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## **Education**

Ph.D., Economics: *University of Connecticut*, May 2009  
M.A., Applied Economics: *Johns Hopkins University*, August 2005  
B.S., Managerial Economics: *Carnegie Mellon University*, December 2003

## **Fields of Interest**

Sports Economics, Labor Economics, Productivity Analysis

## **Teaching Experience**

Assumption College, Department of Economics and Global Studies, Worcester, MA  
Associate Professor, June 2016 – present

Assistant Professor, August 2010 – May 2016

- ECO 110: Principles of Microeconomics: Eleven Semesters
- ECO 115: Statistics I: Six Semesters
- ECO 325: Corporate Finance: Six Semesters
- ECO 340: Economics of Sports: Four Semester
- ECO 323: Labor Economics: Three Semesters
- ECO 212: Economics of the Public Sector: One Semester
- ECO 331: Industrial Organization: One Semester
- ECO 499W: Research Seminar: One Semester

University of Connecticut, Department of Economics, Storrs, CT

Assistant Professor in Residence, August 2009 – July 2010

- Public Finance: Spring 2010
- Intermediate Microeconomics: Fall 2009, Spring 2010
- Public Finance (writing-intensive): Fall 2009, Spring 2010

Instructor, January 2007 - July 2009

- Theory of Labor Markets: Fall 2007, Spring 2008 & 2009, Summers 2007-2009
- 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

## **Published Research**

“Evaluating Manager and Team Efficiencies in Major League Baseball”

In J. Zhu (Ed.), *Data Envelopment Analysis: A Handbook of Empirical Studies and Applications*, Springer, 2016.

“Race and Quarterback Survival in the National Football League”

*Journal of Sports Economics*, 2015.

- “Race and the Likelihood of Managing in Major League Baseball”  
*Journal of Labor Research*, Vol. 34, No. 1, (2013): 30-51.
- “Debating Immortality: Application of DEA to Voting for the Baseball Hall of Fame”  
*Managerial and Decision Economics*, Vol. 33, No. 3, (2012): 177-188, with Thomas Miceli.
- “Minority Status and Managerial Survival in Major League Baseball”  
*Journal of Sports Economics*, Vol. 10, No. 5, (2009): 522-542.

### **Working Papers**

- “NFL Quarterback Efficiency: A DEA Approach”  
 Work in progress
- “Customer Discrimination in the NFL: Evidence from Fantasy Football”  
 Work in progress
- “The Interleague Advantage: A Difference in Differences Analysis”  
 Working Paper 2009-32, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics
- “Efficient Production of Wins in Major League Baseball”  
 Working Paper 2008-50, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics

### **Presentations**

- “NFL Quarterback Efficiency: A DEA Approach”  
 Western Economics Association International Annual Conference, June 28, 2015
- “Customer Discrimination in the NFL: Evidence from Fantasy Football”  
 Western Economics Association International Annual Conference, June 30, 2014
- “Race and Quarterback Survival in the National Football League”  
 Eastern Economics Association Annual Conference, March 9, 2012 (Session Chair)
- “Debating Immortality: Application of DEA to Voting for the Baseball Hall of Fame”  
 Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, February 27, 2011 (Session Chair)
- “Race and the Likelihood of Managing in Major League Baseball”  
 Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, February 28, 2010 (Session Chair)
- “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

### **Awards and Grants**

- Faculty Development Grant*, Assumption College, 2015  
 “NFL Quarterback Efficiency: A DEA Approach”
- Faculty Development Grant*, Assumption College, 2013  
 “Customer Discrimination in the NFL: Evidence from Fantasy Football”
- Faculty Development Grant*, Assumption College, 2011  
 “Race and Quarterback Survival in the National Football League”
- Albert E. Waugh Scholarship*, University of Connecticut, 2007  
 “To recognize both a high level of academic achievement and promise as a teacher.”
- Graduate Fellowship*, University of Connecticut, 2004 – 2009

**Referee**

*Journal of Sports Economics*

*Applied Economics*

*Data Envelopment Analysis Journal*

**Assumption College Service**

Honors Thesis Advisor, Ashley Lockwood, Class of 2018

Honors Thesis Advisor, Stephen Picard, Class of 2017

Honors Thesis Advisor, James Lentini, Class of 2015

Honors Thesis Advisor, Alex Parisi, Class of 2015

Honors Thesis Advisor, Jordan Sweigart, Class of 2014

Faculty Senate, Fall 2012 - Spring 2014

Faculty Development Committee, Fall 2012 - present

Honors Faculty Council, Fall 2011 - present

College Conduct Board, Fall 2011 – present

Session Chair, Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2014 & 2015

Core Curriculum Sub-Group IVA “Scaling Up: Staffing the New Curriculum”

**Memberships**

North American Association of Sports Economists

Society for American Baseball Research

American Economic Association

Eastern Economic Association