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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

August 2011-

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
and Criminal Justice, Southern Utah University

August 2010-

Research Director-Center for Public Lands and
Rural Economics, Department of Economics,
Utah State University

August 2010-August 2011

Instructor, Department of Political Science,
Utah State University

NON-PROFIT POLICY POSITIONS

May 2012-

Executive Director, STRATA Policy

EDUCATION

PhD Political Science
Georgia State University
August 2011

M.S. Political Science (emphasis in Political Economy)
Utah State University, Logan, UT
Graduation: May 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

“Trading Places; Effects of voting systems on multicandidate elections”, (2011) (with Randy T Simmons and Derek Johnson) *Public Choice*, Volume 146, Numbers 3-4, 341-351, 2011.

“Bootleggers, Baptists and Political Entrepreneurs: Key Players in the Rational and Morality play of Regulatory Politics,” (2010) (with Randy Simmons and Ryan Yonk) *The Independent Review*, Volume 15(3).

“Touchdowns, Home Runs and Slam Dunk; How local media coverage of athletics shapes parental perceptions of education” *Political Perspectives*, Volume 5, 2011.

“Citizen Involvement: Quality of Life in a time of Direct Democracy” (with Shauna Reilly) *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, March 2012

“In and out of the Commons- Extractive Public Entrepreneurship and the Aggie Blue Bikes Program” (with Diana Thomas and **Steve Young**) *The Journal of Public and Municipal Finance*, Spring 2012

“Who are the Patients? Exploring Approaches to Rural Hospital Market Area Determination” *Journal of Rural Business Management and Economics*, Vol 4(1) Jan 2013. (With Roberta Q. Herzberg Chris Fawson and **Christopher Martin**)

“Battlegrounds and Budgets; State-level Evidence of Budget Manipulation in Competitive Presidential Election States” *State and Local Government Review*. Vol 45 No. 2, June 2013 (With Daniel Franklin and Sean Richey)

“Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Goals at Public Institutions: The Case of a Land-Grant University” *British Journal of Management Economics and Trade*. Forthcoming Fall 2013 (With R. Christopher **Martin** and **Kayla Dawn Harris**)

“It Tax, You Tax” *Public Administration Research*. Vol2(2) Forthcoming November 2013.

“Politics, Economics, and Federal Land Designation: Assessing the Economic Impact of Land Protection—Grand Staircase -Escalante National Monument” *Mountain Plains Journal of Business and Economics*. Forthcoming Fall 2013 (With Randy T Simmons and Brian C. Steed)

“Boon or Bust: Wilderness Designation and Local Economies” *Journal of Private Enterprise*. Forthcoming. (With Randy T. Simmons)

Articles Under Review

“Planning is Political- Except When It Isn’t: How Planning Commissions Decide” *The California Journal of Politics and Policy*. Submitted May 2013.

“The Empty Intersection: Why so little Public Choice in Political Science?” *Journal of Economics and Finance Education*. Submitted July 2013

“The Regulatory Noose: Logan City’s Adventures in Micro-Hydropower” *Energy Policy*. Submitted September 2013.

Book Projects--Published

Green vs. Green: The Political, Legal, and Administrative Pitfalls Facing Green Energy Production. Routledge Press. Oct 2012

Direct Democracy in the United States: Petitioners as a Reflection of Society. Routledge Press. Oct 2012

Book Projects—Under Contract

“Political Ecology” (With Randy T Simmons and Brian C. Steed)

Policy Papers and Reports—Peer Reviewed

“Treasured Landscapes and Energy Resources” Published by the Center for Public Lands and Rural Economics, Utah State University, August 2011. With Randy T Simmons and Brian C. Steed. (Peer Reviewer Christopher Fawson PhD)

“Energy Regulation: Impacting traditional and green energy projects” Published by the Center for Public Lands and Rural Economics, August 2011. With Randy T. Simmons and Brian C. Steed. (Peer Reviewer—Christopher Fawson PhD)

“Utah Broadband Access” Published by the Center for Public Lands and Rural Economics, Jan 2012. With Randy T. Simmons. (Peer Reviewer—John Harvey PhD)

“The Economic Costs of Wilderness” Published by Pacific Research Institute, Summer 2011. With Brian C. Steed and Randy T. Simmons) (Peer Reviewer – Holly Fretwell PhD)

“The Role of Oil and Gas and Amenities in County Economic Development” Published by the American Petroleum Institute, August 2013. (With Randy Simmons, **Nick Hilton, Justine Larsen and Jordan Hunt**) (Peer Review—Blind)

Policy Papers and Reports

Published by The Center for Public Lands and Rural Economics, Utah State University Feb 2012. (With Randy T. Simmons and Brian C. Steed)

“Considering Privatization: State Parks, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and Department of Transportation” Published by The Center for Public Lands and Rural Economics, Utah State University 2011. (With Randy T Simmons and **Richard Criddle**)

“HB174: An analysis of eligibility privatization in Utah’s Medical Program” Published by the Institute of Political Economy. June 2012. (With Roberta Q. Herzberg.)

“Understanding the Economic Impacts of WildEarth Guardian Litigation” Published by the Institute of Political Economy. June 2012 (With Randy T Simmons and **Kayla Dawn Harris**)

“Renewable Energy Siting and Transmission Resource Requirements” Published by the Center for Public Land and Rural Economics, Utah State University May 2012 With Randy T. Simmons and **Kayla Dawn Harris**

“Rural Quality of Life: An Index” Published by the Center for Public Lands and Rural Economics Utah State University Spring 2010, with Randy T Simmons and Chris Fawson

“Public Lands and Rural Education” Published by The Center for Public Lands and Rural Economics Utah State University June 2009, with Randy T Simmons, Chris Fawson, and Roberta Q. Herzberg

“The Price of Government; in Cache Counties Cities and Towns” Published by Institute of Political Economy, Utah State University August 2008. With Randy T Simmons PhD

“Renewable Energy Primers” Published by the Institute of Political Economy Utah State University May 2013. With Randy T Simmons PhD

“The Price of Government in the State of Utah 2009. Published by the Institute of Political Economy Utah State University. With Randy T Simmons and **R. Christopher Martin**

“2010 Cost of Government Report. Published by the Utah Tax Payers Association University. With Randy T Simmons and **R. Christopher Martin**

“2011 Cost of Government Report. Published by the Utah Tax Payers Association University. With Randy T Simmons and **R. Christopher Martin**

“Costs of Land Administration in Utah” Utah Governors Office Fall 2012. With **Kayla Dawn Harris, Christopher Martin, Richard Criddle, Jordan Hunt and Braedan Udy.**

“Economic Impacts of Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance on Local Communities” Institute of Political Economy Utah State University and the Institute of Policy Analysis Southern Utah University. August 2013. With Randy T Simmons PhD, **Kayla Dawn Harris, and Megan Hansen**

WORKING PAPERS

“Donations, Diversity and Extremity: Campaign Contributions, Diversity and Voting Decisions” (with Brian Webb and Rochdi Alloui) working paper

“Public Trust and Public Choice: Understanding the Public Trust Doctrine a Public Choice World” (with Randy T Simmons and Brian C. Steed) working paper

“Local Government Finance and Wilderness Designations: Understanding the effects” (with Sarah Reale)

“Spending our way to a better life: The Effect of Federal Spending on Quality of Life” (with Brian Webb) working paper

"What Matters? AYP and the Rural West" (with Randy T Simmons) working paper

“Perpetuating Poverty; Income and Asset Testing in Welfare Programs” working paper

PAPER PRESENTATIONS (2009-2013)

“Participation and Involvement in Direct Democracy: A look at State Elections and Social Engagement” Southern Political Science Association Meeting, Atlanta GA, January 2010.

“Donations Diversity, and Extremity: Campaign Contributions and Voting Decisions” Georgia State University Graduate Student Conference, Atlanta GA, March 2010.

“The Local Impact of Wilderness: An Overtime Analysis of Wilderness Designations on Local Economies” Western Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco CA, April 2010.

“Donations Diversity and Extremity: Campaign Contributions and Voting Decisions” Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV, April 2010.

“Beyond Economic Growth: A Survey of the Economic Freedom Literature” Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV, April 2010.

“Politics, Economics and Federal land Designation: Assessing the Economic Impact of the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2010.

“Budget Priorities and Elections: State-Level Evidence of Budget Manipulation During Election Years” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2010.

“Citizen Involvement: Exit Voice and Loyalty in a time of Direct Democracy” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2010.

“Donations, Diversity and Extremity: Campaign Contributions and Voting Decisions” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2010.

“Moderation Pays: Donations, Diversity and Extremity” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, September 2010.

“The Effect of Federal Spending on Quality of Life” Georgia Political Science Association Meeting, Savannah GA, November 2010.

“Boon or Bust: Wilderness Designation and Regional Economies” Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans LA, 2011

“Spending our Way to a better Life: The Effect of Federal Spending on Quality of Life” Southern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans LA, 2011

“Green Vs. Green: The Political, Administrative, and Legal Pitfalls in Green Energy Production” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago IL, 2011.

“Chasing the Whale: USU’s Quest for Carbon Neutrality” Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Nassau Bahamas, April 2011.

“Extreme Vote Makeover” Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Nassau Bahamas, April 2011.

“Political Entrepreneurship and the Cycling Problem” Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Nassau Bahamas, April 2011.

“Lines in the Sand: How Bootleggers and Baptists Solved the Public Lands Crisis in Washington County, Utah” Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Nassau Bahamas, April 2011.

“The Effect of Controversial Ballot Measures on State Level Turnout during Midterm and Presidential Election Years 1990-2010” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle WA, September 2011.

“Green Against Green: Alternative Energy and National Monuments” Southern Political Science Annual Meeting, New Orleans LA, Jan 2012.

“Green Revenue? Local Governments and Wilderness Designation” Southern Political Science Annual Meeting, New Orleans LA, Jan 2012.

“Evolution of Environmental Policy through Ballot Measures” Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2012.

“Rural Broadband Uptake: Determinants of Broadband Demand” Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2012.

“The Public Trust and Public Choice” Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV, April 2012.

“The Effects of Environmental Litigation on Local Economies: Wild Earth Guardians” Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV, April 2012.

"Negotiating Wilderness: Solving the Conflict Between Public Lands and Local Development" Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV, April 2012.

"Privatization Initiatives as a Rent Seeking Activity" Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV, April 2012.

"Case Study: Undergraduate Student Engagement at Southern Utah University" Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV, April 2012.

"A Tax by Any Other Name" Association of Private Enterprise Educators Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV, April 2012.

“Understanding Rural Broadband Adoption: Rural Utah” National Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas NV, April 2012.

“Public Choice and the Public Trust: The effects of an expanded public trust doctrine” Southern Political Science Association, Orlando FL, Jan 2013

“Political Ecology” Southern Political Science Association, Orlando FL, Jan 2013

“Planning is Political, Except When It Isn’t” International Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights Annual Meeting, Feb 2013

“Politicized Ecology: How Environmental Policy was co-opted by Political Entrepreneurs” Public Choice Society Meeting, New Orleans LA, March 2013

“Political Ecology” Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles CA, April 2013

“An Institutional Framework for Analyzing Conflicts between Green Goals and Green Regulations” Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles CA, April 2013

“Politicized Ecology: How Environmental Policy was co-opted by Political Entrepreneurs” Association of Private Enterprise Educators, Maui HI, April 2013

“The Economic Impacts of Environmental Group Litigation: CBD, SUWA, and WWP” Association of Private Enterprise Educators, Maui HI, April 2013

“Quality of life: A new metric of success?” 9TH Transatlantic Dialogue: Rebuilding Capacities For Urban Governance. Baltimore MD, June 2013

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Testimony to the Privatization Policy Board, “Privatization Report”. Spring 2011

Testimony to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, United States House of Representatives. “Payments in Lieu of Taxes” October 2011

Staff Training Session, Western Caucus US House of Representatives. October 2011

Testimony to Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee, Utah Legislature . “HB 174” Jan 2012

Testimony to the Native American Liaison Joint Committee, Utah Legislature, “Economic Development” August 2013

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

CREES 200634530-17329 “Public Lands and Rural Education”	Research Director,	2006-2009
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CREES UTA00562 “Rural Quality of Life Index” Total Award \$ 208,000	Research Director, Co-PI	2008-2009
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CREES SRGP-002216 “Public lands and the political, economic, and social structure of rural western counties” Total Award \$195,000	Research Director, Co-PI	2009-2010
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Department of Energy “Alternative Energy Siting in the Rural West” Total Award \$ 259,000	Co- Principal Investigator	2010-2011
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Public Service Commission “Determinates of Rural Broadband Use” Total Award \$93,000	Co-Principal Investigator	2011-2013
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Utah Tax Payers Association “Cost of Government 2009” Total Award \$3,000	Co-Principal Investigator	2010-2011
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Department of Energy “Micro-Hydroelectric Projects” Total Award \$65,000	Co-Principal Investigator	2011-2012
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Utah State University Department of Economics and Finance “Treasured Landscapes” Total Award \$16,970	Co-Principal Investigator	2011
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Utah State University Department of Economics and Finance “Traditional Energy Regulations” Total Award \$12,080	Principal Investigator	2011
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Utah Department of Health “Medicaid Eligibility” Total Award \$39,993	Principal Investigator	2010-2011
Charles Koch Foundation “Conservation and Economics” Total Award \$29,400	Principal Investigator	2012
Institute for Energy Research “The Footprint of Green Energy” Total Award \$8,000	Principal Investigator	2012
Americans for Prosperity Foundation “WildEarth Guardians” Total Award \$30,100	Principal Investigator	2011
Charles Koch Foundation “Political Science Research Fellows 2012” Total Award \$9,200	Principal Investigator	2011
Public Lands Coordinating Committee “HB 148” Total Award \$27,500	Principal Investigator	2012
Charles Koch Foundation “Political Science Research Fellows 2013” Total Award \$9,200	Principal Investigator	2013
Liberty Source, Inc “Policy Analyst” Total Award \$30,000	Project Director	2013
Scholarly Support Fund SUU “Washington County Lands Bill” Total Award \$1500	Principal Investigator	2013
American Express “Navajo Economic Development” Total Award \$25,000	Principal Investigator	2013

COURSES TAUGHT

Senior Research Seminar (POLS 4990), Utah State University, Spring 2008 (With Randy T Simmons).
Introduction to American Politics (POL 1101), Georgia State University, Spring 2010.
Connecting to Campus (USU 1000), Utah State University, Summer 2010
Social Systems and Issues (USU 1340), Utah State University, Fall 2010.
Introduction to Political Research (POLS 3000), Utah State University, Spring 2011.
U.S. Institutions (USU 1300), Utah State University, Spring 2011.
Public Administration and Ethics (PADM 6620), Southern Utah University, Fall 2011.

American Presidency: Executive Process (POLS 3110), Southern Utah University, Fall 2011.
American Political Thought (POLS 4110), Southern Utah University, Fall 2011.
Current Political Issues (POLS 3010), Southern Utah University, Spring 2012.
Research Design (CJ 3900), Southern Utah University, Ongoing.
Public Budget & Finance (PADM 6200), Southern Utah University, Ongoing.
Capstone in Public Administration (PADM 6990), Southern Utah University, Ongoing.

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Co-Editor Special Issue of Political Perspectives Jan 2011.
Started a weekly political economy discussion group for faculty in the Economics and Political Science Departments at USU.
Editor, Critical Issues in Justice and Politics
Director Institute of Policy Analysis SUU
Research Fellow, Independent Institute
Research Director, Institute of Political Economy USU

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor, National Political Science Honor Society, Chapter Advisor, August 2012-Present
Department Curriculum Committee
College Curriculum Committee
MPA Director Search Committee
Department Search Committees (Political Science and Criminal Justice)
Koch Student Fellows Faculty Advisor

THESES AND PROJECTS SUPERVISED

Amy Mciff Thesis "The Washington County Lands Bill"
Geoff Huseaus Thesis "Municipal Bond Decisions"
Holly Norton Thesis "Political Economy of NCAA Scholarships"
Shered Mullins Thesis "NEPA"
Lori Economy Professional Project "Employee Satisfaction and Measurement-DWS"
Heather Shober Professional Project "Financial Literacy and College Freshmen"
Derick Veater Professional Project "Juvenile Crime Rates in Southern Utah"

JOURNAL REFEREE

The Journal of Rural Health
Political Perspectives
The African Journal of Marketing Management
Political Research Quarterly
Public Choice
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