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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Agricultural and natural resource economics, applied microeconomics, agricultural production, econometrics, agricultural policy

EDUCATION

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

Ph.D. Candidate, Economics

Expected Date of Graduation: April 2009

- Dissertation Title: "The Conservation Reserve Program: Determinants of the Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Enrollment and Landowners' Supply of Conservation Services."
- Committee: Walter N. Thurman (Chair), Michele C. Marra, Daniel J. Phaneuf, and Andrew J. Taylor

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

- Fulfilled coursework requirements towards M.S. in Economics
- Attended August 2001 through July 2003

Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA

- B.A. Economics and Business Administration, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 1996

RESEARCH and RELATED EXPERIENCE

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

Editorial Assistant, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, (December 2005 – Present)
Assist co-editor Walter N. Thurman with the editorial and production-related functions of a peer-reviewed journal.

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

Research Assistant (August 2003 – December 2005)

Conducted research under the direction of Walter N. Thurman investigating the interaction of public and private conservation easements, land retirement conservation, and land trust activities.

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Graduate Assistant (August 2001 – August 2003)

Conducted research and assisted with course administration under the direction of Shelby Gerking and KaSaundra Tomlin.

Orange County Government, Office of Economic, Trade and Tourism Dev., Orlando, FL

Research Analyst (December 2001 – August 2002)

Conducted research on the growth and competitiveness of high-tech industries in Central Florida. Research culminated with a presentation of findings to the Orange County Government and leaders in the region's high-tech industries.

Brown & Co. / J.P. Morgan Chase / Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, Orlando, FL

Registered Securities Representative (February 1999 – May 2001)

Obtained NASD Series 7, Series 63, and Series 24 licenses to become a Registered Principal of the Firm. Facilitated trades in equities, indices, debt instruments, mutual funds, and options and provided customer education in trading and margin and maintenance requirements.

Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), Decatur, IL

Grain Merchandiser (July 1996 – May 1998)

Purchased corn and soybeans from elevators and terminals to meet production capacity at regional processing facilities, participated in hedging cash positions with CBOT options positions, and worked with fleet management to secure transportation for delivery of commodities.

CONFERENCE
and
PROFESSIONAL
PRESENTATIONS

“Optimal Conservation Strategies for Landowners: An Extension Program to Address Conservation Decision on Agricultural Land.” Presented Paper, American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, July 27, 2008.

“The Conservation Reserve Program: Options for North Carolina Landowners.” Presentation for the NCSU Extension Workshop *Current Agricultural Economy for Row Crops: Outlook and Marketing, Risk Management and Farm Policy*, Plymouth, North Carolina, January 25, 2008.

“The Spatial Distribution of the Conservation Reserve Program: A Political Economy Approach.” Selected Paper Presentation, American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, July 2007.

“Components of Change: The Growth of High-Tech in Central Florida Since 2000.” Presentation to the Orange County Government, Orlando, Florida, August 2002.

AWARDS
and
HONORS

2008 American Agricultural Economics Association Graduate Student Extension Competition, 2nd Place Winner, Awarded by the AAEA Extension Section and the Farm Foundation, July 27, 2008.

Best Honors Thesis in Business Administration and Economics, Coe College, May 1996.

PH.D.
FIELDS

Sequence in Agricultural Economics

- Agricultural Production and Supply (Prof. M. Holt)
- Consumer Demand (Prof. M. Wohlgenant)

Sequence in Econometrics

- Adv. Microeconometrics: Discrete Choice Methods with Simulation (Prof. D. Phaneuf)
- Generalized Method of Moments / Panel Data (Prof. A. Hall)

Sequence in Environmental and Resource Economics

- Topics in Environmental and Resource Economics (Prof. D. Phaneuf)
- Topics in Environmental and Resource Economics (Prof. V.K. Smith)

Sequence in Industrial Organization

- Industrial Organization (Prof. D. Flath)
- Topics in Industrial Organization (Prof. S. Margolis)

PUBLICATIONS

Perez, K. and B. Martin, “Components of Change: The Growth of High-Tech in Central Florida Since 2000.” Orange County Government publication, 2002.

REFERENCES

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