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## Profile

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Trained Empirical Economist with exceptional leadership and presentation abilities; research experience in fields of Labor Economics, Public Policy, and Household Economics; experienced with statistics and management of quantitative data; Qualitative research training; teaching experience includes conventional classroom, intensive workshops, and supervision of graduate level research; competent in Spanish;

## Education

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**Ph.D. in Economics, Northwestern University, (expected) 2008**

*Fields:* Labor Economics (principal); Economic History, Industrial Organization

**M.A. in Economics, Northwestern University, 2003**

**Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Trinity University, 2002**

**Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Trinity University, 2002**

## Publications

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**Contributor: Encyclopedia of the History of World Trade**

2005

Under the direction of John J. McCusker and Louis Cain, Eds., I wrote articles on William Randolph Hearst, John Maynard Keynes, Aristotle Onassis, and Siemens AG for inclusion in this 500,000 word volume, which can be cited as McCusker, John J. *History of World Trade since 1450*. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 2005.

## Invited Presentations

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**Paper: The Good Ones Go Fast: Education, Marriage, and Merit Aid**

2007

Paper was presented on March 23 at the Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN; revised version of paper presented on November 9 at University of Chicago Development Workshop. (Poster on same presented at 2007 IES conference)

**Poster: Do Institutions Matter? Using a Ten Percent Law to Understand Choice of Major**

2006

Poster was presented on June 15 at the Institute of Education Sciences research conference in Washington, DC.

## Workshop Presented

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**IPR Research Assistant Stata Workshop**

2006-2007

Co-wrote with Eugene Orlov and presented a workshop in the use of STATA Statistical Software to the undergraduate research assistants employed by the Institute for Public Research in June 2006.

I presented a significantly updated version of that workshop for the same group in June 2007.

## **Organized Lecture Series**

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### **MPES Summer Colloquium**

*2006-2007*

Organized, promoted, and hosted a series of seminar talks given by other MPES fellows during the summer of 2006, and again for this most recent summer.

## **Appointments, Northwestern University**

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### **Research Assistant**

*Fall 2007 to Present*

Current project with Emma Adam and Thom McDade examines the interplay between socioeconomic status and stress using the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health. Conducted training sessions in use of statistical software; built applications for data extraction; collaborated on model development.

### **MPES Fellow**

*Winter 2005 to Summer 2007*

The Multi-Disciplinary Program in Education Sciences is a multi-department five-year initiative at Northwestern to train researchers with agendas related to education. As a Fellow, I am involved in a research apprenticeship directed by Christopher Taber, and I take additional courses in departments outside of the Economics department.

### **Editorial Assistant**

*Summer 2005 to Winter 2006*

Assisted with the updating of text and tables in the seventh edition of Jonathan Hughes & Louis P. Cain, *American Economic History*.

### **Teaching Assistant in Economics**

*Fall 2003 to Fall 2004*

Preparation and presentation of lectures given during TA discussion sections, supervision of group work, writing and grading of tests and quizzes, preparing and grading the final exam for the course. For some of the courses it was also necessary for me to create my own lecture notes, worksheets, and labs.

Econ 201	Intro. to Macroeconomics	Fall 2003, Winter 2004, Fall 2004
Econ 323-2	Economic History of US	Spring 2004

### **Departmental Fellowship**

*Fall 2002 to Summer 2003, 2004*

These two summers I was involved in directed reading/writing under NU faculty.

## **Memberships in Professional Societies**

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### **Association of University Bureaus of Economic Research**

*2008-present*

### **Midwest Economic Association**

*2007-present*

### **Phi Beta Kappa**

*2001-present*

### **Toastmasters International**

*1998-present*

## References

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