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Research Positions

Senior Research Economist, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, University of Utah (2018–present)
Research Analyst, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, University of Utah (2015–2018)
Research Analyst, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Utah (2013–2015)
Graduate Assistant, Center for Public Policy and Administration, University of Utah (2005–2008)
Research Assistant, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, State of Utah (2007)

Teaching Positions

Adjunct Instructor, University of Utah, Master of Public Policy (MPP) program: Applied
Quantitative Methods (2015, 2018–present)
Graduate Instructor, University of Utah, Department of Economics: U.S. Economic History,
Current Economic Problems, Intermediate Macroeconomics, and American Industrial
Development (2005–2013)
Adjunct Instructor, Westminster College, Department of Economics: Elementary
Macroeconomics (2011–2012)
Adjunct Instructor, Weber State University, Department of Economics: Principles of
Macroeconomics and Intermediate Macroeconomics (2010)

Education

PhD, Economics, University of Utah (2013)
MBA, University of Kentucky (2001)
BA, History, Alice Lloyd College (2000)

Research

- “Utah Demographic Characteristics,” with 12 co-authors and contributors. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute data book, 43 pgs. (May 2024)
- “Life Sciences” and “Technology” chapters, *Economic Report to the Governor*, p. 151-155 and 169-174. Utah Economic Council. (January 2024)
- “Economic Impacts of Utah’s Life Sciences and Health Care Innovation Industry,” with Andrea Brandley. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report, 37 pgs. (November 2023) [\$66,178 research contract]
- “Utah’s Life Sciences Workforce and Industry Growth: 2012 to 2021,” with Andrea Brandley. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report, 7 pgs. (March 2023)
- “Utah’s Engineering and Computer Science Workforce: Higher Education and Economic Trends,” with Joshua Spolsdoff and Max Becker. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report, 48 pgs. (October 2022) [University of Utah internal funding]
- “An Economic Analysis of Utah’s Direct Sales Industry.” Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report, 21 pgs. August 2022 [\$74,399 research contract = \$65,206 + \$9,193]
- “Life Sciences” chapter, *Economic Report to the Governor*, p. 141-144. Utah Economic Council. (January 2022)
- “Growth Trends in Utah’s Life Sciences Industry,” with Logan Burton. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute fact sheet, 3 pgs. (August 2021)
- “Diversity in Utah: Race, Ethnicity, and Sex,” with 15 co-authors and contributors. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute data book, 29 pgs. (May 2021)
- “An Economic Analysis of Zion National Park Scenarios,” with Jennifer Leaver. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report sponsored by Kane County, 25 pgs. (February 2021) [\$40,479 research contract]
- “Estimates for Utah’s Middle Class in 2019.” Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute fact sheet, 3 pgs. (December 2020)
- “An Economic Analysis of Utah’s Industrial Banks.” Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report sponsored by the Utah Center for Financial Services, University of Utah, 25 pgs. (July 2020) [\$23,000 research contract]
- “Salt Lake County Renter Demographics,” with D.J. Benway. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report sponsored by Salt Lake City, 25 pgs. (June 2020) [research contract]
- “Life Sciences Industry” (p. 149-152) and “Utah’s Tech Industry” (p. 153-157) chapters. *Economic Report to the Governor*. Utah Economic Council. (January 2020)

- “Utah’s Tech Economy – Volume One: Economic Impacts, Industry Trends, Occupations, and Workers.” Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report, 41 pgs. (July 2019)
- “Summary Economic Impacts of Utah’s Tech Industry.” Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute research brief, 5 pgs. (February 2019) [\$100,000 Utah Legislature appropriation, also for July 2019 publication and Jim Wood’s forthcoming second volume]
- “Defining Utah’s Middle Class.” Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute policy brief, 13 pgs. (October 2018)
- “Economic Impacts of Utah’s Life Science Industry,” with Joshua Spolsdoff. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report sponsored by BioUtah, 18 pgs. (August 2018) [\$57,500 research contract]
- “Economic Contributions of Intermountain Healthcare and SelectHealth in Utah.” Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute technical memo, 12 pgs. (June 2018) [\$8,500 research contract]
- “Utah Veterans’ Postsecondary Education Outcomes,” with Annette Harris, Joshua Spolsdoff, and Juliette Tennert. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute technical memo for the Utah Dept. of Veterans and Military Affairs, 25 pgs. (April 2018) [\$34,500 research contract]
- “Intermountain Healthcare in Utah’s Economy.” Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report for Intermountain Healthcare, 65 pgs. (March 2018) [\$98,800 research contract]
- “Western Public Lands and the Fiscal Implications of a Transfer to States,” with Paul M. Jakus, Jan E. Stambro, Michael Hogue, John Downen, Levi Pace and Therese Grijalva. *Land Economics* 93, no. 3, 371-389. doi: 10.3368/le.93.3.371 (August 2017)
- “Utah’s Defense Sector: Economic Impacts of the Military and Veterans,” with John Downen. Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report sponsored by the Utah Defense Alliance, 45 pgs. (March 2017) [\$215,000 research contract]
- “Analysis of Military Retirees in Utah: Impacts, Demographics and Tax Policy,” Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute report sponsored by the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, 32 pgs. (January 2017) [\$19,949 research contract]
- “Consumer Bankruptcy,” with Jean M. Lown. In J. J. Xiao (Ed.), *Handbook of Consumer Finance Research*, 2nd Ed., 315-326. Switzerland: Springer. (2016)
- “Preschool Outcomes: A Literature Review,” Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, Policy Brief, 21 pgs. (December 2015)
- “The role of medical debt in consumer bankruptcy,” with Jean M. Lown. In V. Mason (Ed.), *Proceedings of the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education 2014 Annual Conference*, 77-79. Bellevue, WA. (November 2014)

- “Analysis of Current Activities in Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat in Utah,” with John C. Downen and Michael T. Hogue, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Utah, 64 pgs. Prepared for Public Lands Policy Coordination Office, State of Utah (May 2015) [\$43,786 research contract]
- “An Analysis of a Transfer of Federal Lands to the State of Utah,” with Jan Elise Stambro, John C. Downen, Therese C. Grijalva, Michael T. Hogue, and Paul M. Jakus. Bureau of Economic & Business Research, University of Utah, 732 pgs. Prepared for Public Lands Policy Coordination Office, State of Utah (November 2014) [\$453,385 research contract]
- “Debtors in Consumer Bankruptcy: Navigating 2005 Bankruptcy Reform,” PhD dissertation, supervisory committee chair David M. Kiefer, Department of Economics, University of Utah (May 2013)
- “Interpreting Adam Smith’s Concept of Self-Interest,” presentation at Economic and Business Historical Society Annual Meeting (April 2008)
- “An Evaluation of Utah’s Tax System and a Comparison of Eight Intermountain Western States,” with Janis Dubno. Tax Review Commission, State of Utah (November 2007)
- “Analysis of Utah’s Tax Reform Enacted during the 2007 Legislative Session,” with Janis Dubno, *Policy Perspectives*, monthly electronic journal of the Center for Public Policy and Administration, University of Utah (April 2007)
- “The Severance Tax in Utah,” *Policy Perspectives* (August 2006)
- “Economic Policy in Latin America,” presentation at Economic and Business Historical Society Annual Meeting (April 2006)
- “State Comparative Policy Analysis: Economic Development Strategies Involving Universities,” with W. David Patton. Utah Science, Technology and Research (USTAR) Economic Development Initiative, Planning Oversight Committee (September 2005)

Professional Service

- Admissions Committee, Master of Public Policy program, University of Utah (2023)
- Editing staff/reviewer for “Taxable Sales” and “Tax Collections” chapters of Utah’s *Economic Report to the Governor* (2017–present)
- Research Fellow, Utah Women & Leadership Project (March 2022–February 2023)
- Committee chair (advisor) for Master of Public Policy capstone projects by Sandra Luo and Sarah Woolley (2023–2024); Cara Lindsley and Jennifer Specchiale (2022–2023); and Eric Albers and Shannon Thoman-Black (2020–2021)

Manuscript peer review, *Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning* (June 2019)
Maliheh Free Clinic, volunteer interpreter for patients and providers (2017–2020)
Guadalupe School, Adult Education Program, volunteer English tutor (2013–2020)
Journal of Infection in Developing Countries (JIDC), Editorial Team, Linguistic Division,
preparing articles for publication (2009)
PhD Committee, Economics Department, University of Utah, voted on admissions decisions and
discussed curriculum changes (2006, 2008)
Faculty Committee, Economics Department, University of Utah, represented graduate students'
views on departmental issues (2006–2007)

Awards and Scholarships

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of Economics, University of Utah (2005–2009)
Ashland Oil Scholarship, Gatton College of Business and Economics, University of Kentucky,
full tuition (2000–2001)
Valedictorian, Alice Lloyd College (2000)