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Education

Ph.D., Economics: *University of Connecticut*, May 2009
Dissertation: Three Essays on the Economics of Professional Baseball
M.A., Applied Economics: *Johns Hopkins University*, August 2005
B.S., Managerial Economics: *Carnegie Mellon University*, December 2003

Fields of Interest

Labor Economics
Applied Microeconomics
Industrial Organization

Work Experience

University of Connecticut, Department of Economics, Storrs, CT
Assistant Professor in Residence, August 2009 – present
- Public Finance: Spring 2010
- Intermediate Microeconomics: Fall 2009 and Spring 2010
- Public Finance W (writing-intensive course): Fall 2009 and Spring 2010
Instructor, January 2007 - July 2009
- Theory of Labor Markets: Summer 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008,
Summer 2008, Spring 2009, and Summer 2009
- Principles of Microeconomics Honors: Fall 2008
- Principles of Microeconomics: Spring 2007
Teaching Assistant, August 2005 - December 2006
- Essentials of Economics: Fall 2006
- Principles of Macroeconomics: Spring 2006
- Principles of Microeconomics: Fall 2005
Merrill Lynch Private Client Group, Yardley, PA
Summer Intern, Summers 2002 & 2003

Awards

Albert E. Waugh Scholarship, 2007
“To recognize both a high level of academic achievement and promise as a teacher.”
Graduate Fellowship, 2004 – 2009

Published Research and Working Papers

"Minority Status and Managerial Survival in Major League Baseball"
Journal of Sports Economics, Vol. 10, No. 5, (2009): 522-542.
"Race and the Likelihood of Managing in Major League Baseball"
Working Paper 2009-17, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics,
(submitted)
"The Interleague Advantage: A Difference in Differences Analysis"
Working Paper 2009-32, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics,
(submitted)
"Efficient Production of Wins in Major League Baseball"
Working Paper 2008-50, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics.

Presentations

- “Race and the Likelihood of Managing in Major League Baseball”
Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, February 28, 2010
- "Minority Status and Managerial Survival in Major League Baseball"
Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, February 27, 2009
- "Efficient Production of Wins in Major League Baseball"
Brownbag Presentation Series, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics,
December 1, 2008
- "Minority Status and Managerial Survival in Major League Baseball"
Brownbag Presentation Series, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics,
February 21, 2008

Memberships

American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, Society for American Baseball Research

Computer Skills

Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, STATA, SAS

References/Advisors

- Major Advisor: Thomas Miceli, Ph.D.
Director of Graduate Studies
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- Associate Advisor: Kenneth Couch, Ph.D.
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- Associate Advisor: Subhash Ray, Ph.D.
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