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### Citizenship

Canadian citizen; New Zealand Permanent Resident

### Education

Ph.D., Economics, George Mason University 2003  
Dissertation "Agency, Democracy, and Expressive Voting"  
Chair: Tyler Cowen.  
M.A., Economics, George Mason University 2000  
B.A., Economics and Political Studies, University of Manitoba 1998

### Appointments

*Research Associate*  
New Zealand Institute for the Study of Competition and Regulation 2007 –  
*Senior Lecturer in Economics*  
University of Canterbury, Christchurch 2006 –  
*Lecturer in Economics*  
University of Canterbury, Christchurch 2003 – 2005  
*Senior Fellow*  
ZEI – Center for European Integration Studies, University of Bonn 2003

### Teaching Experience

University of Canterbury, Christchurch, NZ.

- Twice a finalist for UCSA Lecturer of the Year.
- [Economics and Current Policy Issues](#) (200-level) 2006-
- [Microeconomic Theory with Calculus](#) (200-level) 2005
- [Public Choice](#) (300-level) 2004-
- [Public Choice](#) (graduate) 2004, '06, '09
- [Full teaching evaluations for all courses](#)

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA: Instructor

- Legal and Economic Research II (Juris Masters Program, School of Law) 2003
- Economies in Transition 2001
- Comparative Economic Systems 2000

### Administrative Service

Scientific Committee	Australasian Public Choice Society	2008-
Board of Studies	Faculty of Commerce	2008-
Teaching Committee	Department of Economics	2003-
Recruitment Committee Chair	Department of Economics	2005
Visiting Erskine Professor coordinator	Department of Economics	2004-2008
Condliffe Memorial Lecture coordinator	Department of Economics	2005-2008

## **Publications: Refereed Articles and Chapters**

[“Robust Analytical egalitarianism: Worst-case political economy and the socialist calculation debate.”](#) pp. 108-131 in D. Levy and S. Peart, eds, [The Street Porter and the Philosopher: Conversations on Analytical Egalitarianism](#). Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2008. With Andrew Farrant.

[“Market Failure.”](#) in Clark, David S., Ed., [Encyclopedia of Law & Society](#). pp. 983-5. Sage Publications, 2007.

[“Back to the Bog? Subrick, Self-Interest, and Socialist Calculation.”](#) *Review of Austrian Economics* 19:1 (March 2006), pp. 101-104. With Andrew Farrant.

[“Relaxing Benevolence: On the Undesirability of Socialist Calculation when Planners are Homo Economicus.”](#) *Review of Austrian Economics* 19:1 (March, 2006), pp. 81-93. With Andrew Farrant.

[“Expressive and Instrumental Voting: the Scylla and Charybdis of Constitutional Political Economy.”](#) *Constitutional Political Economy* 15:1 (March 2004), pp. 77-88. With Andrew Farrant.

[“Does Cyberspace Need Antitrust?”](#) pp. 363-76 in [Who Rules the Net?](#) Washington, D.C.: The Cato Institute, 2003. With Donald Boudreaux.

[“Truth and Consequences: The Economics of False Consciousness.”](#) *The Independent Review* 8:1 (Summer 2003), pp. 27-45. With Donald Boudreaux.

[Market Failure or Success? The New Debate](#). London: Edward Elgar, 2002. Edited with Tyler Cowen.

[“Introduction.”](#) pp. 1-30 in [Market Failure or Success? The New Debate](#). London: Edward Elgar, 2002. With Tyler Cowen.

[“You Get What You Vote For: Electoral Determinants of Economic Freedom.”](#) *Journal of Private Enterprise* 18:1 (Fall 2002), pp. 32-56.

## **Working Papers**

[“The price of everything, the value nothing: A \(truly\) external review of BERL's study of harmful alcohol and drug use.”](#) With Matt Burgess. The paper has drawn much comment in *The National Business Review*, *Competition & Regulation Times*, *The New Zealand Herald*, *The Otago Daily Times*, *Newstalk ZB*, *Radio New Zealand*, and *The Christchurch Press*; it also was cited in the New Zealand Law Commission's review of New Zealand's alcohol regulatory framework. It has been downloaded over 1500 times from the Economics Department's working paper series.

[“Political ignorance and policy preference.”](#)

[“Anarchy, preferences, and robust political economy.”](#) With Brad Taylor.

“Antipodean Electoral Incentives: The pork barrel and New Zealand's MMP electoral rule.” With Hannah Kite.

[“Distributive politics in a strong party system: Evidence from Canadian Job Grant Programs.”](#)

[“Revealing Expressiveness: the Demand Revealing Process with Expressive Voters.”](#)

## **Publications: Popular press.**

### **Blogging**

[Offsetting Behaviour](#) (March 2008-present, with occasional co-blogger Seamus Hogan). Blog frequently listed among top-20 New Zealand blogs; listed as recommended resource by the American Economics Association's [Resources for Economists](#).

[EconLog](#) (July 2006, guest-blogger for Bryan Caplan)

## Popular Articles and Editorials

- "Live dangerously: it's bad for the health but good for the soul" *Christchurch Press* 30 November 2009.
- ["Nonsense Upon Stilts: The New Zealand Drug Harm Index"](#) *Norml News* Spring 2009, pp. 28-31.
- ["Life's joys get a little lost down holes of health-cost analyses"](#) *Canberra Times* 21 October 2009
- ["Healthist' doomsayers are spoiling all our fun"](#) *New Zealand Herald* 16 October 2009
- ["Public health and the new paternalism"](#) *Policy*, Spring 2009.
- "The costs of everything" *Food Industry Week*, 22 June 2009.
- "Key Kiwi" [Forbes.com](#). 11 November 2008.
- ["Economics can be good for health, but it needn't be so dismal."](#) *The New Zealand Medical Journal*. 120:1263 (12 October 2007).
- "Fat taxes: Bad economics and worse policy." *The Christchurch Press* 17 December 2007.
- "Uncommon Culture." *Foreign Policy* (July/August 2001), pp. 28-9. With Tyler Cowen.

## Reviews

- ["A nudge in the right direction."](#) Review of Thaler and Sunstein, [Nudge: Improving Decisions about Health, Wealth and Happiness](#). *Christchurch Press*, 15 August 2009.
- ["Strategic parenthood."](#) Review of Josh Gans, [Parentonomics](#), *Christchurch Press*, 31 January 2009.
- ["Reshaping our inbuilt biases."](#) Review of Dan Ariely, [Predictably Irrational](#), *Christchurch Press*, 2008.
- ["Cost-benefit analysis when the conclusion drives the method: a review of Report on tobacco taxation in New Zealand."](#) *New Zealand Medical Journal* 121:1269, 15 February 2008.
- ["Here's to economy experts."](#) Review of Bryan Caplan [The Myth of the Rational Voter](#), *Christchurch Press* 5 January 2008.
- ["More than luck."](#) Review of Brian Easton, [Globalisation and the Wealth of Nations](#), 15 December 2007.

## Selected Presentations

Australasian Public Choice Society Meetings	2009, 2008
New Zealand Brewers' Guild Annual Meetings	2009
Department of Economics, Victoria University at Wellington	2008
Southern Economics Association	2008
New Zealand Economics Association	2009, 2007
Law and Economics Association New Zealand	2009, 2007
New Zealand Skeptics Society	2007
Frontier Centre for Public Policy, Winnipeg	2007
Department of Economics, University of Auckland	2005
Public Choice Society	2004, '03, '02
Center for European Integration Studies, University of Bonn	2003
Department of Economics, University of Bonn	2003
Eastern Economic Association	2003
Association for Private Enterprise Education	2002

## Refereeing:

Public Choice, Journal of the European Economic Association, Review of Austrian Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Journal of Politics, New Zealand Economic Papers, Economics of Governance, Review of Political Economy, Southern Economic Journal, Journal of Private Enterprise, Edward Elgar Publications, Oxford University Press.