UM Ph.D. candidate)
- FSU:
 - 2006-07: Economics Executive Committee

Community Service:

- 2010 to date: Board director, Helping Oberlin Maintain Equity (HOME)

Advising:

- Oberlin:
 - Honors thesis advising (jointly with members of department) – 5 students (2011-12); 6 students (2010-11)
 - Undergraduate student advising – 11 students (2011-12)
- FSU:
 - Master's thesis committee – 1 student; doctoral thesis committee – Thomas Mayock, Ryan Murphy

Journal Referee:

- *Journal of Urban Economics; National Tax Journal; Real Estate Economics; Regional Science and Urban Economics; State and Local Government Review; Canadian Journal of Economics; Journal of Institutional Economics; Journal of Regional Science; Public Finance Review; Public Choice; Journal of Real Estate Finance & Economics.*

Conference Program Committee Member:

- 2012: National Tax Association, Providence

Conference Discussant:

- 2010: National Tax Association, Chicago

- 2009: Urban Economics Association, San Francisco
- 2008: National Tax Association, Philadelphia; Canadian Public Economics Group, Vancouver; Canadian Economics Association, Vancouver
- 2007: DeVoe Moore Center Regulatory Takings Symposium, Tallahassee
- 2006: Regional Science International North American Meeting, Toronto; Joint AsRES – AREUEA International Conference, Vancouver; DeVoe Moore Center Critical Issues Symposium, Tallahassee

Media, Public Lectures, etc.:

- 8 Dec. 2011: Quote, “Development in Community Raises Excitement, Concern,” *Oberlin Review*
- 23 Feb. 2009: Presentation, “The Housing Crisis: Past, Present and Future,” to The Energy & Synergy Group of Real Estate Professionals, Tallahassee
- 2009: Quote, *Arts and Economic Prosperity III: The Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts and Culture Organizations and Their Audiences in the State of Florida*, Americans for the Arts
- 29 Sept. 2006: Interview, Capital Report, Florida Public Radio

Memberships:

- American Economic Association; Canadian Economic Association; National Tax Association; American Real Estate & Urban Economics Association

COURSES TAUGHT

Oberlin College:

- 2012-13 [to be taught]: Intermediate Microeconomics; Urban Economics (200-level); Public Economics (300-level); Honors Program coordinator
- 2011-12: Principles of Economics, 2 times; Urban Economics (200-level); Public Economics (300-level)
- 2010-11: Principles of Economics, 2 times; Public Economics (300-level); Seminar on Local Public Service Privatization (400-level)

Florida State University:

- Undergraduate: Public Economics, 4 times; Applied Microeconomics, 9 times
- Graduate: Public Economics, 5 times (nominated for Graduate Teaching Award in Fall 2008); Master’s Capstone Project, 1 time

University of British Columbia:

- Intermediate Microeconomics I, 2 times; Urban Public Economics – Local Economic Policy, Faculty of Commerce, 1 time

GRANTS & AWARDS

Grants:

- Research grant (\$30,000) from Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, “How Are Homeowners Associations Capitalized into Housing and Land Values?”, with co-PI Rachel Meltzer, 2011
- Florida State University First Year Assistant Professor Award, 2006

Graduate level awards:

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship, 1999-2002
- UBC University Graduate Fellowship, 1999 and 2000 (declined due to SSHRC award)
- UBC University Graduate Fellowship, 1998
- Alberta Heritage Fund Sir James Lougheed Award of Distinction, 1998

Selected undergraduate level awards:

- Lieutenant-Governor's Gold Medal, 1998
- Canada Scholarship, 1994 through 1998
- Governor-General's Academic Medal, 1994

NATIONALITY

- Canadian citizen; US permanent resident

LANGUAGES

- English (native), French (fluent / français lu, parlé et écrit), Chinese (native – Cantonese)

REFERENCES**Prof. Robert Helsley**

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