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**Education**

Ph.D., Economics, The Ohio State University	1998
M.A., Economics, The Ohio State University	1993
M.A., International Economics, The University of Essex, U.K.	1991
B.A., Economics, Connecticut College	1987

**Dissertation:** “An Investigation of Real Exchange Rates Between United States Cities: Price Behavior in a Currency Area” (Nelson C. Mark, Adviser)

**Professional Experience**

Clinical Professor	College of Business, University of Montana, 2023 –
Associate Director	Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana, 2019 – 2023
Professor	University of Montana, 2019 – 2023
Adjunct Professor	W.A. Franke College of Forestry & Conservation, University of Montana, 2021 –
	College of Business, University of Montana, 2022 – 2023
Professor	Department of Economics, Fort Lewis College, 2014 – 2018
Associate Professor	Department of Economics, Fort Lewis College, 2009 – 2014
Assistant Professor	Department of Economics, Fort Lewis College, 2005 – 2009
Area Coordinator	Department of Economics, Fort Lewis College, 2009 – 2011, 2018
Visiting Scholar	Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia, 2017 –
Visiting Professor	Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia Spring: 2008 – 2010, 2012 – 2016
Visiting Professor	Centro Universitario de Ciencia Económico Administrativas, University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, December, 2004
Assistant Professor	Department of Economics, University of Texas-Arlington, 1998 – 2005
Visiting Instructor	Department of Economics, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1997 – 1998
Research Assistant	<i>Journal of Money, Credit and Banking</i> , The Ohio State University, 1996 – 1997
Teaching Assistant	Department of Economics, The Ohio State University, 1992 – 1996

## Personal Information

Birthplace: Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico

Citizenship: USA

## Research Interests

Open Economy Macroeconomics  
International Finance  
Transition Economics  
Intra-National Macroeconomics/Finance  
Monetary Economics and Domestic Price Behavior  
Income Distribution  
Economic Growth  
Economic Policy and Individual Behavior  
International Trade

## Teaching Fields

Applied Econometrics and Time Series/Forecasting  
Microeconomics  
Macroeconomics  
Money and Financial Institutions/Banking  
Financial Economics  
International Economics: Finance and Trade  
Natural Resource and Environmental Economics  
International Business/Financial Management  
Public Economics  
Monetary and Fiscal Policy  
Transition Economics  
Growth and Development

## Refereed Publications

“Price Level Convergence Among United States Cities,” (with Stephen G. Cecchetti and Nelson C. Mark), *International Economic Review*, 43(4), 2002, 1081 – 1099.

“International Price Volatility: Evidence from U.S. and Mexican Cities” (with Craig A. Depken), *North American Journal of Economics and Finance*, 13, 2002, 179 – 193.

“CPI Convergence Between Mexican Cities”, *Review of Development Economics*, 9(3), 2005, 359 – 367.

“The Asymmetric Effects of Economic Freedom on International Trade Flows” (with Craig A. Depken), *International Journal of Economics and Business*, 4(2), 2005, 141 – 155.

“Bivariate Relative City Price Convergence in the United States: 1918-1997”, *Review of Financial Economics*, 17, 2008, 92 – 111

“City Relative Price Convergence in the U.S. with a Structural Break(s)”, *Applied Financial Economics Letters*, 16(9), 2009, 939 – 944.

- “Testing the PPP Hypothesis and Idiosyncrasies in Transition Economies Using Panel Structural Break Unit Root Tests” (with Josip Tica), *Czech Journal of Economics and Finance*, 60(3), 2010, 213 – 225.
- “Performance Under Pressure: An Extension to the National Hockey League” (with Craig A. Depken and Dennis Wilson), *International Journal of Sport Finance*, 7(3), 2012, 213 – 231.
- “All Freedom Is Not Created Equal: Evidence from a Trade Gravity Model”, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 32(1), 2014, 30 – 41.
- “Real Interest Parity in New Europe” (with Josip Tica), *Eastern European Economics*, 52(1), 2014, 34 – 54.
- “Harrod, Balassa and Samuelson (Re)Visit Eastern Europe” (with Josip Tica), *Cogent Economics and Finance*, 2(1), 2014, 920557.
- “The Role of Tax and Labor Market Policies in Reducing Income Inequality” (with Alka Obadić and Nika Šimurina), *Časopis za ekonomsku teoriju i praksu (Journal of Economics and Business)*, 32(1), 2014, 121 – 140.
- “Public Debt and Economic Growth Conundrum: Nonlinearity and Intertemporal Relationship”, (with V. Arčabić, J. Lee, and J. Tica), *Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics & Econometrics*, 22(1), 2018: 20160086, [doi.org/10.1515/snde-2016-0086](https://doi.org/10.1515/snde-2016-0086).
- “Cointegration of Electricity Consumption and GDP in the Presence of Smooth Structural Changes” (with V. Arčabić, T. Gelo, and J. Šimurina), *Energy Economics*, 97, May: 105196, 2021, [doi.org/10.1016/j.eneco.2021.105196](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eneco.2021.105196).
- “A Panel Analysis of Income Inequality and Energy Use”, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 40(1), 2022: 83-97, [doi.org/10.1111/coep.12550](https://doi.org/10.1111/coep.12550).
- “Estimates of a ‘Pandemic Taylor Rule’ Loss Function”, *Applied Economics Letters*, 30(15), 2023: 2040-2045, [doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2022.2089619](https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2022.2089619).
- “Chinese investment scope behind the ‘14+1’ initiative: Effects of Chinese FDI and BRI investment on CEE exports” (with Martina Gottwald-Belinić), forthcoming, *Asian Perspective*.

## Refereed Book Chapters

- “Income inequality, poverty and the Rule of Law: Latin America vs the Rest of the World”, in *Temas Contemporáneos de Investigación en Economía y Políticas Públicas*, eds. Antonio Ruiz Porras and Iván Alejandro Salas Durazo, Universidad de Guadalajara, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Económico Administrativas, Guadalajara, Mexico, 2020, pp. 227 – 266.

## Academic Presentations

†Refereed ‡Invited

- “Individual Behavior and Policy Response in the Times of Pandemic” (with J. Tica), Western Economic Association International conference, San Diego, CA June 2023.†
- “Effects of Chinese FDI and BRI investment on CEES exports” (with M. Gottwald-Belinić), *Digitalization and Sustainability New Environment for Economics and Business*, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia, September 2022†‡

- “Does individual behavior converge to policy recommendations in times of pandemic? Evidence from COVID-19 in 10 US states” (with M. Gottwald-Belinić), College of Business Seminar, University of Montana and the Faculty of Economics Brown Bag Seminar, University of Zagreb, Croatia, October 2021‡
- “Initiative change export flows from Eastern to Western EU countries? Evidence from a Gravity Model” (with M. Gottwald-Belinić), China in Europe Net WG1-WG3, Leuven Paper Development Workshop, Belgium, August 2021‡
- “Land Use and Regional Economic Growth in the Western US: An Investigation Across Space and Time” Western Economic Association, Denver, CO June 2020 (on-line) and Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, October 2020‡‡
- “How does China’s Belt Road Initiative change export flows from Eastern to Western EU countries? Evidence from a Gravity Model” (with M. Gottwald-Belinić), Odyssey Conference on Economics and Business, Šibenik, Croatia (on-line) June 2020‡
- “Income Inequality and the Rule of Law in Europe: The East, West, and the Russian Federation”, Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb, June 2019‡
- “How To Give A Good Theory Presentation”, Southern Economic Association conference, Presidential Session, Washington, DC, November 2018‡‡
- “Effects of Rent Seeking on Economic Growth”, Southern Economic Association conference, Presidential Session, Washington, DC, November 2018‡‡
- “Income Inequality, Poverty, and the Rule of Law: Latin America vs the Rest of the World”, *Seminario de Investigación en Economía y Políticas Públicas 2018*, organized by the Economic Studies and Public Policy and Development programs, University of Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, October 2018‡
- “The Impact of Rent Seeking on Total Factor Productivity”, (with J. Tica), Western Economic Association conference, San Diego, June 2017‡
- “Current Account Sustainability in the EU: A Panel Unit Root Approach”, Western Economic Association conference, San Diego, June 2017 †
- “A Panel Analysis of Income Inequality, Institutions, and Energy Use”, Western Economic Association conference, Santiago, Chile, January, 2017‡‡
- “Short and medium run structural change in a gravity model of international trade”, International Atlantic Economic Society conference, Washington, DC, October 2016‡
- “The effects of tax changes in the EU on reducing income inequality”, (with N. Šimurina), Western Economic Association conference, June 2015, Honolulu, HI and International Atlantic Economic Society conference, Lisbon, Portugal, March 2016‡
- “Influence of FDI on Environmental Degradation in Eastern Europe: Evidence from a Dynamic Panel Model” (with J. Šimurina), International Atlantic Economic Conference, Milan, Italy, March, 2015‡‡
- “On the Causal Relationship between Public Debt and GDP Growth Rates in Panel Data Models” and “Public Debt and Economic Growth: Are There Thresholds After All?” (both with V. Arčabić, J. Lee, and J. Tica), Department of Economics, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO, Seminar, February, 2015, the Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb, Croatia, March, 2015, and the 24th Symposium of the Society of Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics, University of Alabama, March 2016‡
- “The Public Debt vs GDP Growth Conundrum: Causality, Nonlinearity, and Original Sin” (with V. Arčabić, J. Lee, and J. Tica), Western Economic Association Conference, July 2014, Denver, CO‡

- “Economic Freedom, Institutions and Economic Performance in Mexican States”, Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference, Las Vegas, April 2014††
- “Institutions and Economic Performance in Mexican States”, Western Economic Association Conference, July 2014, Denver, CO and “Latin America in the post-neoliberal era”, Pula University, Pula, Croatia, June 2016†
- “Inflation Dynamics in European Core and Periphery Countries: Impacts of PPI Pass Through” (with J. Tica), International Atlantic Economic Conference, Philadelphia, October 2013†
- “The FFR Premia in a Single Monetary Union: An Analysis of Fed Policy in US Cities” (with R. C. Eyler), Western Economic Association Conference, July 2012, San Francisco, CA†
- “Influence of FDI on Environmental Degradation in Eastern Europe” (with J. Šimurina), Western Economic Association Conference, July 2012, San Francisco, CA†
- “Welfare Gains from Economic Freedom: Evidence from U.S. Trade Patterns” (with C. A. Depken), Western Economic Association Conference, June 2011, San Diego, CA†
- “Asymmetries in New Keynesian Phillips Curves: Evidence from US Cities”, Western Economic Association Conference, July 2010, Portland, OR†
- “Real Interest Rate Parity in New Europe” (with J. Tica), Western Economic Association Conference, July 2010, Portland, OR†
- “Is a National Monetary Policy Optimal?” (with R. C. Eyler), Western Economic Association Conference, July 2009, Vancouver, BC, Canada†
- “Harrod, Balassa and Samuelson (Re)Visit Eastern Europe” (with J. Tica), Western Economic Association Conference, July 2009, Vancouver, BC, Canada and 20 Years of Transition in Central and Eastern Europe: Money, Banking and Financial Markets, September 2009, London, UK†
- “On the Impacts of Economic Freedom on International Trade Flows: Asymmetries and Freedom Components”, Western Economic Association Conference, July 2008, Honolulu, HI†
- “Purchasing Power Parity in the CEE and Post-War former Yugoslav States” (with J. Tica), Western Economic Association Conference, July 2008, Honolulu, HI†
- “How ‘Optimal’ is Federal Reserve Policy?” (with D. Grant), Western Economic Association Conference, July 2006, San Diego, CA†
- “Winning May Not be Everything: Athletic Success and the Sale of Insignia Merchandise” (with K. Blanchard), Western Economic Association Conference, July 2006, San Diego, CA†
- “U.S.– Mexico Border City Economic Convergence: Evidence from the 1990s” (with L. Garcia), Cross-Border Workshop of Economics and Finance, Texas A & M International University, October 2004, Laredo, TX
- “Intra-National Evidence of the Fisher Effect” (with W. J. Crowder), Western Economic Association Conference, July 2004, Vancouver, BC, Canada†
- “Campaign Contributions: Strategic Allocation?” (with A. Cooper), Public Choice Society Conference, March, 2003, Nashville, TN and Western Economic Association Conference, July 2003, Denver, CO†
- “Bivariate Relative City Price Convergence in the United States: 1918-1997”, Western Economic Association Conference, July 2002, Seattle, WA†
- “CPI Convergence Between Mexican Cities,” Western Economic Association Conference, July 2001, San Francisco, CA and Department of Economics, January, 2002, Ohio University, Athens, OH††

- “Another %& Red Light?! To Run or Not,” (with C. A. Depken) Western Economic Association Conference, 2001, San Francisco, CA and Southern Economic Association Conference, 2001, Tampa, FL†
- “Productivity Convergence Across Income Quintiles and Ethnicity in the United States” International Atlantic Economic Society conference, October 2000, Charleston, SC†
- “Trade Liberalization, NAFTA, and Price Convergence: Is the Mexico-U.S. Border Shrinking?” (with C. A. Depken, II), March, 2000, Applied Business Research Conference Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and Western Economic Association Conference, July 2000, Vancouver, BC, Canada†
- “Productivity Shocks in a Single Currency Area”, Western Economic Association Conference, July, 1999, San Diego, CA†
- “Price Convergence of United States’ Cities”, Midwest Economics Conference, March, 1998, Chicago, IL†
- “Price Convergence Between U.S. Cities”, Department of Economics, University of Texas at Arlington, February, 1998, Arlington, TX and Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, March, 1998, Washington, DC†
- “Optimal Renewable Resource Management in a Model of Growth and Environmental Stewardship”, International Atlantic Economic Conference, October, 1996, Washington, DC†

### **Pedagogical Publications**

- Testbank to accompany *Macroeconomics* 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Editions, Charles I. Jones, W.W. Norton Press: 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020
- Testbank/on-line testbank to accompany *Money, Banking and Financial Markets*, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Editions, Laurence M. Ball, Worth Publishers: 2008, 2011

### **Completed Papers**

- “Does individual behavior converge to policy recommendations in times of pandemic? Evidence from COVID-19 in US states” (with Martina Gottwald-Belinić), EFZG working paper series , Vol. 2023 No. 04, 2023, doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.24486.092833>
- “Monetary Policy in a Small Open Transition Economy with a Managed Exchange Rate: Evidence from Croatia” (with Đula Borozan), October 2015, available at [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/265377443\\_Monetary\\_Policy\\_in\\_a\\_Small\\_Open\\_Transition\\_Economy\\_with\\_a\\_Managed\\_Exchange\\_Rate\\_Evidence\\_from\\_Croatia](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/265377443_Monetary_Policy_in_a_Small_Open_Transition_Economy_with_a_Managed_Exchange_Rate_Evidence_from_Croatia)
- “Institutions and Economic Performance in Mexican States”, *MPRA* Paper No. 58368, September 2014
- “Is a National Monetary Policy Optimal?” (with Robert C. Eyler), *MPRA* Paper No. 24745, September 2010.
- “Asymmetries in New Keynesian Phillips Curves: Evidence from U.S. Cities”, *MPRA* Paper No. 24650, August 2010.
- “The Red Light Violation: An Economic Analysis” (with Craig A. Depken, II).

### **Pedagogical Seminars**

- “Ready to Publish Your Dissertation and Move On?”, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Belgrade, Serbia, September 2022

“Panel Data Econometrics and Causal Analysis”, Department of Economics and Business Economics, University of Dubrovnik, Croatia, June 2019

“Applied Time Series Econometric Methods”, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management, University of Rijeka, Opatija, Croatia, June 2017

“The US, EZ, & SI Macroeconomy: From Rage to Seemingly Everlasting Hangover”, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, March 2015†

“Pitfalls of Misinterpreting Econometric and Statistical Results”, Faculty of Economic & Business, University of Rijeka, Rijeka, Croatia, March 2015 and Faculty of Economics, University of Zadar, Croatia, May 2015

“Economic Risk in the Post Financial Crisis CEE Economies”, Faculty of Economics, University of Osijek, Croatia, March, 2013 and Faculty of Economics, University of Pula, Croatia, (updated version) April 2016

“Introduction to Gauss”, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Croatia, 2011

“Lectures in Econometrics”, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Croatia, June 2008-2009, 2011-2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2023

## Conference Activity

### Session Chair:

The Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference: 2014  
 Institut za javne financije: Tax Reforms: Experiences and Perspectives (Croatia): 2014  
 Applied Business Research Conference: 2000  
 Western Economic Association Conference: 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008 – 2012, 2014, 2015  
 International Atlantic Economic Society: 2000, 2016  
 Enterprise Odyssey: 2014, 2016  
 Southern Economic Association: 2018

### Discussant:

Cross-Border Workshop of Economics & Finance: 2004  
 The Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference: 2014  
 International Atlantic Economic Society: 2000, 2013, 2015, 2016  
 Western Economic Association Conference: 1999 – 2004, 2006, 2008 – 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2020  
 Midwest Economics Conference: 1998  
 Southern Economic Association: 2018, 2020

### Session Organizer

Western Economic Association Conference: 2014  
 Southern Economic Association: 2018  
 Association for University Business and Economic Research: 2019

## Student Mentoring/Research

### Fort Lewis College

Micah Melczer (2008). “The Impacts of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 on Ethanol Production and Usage”, econometric analysis of US energy policy;

Jordan Gazit (2009). “The Economic Impact of FLC Cycling on Fort Lewis College and the Durango Community”, presented to FLC cycling team and FLC Administration

Ben Sirois (2012-13). Two econometric projects applying statistical analysis to economic theory, “Brazil, Mexico, the United States and the Marshall-Lerner Condition”

———, “Exchange Rate Pass-Through: Theory and the PIIGS”

Chris Kaiser and Marc Morris (2013). “Educational Attainment and Income Inequality Across Races”

Dean Haas (2015). “Investigating the Unbiased Forward Rate Hypothesis Since the Launch of the Euro Currency”

### University of Zagreb, Croatia

Stijepo Letunić, PhD Candidate, “Ekonomski razvoj i opcost” (“Economic Development and Universality”), Committee Member, 2010 – 2014

Irena Raguž, PhD Candidate, Committee Member, 2013 – 2014

### University of Texas at Arlington

Justin Sauls, Frank Klune

McNair Scholar: Leonardo García (2004), “U.S.– Mexico Border City Economic Convergence”, presented at UTA forum for undergraduate research, a version also presented at the Cross-Border Workshop of Economics and Finance, Texas A & M International University, 2004, Laredo, TX

## Professional Activities

### Professional Service

Service	Institution
Co-Editor (2013 – Present)	<i>Zagreb International Review of Economics and Business</i>
Editorial Board (2009 – 13)	<i>Zagreb International Review of Economics and Business</i>



Table 1: **Professional Service (continued)**

Service	Institution
Journal Referee	<i>Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking</i> ; <i>Southern Economic Journal</i> ; <i>The Canadian Journal of Economics</i> ; <i>Economic Inquiry</i> ; <i>International Economics and Finance Journal</i> ; <i>The Manchester School</i> ; <i>Atlantic Economic Journal</i> ; <i>The Eastern Economic Journal</i> ; <i>China Economic Review</i> ; <i>Applied Economics</i> ; <i>The Open Economics Journal</i> ; <i>Zagreb International Review of Economics and Business</i> ; <i>Empirical Economics</i> ; <i>Ekonomiska istraživanja (Economic Research)</i> ; <i>Journal of International Money and Finance</i> ; <i>International Migration</i> ; <i>Journal of Comparative Economics</i> ; <i>Bulletin of Economic Research</i> ; <i>Contemporary Economic Policy</i> ; <i>Journal of Philosophy and Economics</i> ; <i>Economics Letters</i> ; <i>Journal of Empirical Finance</i> ; <i>Cogent Economics and Finance</i> ; <i>Financial Theory &amp; Practice</i> ; <i>Pacific Economic Review</i> ; <i>Proceedings of Rijeka Faculty of Economics: Journal of Economics and Business</i> ; <i>Journal of Macroeconomics</i> ; <i>International Journal of Public Policy</i> ; <i>Economies</i> ; <i>Public Sector Economics</i> ; <i>Economic Bulletin</i> ; <i>Estudios Económicos (Mexico)</i> ; <i>Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics</i> ; <i>Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics</i> ; <i>Economic Modeling</i> ; <i>Energy Economics</i> ; <i>Ekonomski pregled (Economic Review)</i> , <i>Estudios Económicos (Argentina)</i> , <i>Applied Economics Letters</i>
Member	American Economic Association, Western Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, American Society of Hispanic Economists, Euro Area Business Cycle Network, International Atlantic Economic Society, Korean American Economic Association, Association of University Business and Economic Researchers
Tenure External Reviewer	Department of Economics, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs (2015, 2018) Grinnell College (2017)
Reviewer	Dryden Press, Pearson/Addison Wesley, Thomson/Southwest Press, Wiley Press, W.W. Norton Press, Worth Publishers, McGraw-Hill, Cengage, Routledge, Sage Publishers
Coordinator	Testbank to accompany <i>International Economics</i> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition, Robert C. Feenstra and Alan M. Taylor, Worth Publishers, 2014
Editor	Instructor Manual to accompany <i>International Economics</i> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition, Robert C. Feenstra and Alan M. Taylor, Worth Publishers, 2017
Editor	Slides to accompany <i>International Economics</i> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition, Robert C. Feenstra and Alan M. Taylor, Worth Publishers, 2020
Editor	<i>Essentials of Econometrics</i> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Edition, Damodar Gujarati, Sage Publishers, 2022
Lecturer	<i>Textbook Videos: Macroeconomics Series</i> , <a href="http://www.textbookvideos.com/macroeconomics_series_description">http://www.textbookvideos.com/macroeconomics_series_description</a>

## Awards and Honors

Featured Scholar: Fort Lewis College, 2013 – 14

Recipient: Edwin L. Smart Award for Excellence in Economics Instruction, The Ohio State University Undergraduate Economics Society, 1995

Nominee: Publication of the Year, College of Business Administration, University of Texas-Arlington,

2002.

Nominee: University wide TA of the Year Award, The Ohio State University, 1996

### **Grant Activity**

- Fulbright Scholar: Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Croatia, Spring Semester, 2013
- Fulbright Senior Specialist: Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Croatia, 2009
- Faculty Development Grant: Fort Lewis College, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2018
- Grant Reviewer:
  - National Science Foundation, 2004
  - Fulbright Senior Specialists program, 2010-2011
  - Hrvatska Zaklada za Znanost (Croatian Science Foundation), 2014-present.

### **Non-academic articles**

#### *Montana Business Quarterly*

- “The U.S. Economy Remains Robust”, July 2019
- “Renewed Medicaid Expansion Grows Montana’s Economy”, September 2019
- “The Trade War Comes to Montana”, December 2019 (with B. Miranda-Freer)
- “Manufacturing: Montana Outpaces the Nation as a Whole”, December 2019
- “Health Care: The Impact of Medicaid Expansion”, December 2019
- “The Economic Impact of a Global Pandemic”, April 2020
- “COVID-19 Creates Economic Uncertainty”, July 2020
- “The Economic Impact of COVID-19 in Montana”, July 2020 (with P. Barkey)
- “The Looming Vote on Recreational Marijuana”, October 2020
- “Child Care Gap is Costing Montana Millions”, October 2020 (with J. Baldrige and T. Dillon)
- “Manufacturing: Continued Growth is Interrupted by the Pandemic”, December 2020
- “Health Care: COVID-19 Alters Health Care Landscape”, December 2020
- “The State of Manufacturing in Montana”, January 2021
- “Hospitals Make Sizable Impact on Montana’s Economy”, April 2021
- “How Land Use Affects Montana’s Economy”, November 2021
- “The State of Manufacturing in Montana”, January 2022
- “Covid Policies: Balancing the Health of the Economy and its People”, November 2022

### **Business and economic analyses and reports**

- The Economic Impact of the Natural Gas Industry in La Plata County, 2003-2004*, La Plata County Energy Council, Durango, CO, 2005 (with D. Walker)
- Fort Lewis College: Economic Impact Report*, Durango, CO, 2009 – 2010 (with D. Walker)
- The Growth Companies in Region 9: Economic Impact Report*, Durango CO, 2011 (with D. Graves)
- State of Montana Manufacturing Report and Survey*, Montana Manufacturing Extension Center, Montana State University, 2019-23

*Economic Impact of Island Mountain Development Group*, Fort Belknap Indian Community, 2019

*An Assessment of the Market and Tax Revenue Potential of Recreational Cannabis in Montana*, New Approach Montana, 2020 (with P. Barkey)

*Assessing the Impacts of COVID-19 on the Flathead Indian Reservation Regional Economy*, Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribe, 2020

*The Contribution of MilTech to the State and National Economy*, MilTech, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, 2020

*The Economic Contribution of Benefis Health System to Cascade County: Update*, Benefis Health Systems, 2020

*Lost Possibilities – The Impacts of Inadequate Child Care on Montana’s Families, Employers and Economy*, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 2020 (with J. Baldrige and T. Dillon)

*The Economic Impact of the Montana Osteopathic Medical School*, Benefis Health Systems, 2021 (with P. Barkey)

*Economic Impact of Island Mountain Development Group 2020 and the Impacts of COVID-19*, Fort Belknap Indian Community, 2021

*Data Analysis for Reducing Barriers to Complex Care Navigation*, Kalispell Regional Medical Center, 2021 (with J. Baldrige)

*The Economic Impact of Montana’s Hospitals*, Montana Hospital Association, 2021, 2023

*The Economic Contribution of the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad*, American Heritage Railroads, 2021 (with B. Lewandowski)

*The Potential Economic Costs of the Eastern Heath Snail to the State of Montana*, Montana Invasive Species Council, 2022

Initial Report: *HB-632: The Contribution of Montana’s Indian Tribes to the Montana State Economy*, Montana State Legislature and Department of Commerce, March 2022

*HB-648: Economic Impact of Electric Utility Cost Disallowances*, Montana State Legislature and the Montana Public Service Commission, 2022 (with K. Jakob)

### **Invited Non-Academic Presentations and Seminars**

“Health and Prosperity”, Friday Medical Conference, College of Health, University of Montana, March 2023

“State of the State – The current Montana Economy”, Montana Ambassadors, October 2022

“Montana Economic Update”, Montana State CPA Industry Conference, March 2022

“Individual Behavioral Responses to Lockdown Policies”, Friday Medical Conference, College of Health, University of Montana, March 2022

“Decision making with uncertainty: preferences and policy effectiveness during the COVID-19 pandemic”, SDAC Guest Lecture Series, Institute for Near Eastern and East Asian Languages and Civilizations, Friederich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Erlangen, Germany, December 2021

“Economic Costs of the Eastern Heath Snail in Montana”, North American Invasive Species Management Association, September 2021, Missoula MT

“Recreational Marijuana in Montana”, Montana State University Extension, March 2021, Bozeman, MT

“Economic Impacts of Coronavirus in Montana”, Montana State University Extension, April 2020, Bozeman, MT

“The Cannabis Economy”, *Great Conversations*, Helena Education Foundation, Helena, MT, November 2019

“Economic Policy in the Time of Trump”, Institut za Javne Financije (Institute of Public Finance), Zagreb, Croatia, March 2018

“Trumpenomics: Not Necessarily a Return of Reaganomics”, The Life-Long Learning Program, Professional Associates of Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, February 2018.

“Economic Performance and Early Care”, Early Childhood Care Not Just for Kids, !Thrive La Plata County, Durango, CO, October 2017

“Economic Overview: US, CO, and MON 2.0”, Montezuma Community Economic Development Association, Cortez, CO, March 2017

“Croatia: The Role of Research and the Effects of Policy Disconnect”, Association for University Business and Economic Research, Fayetteville, AR, October 2016

Pagosa Springs Economic Forum, Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Pagosa Springs, CO, November 13, 2015.

“Playing Politics with Economic Impact”, Association for University Business and Economic Research, Orlando, FL, October 2015

“Croatia’s Transition Process: Economic Challenges and (not so) Miscellaneous Musings”, The Life-Long Learning Program, Professional Associates of Fort Lewis College, November 13, 2014.

“The Health Care Leviathan: What Ever Happened to Simple?”, Health Summit, The Citizens’ Health Advisory Council, Durango, CO, September 20, 2013

“Lectures on Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, and the European Crisis”, Innovation Institute, Zubak Executive Management Program, Senj, Croatia, April 2013

“Latin America in the Wake of the Financial Crisis”, XIV International Affairs Seminar, ETEA, Universidad Loyola Andalucía, Córdoba, Spain, March 12 – 15, 2013

“The Financial Crisis and the CEE Economies”, Faculty of Economics at the University of Osijek, Osijek, Croatia, March 7, 2013

“The Ongoing Crisis: Implications for the CEE”, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, Austria and the Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb, Croatia, June 2012

“Roots of the Current Crisis and its Implications”, Department of Economics, University of Zadar and Department of Economics, University of Osijek, Croatia, June 2009

“Economic Overview: US, CO, and MON”, Montezuma Community Economic Development Association, Cortez, CO, January 2009

“Deficit, Debt, and the 2008 Slowdown”, Professional Associates and 9-R School District, Durango, CO, April 2008

“Economic Challenges Over The Next Four Years and Beyond”, Faculty Dinner Seminar, Professional Associates and Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, November 2008

National Association of Home Builders, Housing Summit, Durango, CO, 2007

La Plata Economic Development (LEAD) Summit, Durango, CO, November 2007

“The Economics of the Environment and Resources”, *Green Business Roundtable*, The San Juan Citizens Alliance, Durango, CO, December 2006

“Changes in Global Energy Markets and Their Effects on Colorado’s Economy”, State Demography Office, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State of Colorado, Denver, CO, November 2005

“Growth, Income Distribution, Trade and Economic Freedom,” National Association of Business Economists, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX, April, 2003

### Academic Service

Dates	Service
2016 – 2018	Faculty Development TS/R Committee, Fort Lewis College
2016 – 2016	AACSB-SER Accreditation Committee, University of Zagreb
2015 – 2015	Chair, College Personnel Committee, Fort Lewis College
2015 – 2018	Chair, SOBA AACSB Research Impact Committee, Fort Lewis College
2014, 2016 – 17	SOBA Personnel Committee, Fort Lewis College
2014 – 2015	College Personnel Committee, Fort Lewis College
2014 – 2018	Selection Committee, <i>Metamorphosis</i> , Fort Lewis College
2014 – 2018	Fulbright Liaison & FPA, Fort Lewis College
2013 – Present	Organizing Committee, <i>An Odyssey Enterprise</i> , University of Zagreb, Croatia
2012 – 2016	Honors Council, Fort Lewis College
2012 – 2016	SOBA Curriculum Committee, Fort Lewis College
2011 – 2017	Director: Office of Business & Economic Research & editor, <i>Four Corners Economic Quarterly</i> Newsletter, Fort Lewis College
2011 – 2014	Fulbright Campus Screening Committee, Fort Lewis College
2011 – 2013	AVPAA Area Personnel Committee, Fort Lewis College
2011 – 2012	Chair, PACEA Subcommittee on Education and Outreach, Fort Lewis College
2010	Chair, SOBA Functional Area Review Group, Fort Lewis College
2009 – 2010	Faculty Advocacy Committee, Fort Lewis College
2009 – 2011	AACSB Faculty Management Committee, SOBA, Fort Lewis College
2007 – 2012	Faculty, Environmental Studies Program, Fort Lewis College
2007 – 2012	Presidents Advisory Council on Environmental Affairs (PACEA), Fort Lewis College
2007 – 2011	San Juan Collaboratory, Fort Lewis College
2007 – 2008	AHSS Dean Search Committee, Fort Lewis College
2006 – 2008	Board of Directors, Fort Lewis Cycling Team
2006 – 2007	Economics Faculty Search Committee, Fort Lewis College
2005 – 2007	Accounting Faculty Search Committee, Fort Lewis College
2005 – 2007	Environmental Studies Inter-disciplinary Committee, Fort Lewis College
2005 – 2011	Co-Director: Office of Economic Analysis and Business Research & co-editor, <i>Region 9 Economic Quarterly Newsletter</i> , Fort Lewis College
2000 – 2005	McNair Scholars Selection Committee, University of Texas at Arlington
2000 – 2003	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Economics, University of Texas at Arlington

## Academic Service

Dates	Service (continued)
2000 – 2001	Unit Effectiveness Planning Committee, Department of Economics, University of Texas at Arlington

## Economic and Business Community Service

Dates	Service
2020 – present	<i>Member</i> , Missoula Benefits Steering Committee, Missoula, MT
2018	<i>Member</i> , Regional Data Planning Committee, Four Corners Regional Economic Consortium, Farmington, NM
2018	<i>Member</i> , CEDS Advisory Board, Southern Ute Indian Tribe Economic Development Program, Ignacio, CO
2012 – 2018	<i>Member</i> , Board of Directors, Region 9 Economic Development District, CO
2007, 2012 – 2018	<i>Member</i> , Region 9 Economic Development District, CEDS Resource Network/CO Blueprint, CO
2014	<i>Member</i> , EB 5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center Working Group, Region 9 Economic Development District, CO
2008 – 2018	<i>Member</i> , Colorado Business Economic Outlook Committee, Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
2006, 2012, 2016	<i>Contributor</i> , <i>Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy</i> , Region 9 Economic Development District, CO

## Legislative Testimony

Montana Public Service Commission, HB-648, (with K. Jakob) November 2022  
 Financial Modernization and Risk Analysis Study Committee, State of Montana, March 2022  
 Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee, SB-407, State of Montana, March 2021  
 Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee, SB-311, State of Montana, February 2021  
 State-Tribal Relations Committee, HB-632, State of Montana, August 2020

## Press & Interviews

*The Missoulian*, Op-Ed/Columnist

“Lack of childcare leads to workforce shortage in Montana”, October 2021  
 “Grim economic forecasts show glimmers of hope”, April 2020  
 “The true cost of health care”, April 2019 (also Helena *Independent Record*)

Guest KPAX NBC, Missoula, MT

Guest *Answering Questions About Coronavirus*, Ep. 5, Montana PBS

Guest *What Do You Know?*, Newstalk KGVO, Missoula, MT

Guest *Voices of Montana*, Northern News Network, Billings, MT

Guest *Can Do*, MTPR, Missoula, MT

Guest *Making A Difference*, KDUR, Durango, CO, 2010

Commentator *Rocky Mountain News*, Denver, CO, 2007 – 2009

Guest *Rim Shots*, KDUR, Durango, CO, 2007, 2009, 2013

Guest *Talk of the Town*, City Span, Channel 10, Durango, CO, November 2005

Columnist *The Durango Herald*, Durango, CO, 2005 – 2015

Interview *The Financial Times*, *Jutarnji List (Croatia)*, *Durango Herald*, *Impacto (Mexico)*, *Rocky Mountain News*, *Four Corners Business Quarterly*, DurangoTV, *The Missoulian*, KPAX NBC, MTPR, *The Billings Gazette*, KTVM NBC Montana, *The Boston Globe*, CNBC

## Panel Discussions

Panelist: *Extension Coronavirus Webinar Series*, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Montana State University, April, 2020

Presenter: *Economic Outlook Seminar*, Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Montana, 2019 – 2023

Moderator: “Reversing Inequality: What is the Path Forward?”, La Plata County Thrive!, Durango, CO, October 4, 2018

Participant: Professional Development Teaching Workshop, W.W. Norton Publishers, Denver, CO, April 17, 2015

Participant: Summit on the Teaching of Macroeconomics Courses, Worth Publishers, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 1, 2011

Panelist: *Immigration Creating a Safer, More Compassionate World, III*, Fort Lewis College, October 2010

Moderator: “Fiscal Wake-Up Tour” sponsored by the Concord Coalition and Fort Lewis College, April, 2009

Panelist: “Economic Discussion Panel”, Concerned Citizens of SW Colorado, three part discussion, Durango, CO, February – March, 2009

Panelist: “The Economy and Finances”, Life-Long Learning Lecture Series, Professional Associates of Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, February, 2009

Presenter: *Southwest Business Forum*, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO, 2005 – 2019