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**PEP**

Hope College

Professor (2023 –); Associate Professor (2015– 2023); Assistant Professor (2012– 2015)

Rhodes College

Assistant Professor (2007– 2012)

Courses Taught: Senior Research Project, Economics of the Public Sector, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Labor Economics, Introduction to Economics (Micro and Macro), Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics

**Ed**

Ph.D. Economics, University of Virginia, January 2008. (Fields: Labor and Public.)

M.A. Economics, University of Virginia, January 2002.

B.A. Economics, summa cum laude. Hillsdale College, June 2000.

**IRP**

Religious Liberty in the States developer, project director, sole author (May 2021 – August 2023) of a statistical index and dataset project resulting in an academic report, open-access website, and novel dataset now archived at [religiouslibertyinthestates.com](https://religiouslibertyinthestates.com)

Religious Liberty in the States 2023: A Domestic Measure of Statutory Safeguards for the Free Exercise of Religion, Center for Religion, Culture & Democracy, November 2023.

2019.

**RP**

“Smart Sentencing Guidelines”  
Journal of Public

“Will Daughters Walk More?”  
Behavior of Female  
December 2014.

“The Relative Contract Position”  
with John Ruggiero

“The Academic Impact on Children of Maternal Postsecondary Enrollment” *Economics of Education Review* April 2011.

“Three-Stage DEA Models for Incorporating Exogenous Inputs” with Andrew Johnson and John Ruggiero. *Computers and Operations Research* June, 2010.

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“The Good Endeavor of the Economic Educator: An Interview with Kenneth G. Elzinga.” *Faith & Economics* Vol. 79, Spring 2022.

“We’ll Never Be Royals, But That Doesn’t Matter” with Art Carden and Anne Bradley, *Independent Review* Summer 2017.

“The Economics of Title IX Compliance in Collegiate Athletics” in *Handbook on the Economics of Women’s Sports*, eds. Eva Marikova and Michael A. Leeds. with Susan L. Averett, August 2013.

OBAdWij

“How States Can Protect Religious Liberty,” *Discourse*, August 25, 2023.

Review of *The Narrow Corridor: States, Societies, and The Fate of Liberty* by Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson in *Faith and Economics* Fall 2020.

Review of *How to Survive the Apocalypse: Zombies, Cylons, Faith, and Politics at the End of the World* by Robert Joustra and Alissa Wilkinson in *Journal of Markets & (M)5leT3 1 Tf T ( &)2 ( ( M)5)3 (f*



“Interstate Variation in the Provisions for Free Exercise of Religion”  
Association of Private Enterprise Education, April 17, 2023.



Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meeting, January 2006.  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2005.  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Research Conference, November 2005.

“Taking Classes and Taking Care of the Kids: Do Childcare Benefits Increase Collegiate Attainment?”  
University of Memphis seminar series, March 2008.

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2004.  
NBER Program on Education, November 2003.

Gifts and Grants from the Haworth family foundation/Stand Together  
Charles Koch Foundation Grants  
Acton Institute Mini-Grant for

2017-18 – present  
2013-14 – 2020-21

The Christian Tradition and Changing Views of the State, Acton Institute September 2017  
Referee/Reviewer: Review of Economics and Statistics, Economics of Education Review, Southern  
Economic Journal, Eastern Economic Journal, The Journal of Economics, Journal of Markets and  
Morality; Journal of Economics, Theology and Religion  
Member: American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Committee on the Status of  
Women in the Economics Profession

Teaching

Co-leader, "Free Market Economics: From Smith to Friedman" January 2019, September 2019  
Honors Student Colloquium, for Liberty Fund and Intercollegiate Studies Institute  
Co-leader, China May Term May 2018  
Co-leader, London May Term: Comparative Economic Policy (London, UK) May 2015

Media Presence

"How States Can Protect Religious Liberty," Discourse article picked up by RealClearReligion, August 28,  
2023.  
"Religious Liberty Beyond Red and Blue Divides," Op-Ed for RealClearReligion, September 16, 2022.  
"The Market Can Solve America's Labor Shortage — If Washington Will Let It," Op-Ed in The Hill, June 26,  
2021.  
"Econ is for Lovers," Libertarian Christian Institute (podcast), February 10, 2020.  
"Economics and Criminal Justice," Think Biblically (podcast), November 7, 2019.  
Michigan's Big Show, July 18, 2019.  
"Taxpayer Subsidized Workforce Development is a Lemon," Op-Ed in The Detroit News, July 13, 2019.  
"F.A. Hayek's Road to Serfdom," Acton Line (podcast), April 10, 2019.  
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