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EMPLOYMENT

Mercatus Center at George Mason University (affiliated with GMU)

Academic & Student Programs

Senior Program and Operations Director	2021—Present
Deputy Director	2015—2021
Associate Director	2012—2015

U.S. Forest Service

Fire & Aviation Management, Emergency & Disaster Operations Branch

Presidential Management Fellow & Program Analyst	2011—2012
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Federal Emergency Management Agency

National Integration Center, NIMS Implementation Branch

Presidential Management Fellow & Program Analyst	2010—2011
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ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

George Mason University

Member of the Graduate Faculty	2016—Present
Affiliate with the Economics Department	2018—Present

Mercatus Center at George Mason University (affiliated with GMU)

Senior Research Fellow	2016—Present
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F. A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Senior Fellow	2016—Present
Research Fellow	2015—2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA	2012—2016
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M.A., Economics, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA	2008—2010
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B.B.A., Economics & Finance, University of North Alabama, Florence, AL	2003—2007
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PUBLICATIONS

Books & Edited Volumes

Nudging Public Policy: Examining the Benefits and Limitations of Paternalistic Public Policies. London: Rowman & Little International, in production. (edited with Rosemarie Fike and Arielle John)

Hayek's Tensions: Reexamining the Political Economy and Philosophy of F. A. Hayek. Arlington, VA: Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2020. (edited with Solomon Stein and Virgil Henry Storr)

Bottom-up Responses to Crisis. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020. (edited with Virgil Henry Storr)

Government Responses to Crisis. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020. (edited with Virgil Henry Storr)

The Need for Humility in Policymaking: Lessons from Regulatory Policy. London: Rowman & Little International, 2019. (edited with Anne Hobson)

Informing Public Policy: Analyzing Contemporary US and International Policy Issues Through the Lens of Market Process Economics. London: Rowman & Little International, 2019. (edited with Abigail R. Hall and Adam Millsap)

Knowledge and Incentives in Policy: Using Public Choice and Market Process Theory to Analyze Public Policy Issues. London: Rowman and Little International, 2018. (edited)

Exploring the Political Economy and Social Philosophy of James M. Buchanan. London: Rowman and Little International, 2018. (edited with Paul Dragos Aligica and Christopher J. Coyne)

Mainline Economics: Six Nobel Lectures in the Tradition of Adam Smith. Arlington, VA: Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2016. (edited with Peter J. Boettke and Virgil Henry Storr)

Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster: Lessons in Local Entrepreneurship. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015. (with Virgil Henry Storr and Laura E. Grube)

Journal Articles & Contributions to Books

"Crisis as a Source of Social Capital: Adaptation and Formation of Social Capital during the COVID-19 Pandemic," *Cosmos + Taxis*, forthcoming. (with Virgil Henry Storr, Laura E. Grube, and Jordan K. Lofthouse)

“Understanding Disasters: Questions Should Drive Methods and Other Interdisciplinary Lessons,” in *Research Methods of Disaster and Emergency Management: Approaches in Application*, eds. Jason D. Rivera. New York: Routledge, forthcoming. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Essential or Not? Knowledge Problems and COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Orders,” *Southern Economics Journal*, 2021, 87 (4): 1229–1249. (with Virgil Henry Storr, Jordan K. Lofthouse, and Laura E. Grube)

“Rhetoric as a way of limiting the range of acceptable policy positions,” *Journal of Private Enterprise*, 2021, 36 (1): 1–16. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Commercial social spaces in the post-disaster context,” *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*, 2020, 9 (3): 303–317. (with Alexander W. Craig*)

“The Role of Entrepreneurs in Facilitating Remittances in Cuba,” in *Lessons on Foreign Aid and Economic Development*, eds. Nabamita Dutta and Claudia Williamson. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019. (with Anne Hobson*)

“Understanding nonprofit social enterprises: Lessons from Austrian economics,” *The Review of Austrian Economics*, 2019, 32 (3): 229–249. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Is Social Justice a Mirage?” *The Independent Review*, 2019, 24 (1): 145–155. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Adam Smith and the study of ethics in a commercial society,” in *Oxford Handbook of Ethics and Economics*, ed. Mark D. White. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Hierarchical Management Structures and Housing the Poor: An Analysis of Habitat for Humanity in Birmingham, Alabama,” *Journal of Private Enterprise*, 2019, 34 (1): 15–37. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Entrepreneurs drive community revival in the wake of disaster,” *The Review of Austrian Economics*, 2018, 31 (4): 479–484. (with Virgil Henry Storr and Laura E. Grube)

“Unreasonableness and Heterogeneity in Buchanan’s Constitutional Project,” in *Buchanan’s Tensions: Reexamining the Political Economy and Philosophy of James M. Buchanan*, eds. Peter J. Boettke and Solomon Stein. Arlington, VA: Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2018. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Entrepreneurship and Disaster Recovery,” *Citizens and Statesmen: An Annual Review of Political Theory and Public Life*, 2018, 11: 75–90. (with Alexander W. Craig*)

“Learning from Disasters in Mississippi,” in *Promoting Prosperity in Mississippi*, eds. Brandon N. Cline, Russell S. Sobel, and Claudia R. Williamson. Starkville, MS: Mississippi State University Institute for Market Studies, 2018. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Social capital and social learning after Hurricane Sandy,” *The Review of Austrian Economics*, 2017, 30 (4): 447–467. (with Virgil Henry Storr and Laura E. Grube)

“Polycentric orders and post-disaster recovery: a case study of one Orthodox Jewish community following Hurricane Sandy,” *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 2017, 13 (4): 875–897. (with Virgil Henry Storr and Laura E. Grube)

“The Organizational Evolution of the American National Red Cross: An Austrian and Bloomington Approach to Organizational Growth and Expansion,” in *The Austrian and Bloomington Schools of Political Economy (Advances in Austrian Economics, Vol. 22)*, eds. Paul Dragos Aligica, Paul A. Lewis, and Virgil Henry Storr. Bingley, UK: Emerald, 2017. (with Laura E. Grube and ErikaGrace Davies*)

“Local Recovery: How Robust Community Rebound Necessarily Comes from the Bottom Up,” in *The Future of Disaster Management in the US: Rethinking Legislation, Policy, and Finance*, ed. Amy LePore. New York, NY: Routledge, 2017. (with Emily Chamlee-Wright and Virgil Henry Storr)

“Austrian contributions to the literature on natural and unnatural disasters,” in *New Thinking in Austrian Political Economy (Advances in Austrian Economics, Vol. 19)*, eds. Christopher J. Coyne and Virgil Henry Storr. Bingley, UK: Emerald, 2015. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Grover Cleveland against the Special Interests,” *The Independent Review*, 2014, 18(4): 581–596. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Post-disaster Community Recovery in Heterogeneous, Loosely Connected Communities,” *Review of Social Economy*, 2012, 70 (3): 295–314. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

Other Academic Publications

“Governance for living better together: A special issue on public administration and self-governance,” *The Review of Austrian Economics*, forthcoming. (with Yuliya Yatsyshina)

Guest editor for the symposium on *Public Governance and the Classical Liberal Perspective*, by Paul Dragos Aligica, Peter J. Boettke, and Vlad Tarko (2019) and *Public Entrepreneurship, Citizenship, and Self-Governance* by Paul Dragos Aligica (2018).

“The COVID-19 Global Pandemic: Local Recovery and Implications,” *University of North Alabama Regional Economic Update*, July 2020, 2 (1): 2–3.

“Voices: The Chaos after the Storm: Create Space for Entrepreneurship,” *One Earth*, 2020, 2 (6): 490. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Foreword to the Mercatus Edition” in *Humane Economics: Essays in Honor of Don Lavoie*, ed. Jack High, Arlington, VA: Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2017. (with Solomon Stein)

Popular Press & Online Publications

“Alternatives to a Burgeoning Bureaucracy: Lessons from Ludwig von Mises's *Bureaucracy*,” *The Library of Economics and Liberty: Book Review, Liberty Classics*, February 1, 2021. (with Anne Hobson*)

“Polycentricity Amidst a Pandemic,” *The Vienna Circle*, June 17, 2020. (with Jessica Carges* and Anne Hobson*)

“Reassessing the Notion of Work during the COVID-19 Pandemic,” *The Vienna Circle*, April 30, 2020. (with Alice Calder)

“Coming Back from COVID-19: Lessons in Entrepreneurship from Disaster Recovery Research,” *The Vienna Circle*, April 30, 2020. (with Anne Hobson* and Virgil Henry Storr)

“The Quest of Social Science: Hayek’s Pursuit and the Future of Inquiry,” *The Vienna Circle*, November 21, 2019. (with Marcus Shera**)

“Inside Leviathan: Lessons from Gordon Tullock’s *Bureaucracy*,” *The Library of Economics and Liberty: Liberty Classics*, November 4, 2019. (with Anne Hobson*)

“‘The Intellectuals and Socialism’ 70 Years Later,” *The Vienna Circle*, June 18, 2019. (with Molly Harnish**)

“Cubans and Americans Caught in the Political Crossfire,” *The Bridge*, May 13, 2019. (with Anne Hobson*)

“75 Years Down *The Road to Serfdom*,” *The Vienna Circle*, April 30, 2019. (with Michael Schultz*)

“Female Entrepreneurship and Disaster Recovery,” *The Bridge*, March 14, 2019. (with Anne Hobson*)

“This Hurricane Season, Embrace Community Responses,” *ArcaMax*, June 4, 2018. (with Anne Hobson*)

“Getting Federal Disaster Assistance Is Too Difficult,” *Inside Sources*, November 20, 2017. (with Rosemarie Fike)

“Nobel Laureate Thaler pushes priors of a stubborn discipline,” *The Hill*, October 14, 2017. (with Peter J. Boettke)

“People Matter: The Social Element of Disaster Response and Recovery,” *Research Counts*, University of Colorado-Boulder Natural Hazard Center, October 10, 2017. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Don't Hamper Disaster Recovery: The National Flood Insurance Program hampers recovery after disasters like Hurricane Harvey and Irma,” *U.S. News and World Report*, October 10, 2017. (with Joe Brunk*)

“An Appeal to Moderation: Adam Smith is right: Moderation in politics is paramount in today's polarized America,” *U.S. News and World Report*, August 7, 2017. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“The Case for Ordinary Economics: 3 basic economic principles can guide us through today's chaotic political landscape,” *U.S. News and World Report*, June 5, 2017. (with Peter J. Boettke)

“Disasters Should Be Dull: But as long as distance authorities are in charge, that's impossible,” *Reason Magazine*, February 2017 (with Daniel M. Rothschild)

“Burn up: Government wildfire policy has actually made fires worse,” *U.S. News and World Report*, December 5, 2016.

“Louisiana Has What It Needs to Recover After Devastating Floods,” *The Fiscal Times*, August 29, 2016. (with Scott Burns*)

“The Post-Katrina Model: California should embrace lessons from Hurricane Katrina and lead its post-wildfire recovery from the bottom up,” *U.S. News and World Report*, August 8, 2016. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Make Disaster Recovery A Success: Local entrepreneurs are better suited to drive recovery efforts after natural disasters,” *U.S. News and World Report*, July 11, 2016. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Neighborly Solutions to a Blizzard of Problems,” *Washington Post*, February 1, 2016. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“The Education Industry Needs to Be Disrupted by an Uber,” *U.S. News and World Report*, January 11, 2016. (with Peter J. Boettke)

“After the Storm: Local entrepreneurs should be allowed to lead the recovery from Hurricane Patricia Recovery,” *U.S. News and World Report*, November 2, 2015. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“It’s Not All Relative When It Comes To Income Inequality,” *The Huffington Post: The Blog*, November 14, 2014. (with Rachel Reese*)

“The Attainable American Dream,” *The Huffington Post: The Blog*, July 22, 2014. (with Rachel Reese*)

“More Politics Than Economics: Brat’s Views on Immigration Contradict Economic Reality,” *The Huffington Post: The Blog*, June 24, 2014. (with Courtney Michaluk*)

“Opinion: Financial Reforms Threaten Innovative Lending Option,” *AOL News*, June 17, 2010.

Policy Papers

“Coming Back from COVID-19: Lessons in Entrepreneurship from Disaster Recovery Research,” *Mercatus Policy Brief*, April 2020. (with Anne Hobson* and Virgil Henry Storr)

“The Death of Fiscal Federalism,” *Mercatus on Policy*, May 2010, No. 75. (with Veronique de Rugy)

“The Factors and Motivations of Fiscal Stability: A Comparative Analysis of 26 Countries,” *Mercatus Working Paper*, January 2010. (with Christina Forsberg and Maurice McTigue)

“Corporate Voting: A Pandora’s Ballot Box or a Proxy with Moxie?” *Mercatus on Policy*, November 2009, No. 63. (with J.W. Verret)

“Loans are not Toasters: The Problems with a Consumer Financial Protection Agency,” *Mercatus on Policy*, October 2009, No. 60. (with Todd Zywicki)

“Accountability and Transparency in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act,” *Mercatus on Policy*, March 2009, No. 38. (with Christina Forsberg)

*Graduate student co-author

**Undergraduate student co-author

SELECTED CURRENT PROJECTS (tentative titles)

Bureaucracy, Knowledge Problems, and Incentive Problems. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Elements in Austrian Economics, under contract. (with Jordan K. Lofthouse)

“The Militarization of Disaster Relief” (work in progress). (with Abigail R. Hall)

PUBLIC/INVITED TALKS

“Crisis as a Source of Social Capital: Adaptation and Formation of Social Capital during the COVID-19 Pandemic,” Philosophy, Politics and Economics Research Seminar, Center for the Study of Economic Liberty, Arizona State University, April 2, 2021.

“How does society reclaim human flourishing when faced with a pandemic?” Online Panel Discussion, Challey Institute for Global Innovation and Growth & NDSU Public Health, North Dakota State University, October 20, 2020.

“What Disaster Recovery Can Tell Us About the Pandemic,” Online Seminar, America’s Future Foundation—Dallas Chapter, June 30, 2020.

“Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster,” Online Seminar, Instituto de Estudios Políticos, Universidad Francisco Marroquín, June 17, 2020.

“Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster,” Online Colloquium, Instituto Juan de Mariana, May 1, 2020.

“Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster,” Explore Public Policy Issues, Fraser Institute, London, Canada, January 26, 2019.

“Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster,” Explore Public Policy Issues, Fraser Institute, Ottawa, Canada, November 4, 2017.

“The Role of Entrepreneurship in Post-Disaster Recovery,” TCU Economics Club, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, March 24, 2017.

“Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster: Lessons in Local Entrepreneurship,” West Virginia Economic Recovery Summit on “Creating Resiliency after the 2016 Floods,” Huntington, WV, January 13, 2017.

“Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster,” National Economists Club, Washington, DC, December 1, 2016.

“The Role of Entrepreneurship in Post-Disaster Recovery,” The Alex G. McKenna Economic Education Series, Center for Political and Economic Thought, St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, November 30, 2016.

“Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster: Lessons in Local Entrepreneurship,” The Butcher, The Brewer, & The Baker Speaker Series, Charles Koch Institute, Hillsdale College's Kirby Center, Washington, DC, November 18, 2015. (with Virgil Henry Storr)

“Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster: Lessons in Local Entrepreneurship,” Book Talk, Politics & Prose at Busboys & Poets Takoma, Washington, DC, November 4, 2015.

“Community Revival in the Wake of Disaster: Lessons in Local Entrepreneurship,” Provocative Lecture Series, San José State University – College of Social Sciences, San Jose, CA, October 19, 2015.

TEACHING & STUDENT ADVISING

Courses Taught

- “Political Economy of Crisis,” Graduate Course, George Mason University, Fall 2020
- “Public Choice,” Undergraduate Course for The Fund for American Studies, George Mason University, Summer 2019 (with Jayme Lemke)
- “The Economics of Regulation,” Undergraduate Course for The Fund for American Studies, George Mason University, Summer 2018 (with Jayme Lemke)
- “Economics and Policy Analysis I,” Graduate Course, George Mason University, Fall 2015 (with Virgil Henry Storr), Fall 2016, Fall 2017
- “Economics and Policy Analysis II,” Graduate Course, George Mason University, Spring 2016 (with Virgil Henry Storr), Spring 2017

Dissertation Committee Member for GMU PhD Students in Economics

- Adam N. Michel, “Three Essays on Tax Efficiencies, Political Incentives, and Deadweight Loss,” 2019.

Mercatus Graduate Policy Essay Committee Chair for GMU MA Students in Economics

- Alice Calder, “How Culture Can Overcome Alienation in Work,” 2019.
- David Rann, “Legal Entity Identifiers (LEIs) as Public Goods and Regulatory Management of Financial Risk,” 2017.
- Joe Kane, “Economic Flaws in Computerized Socialism,” 2017.
- ErikaGrace Davies, “Williamsport Revisited: Applying an Austrian Lens to the Lumber and Fracking Booms of Williamsport, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania,” 2017.
- John Patrick Higgins, “Markets Aren’t Built in a Day: The Role of Markets as Sticky Institutions in Resisting Soviet Occupation and then Facilitating the Transition to ‘Neoliberal’ Political Economy in Poland,” 2017.
- Anne Hobson, “The Social and Economic Effects of Ending U.S. Travel and Remittance Restrictions for Cuban-Americans,” 2016.
- Ross Marchand, “Does Tort Reform Matter in Environmental Outcomes? An Empirical Investigation,” 2016.
- Rachel Reese, “Exit, Voice, and Incentives: An Institutional Analysis of Urban Public School Districts,” 2015.

AWARDS & HONORS

- William P. Snavely Award for Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Studies in Economics (2016)
- Weaver Family Fellow, George Mason University (2015–2016)
- Locke Institute Dissertation Award (2015–2016)
- Don Lavoie Memorial Graduate Essay Competition Award (2015)
- Presidential Management Fellowship, United States Government (2010–2012)
- MA Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University (2008–2010)
- Graduate Research Assistantship, Economics Department, George Mason University (2008–2010)
- Member, Delta Mu Delta Business Honors Society, University of North Alabama (admitted 2007)
- Member, Gamma Beta Phi Academic Honors Society, University of North Alabama (admitted 2007)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, ACTIVITIES, & MEMBERSHIPS

- Executive Committee Officer, Society for the Development of Austrian Economics (2020–2023)
- Faculty, The Fund for American Studies (2018–Present)
- Series Co-Editor, *Mercatus Studies in Political and Social Economy*, Palgrave Macmillan (with Virgil Henry Storr) (2018–Present)
- Series Co-Editor, *Tensions in Political Economy*, Mercatus Center at George Mason University (with Virgil Henry Storr) (2018–Present)
- Series Co-Editor, *Advanced Studies in Political Economy*, Mercatus Center at George Mason University (with Virgil Henry Storr) (2015–Present)
- Board of Directors Member, Society of Business, Industry, and Economics (2016–Present)
- International Advisory Board Member, *Economy, Polity, and Society*, Rowman & Littlefield International (2015–Present)
- Graduate Research Assistant, Mercatus Center, George Mason University (2008–2010)
- Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Business, Industry, and Economics* (2007–2008)
- Referee for *Environment, Development and Sustainability*; *The Independent Review*; *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*; *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management*; *Journal of International Humanitarian Action*; *Journal of Private Enterprise Education*; *Rationality and Society*; *The Review of Austrian Economics*; *Review of Social Economy*; *Studies in Emergent Order*; and *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy*.
- Member of American Economic Association Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession; Association of Private Enterprise Education; National Association of Business Economics; PPE Society; Social Science Extreme Event Research; Society for

the Development of Austrian Economics; Southern Economic Association; and Southern Political Science Association.