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EDUCATION:

Wayne State University
Detroit, Michigan
Economics Ph.D. Program (A.B.D.)
Philosophy Ph.D. Program (A.B.D.)

University of Michigan Law School
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Wabash College
Crawfordsville, Indiana
Major in Philosophy

WORK EXPERIENCE (Academic):

Wayne State University

Adjunct Professor of Economics (2014-present). I teach the following courses in the Economics Department:

Urban and Regional Economics (Eco 5800/UP 5820). This course uses economic models to explain and describe urban phenomena (and challenges), such as patterns of urban land use, housing, poverty, transportation, local public finance, the industry mix of a region, income, growth and development, the rise of cities and the location of firms.

Introduction to Economic Development and Advanced Economic Development. (Eco 5600/6600). This course examines why and how nations succeed and fail in the development process, using economic models and historical analysis. The course takes a comparative and international approach, and uses models of development to help understand current events.

Public Finance (Eco 5500/6510). This course analyzes the role of government in economic activity. We discuss economic models for public goods, natural monopolies, and models that produce efficient outcomes in markets beset with externalities and information asymmetries. We discuss insurance (public and private), welfare policy, the efficiency implications of various taxation schemes, and mechanisms for public choice.

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy (2008-present). I teach the following courses in the Philosophy Department:

Reasoning and Decision (Phi 1070). I created this course to satisfy a general education requirement for quantitative thinking. I teach principles of logical deduction using logic games, like the ones that appear on the LSAT exam. I also teach inductive reasoning and inductive fallacies through the axioms of probability and Bayes' Theorem. We read Daniel Kahneman's bestseller *Thinking, Fast and Slow*.

Critical Thinking (Phi 1050). This course teaches students to identify deductive and inductive arguments, and to distinguish arguments that provide a solid foundation for their conclusions from those that do not. Students learn to use truth tables and Venn diagrams to determine the validity of deductive arguments, and to assess the strength of inductive arguments and to identify inductive fallacies.

Introduction to Philosophy (Phi 1010). This course introduces students to the subjects and methods of philosophical inquiry. We discuss problems in epistemology and ethics raised by Aristotle, Descartes, Mill, Hume and Kant.

Wayne State University Law School (1993-2007). I taught the following course at Wayne State University Law School:

Legal Research and Writing (Lex 6400). This year-long course teaches students to think like lawyers, to research the law, and to draft legal motions and briefs that persuade. The capstone assignment of the course is an appellate brief that students research and write on a current, controversial issue at the leading edge of the law. Students must present an oral argument in support of their briefs to a panel of prominent local attorneys and judges.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS (Academic):

Donald H. Gordon Award for Excellence in Teaching

Wayne State University Law School

September 2005

This award recognizes excellence in teaching across an entire career. It is awarded by the Dean, in consultation with the faculty and alumni of the Law School.

First Year Professor of the Year Award

Wayne State University Law School

May 2003

This award is determined by a vote of the law school's first year student body.

WORK EXPERIENCE (Legal):

Helveston & Helveston, P.C.

Of Counsel

2000 to Present

I represent fire fighter unions in administrative hearings, contract negotiations, and both grievance and interest arbitrations (Act 312 arbitration). My expertise is in analyzing the financial condition of public employers—cities, counties, and townships.

King & McFerren, P.C.

Of Counsel

2017 to Present

This Washington, D.C.-based firm was created to file consumer protection and tort actions on behalf of Plaintiffs.

Sachs Waldman, P.C.

Attorney

1987 to 1993

I represented fire fighter, police, teacher and other public-sector labor unions in contract negotiations, administrative hearings, grievance and interest arbitrations, and judicial proceedings.