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CURRENT POSITIONS

September 1989 -
Present

Associate Professor of Economics
University of Maine, Orono, ME

Fall 1992-
Present

Maine State Revenue Forecasting Committee
The State of Maine, Augusta, ME

April 2005 -
Present

Trustee (Chair as of January 2015)
Acadia Hospital, Bangor, ME

EDUCATION

September 1982

Ph.D. in Economics (International macroeconomics,
modeling and forecasting)
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Fall 1998-Spring 1999

Selected MBA Courses (finance; organizational structure)
University of Maine, Orono, ME

May 1977

B.A. in Economics
University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

PAST ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

August 2000 – August 2003; and
August 2006 – May 2012

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
University of Maine System

September 2003 –
August 2006

Executive Director of Planning and Policy Analysis
University of Maine System

January 2000 –
June 2000

Interim President
University of Maine at Machias

September 1998 -
December 1999

Policy Analyst
University of Maine System

April 1996 -
December 1996

Interim Chief Financial Officer
University of Maine

September 1989–June 1990 and
September 1994–June 1997

Associate Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
University of Maine

PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS, EXPERIENCES, AND ACTIVITIES

September 1983–
August, 1989

Assistant Professor of Economics
University of Maine, Orono, ME

Fall 1981–
Spring 1983

Assistant Professor of Economics
Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, NY

August 1997–
August 1998

Consultant to the Economics Department of the Reserve
Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, New Zealand.
(on sabbatical leave from the University of Maine)

September 1988 -
December 1998

Director, New England Electronic Economic Data Center
University of Maine, Orono, ME

Fall 1992–
Fall 1994

Board of Directors
Association of University Business and Economic Research

August 1990 -
August 1991

Visiting Research Scholar, Impact Research Center
The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia
(on sabbatical leave from the University of Maine)

AWARDS

1995 Presidential Public Service Achievement Award, University of Maine.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Economics

- “Implications of Currency Substitution in a Walrasian Model With a Flexible Exchange Rate,” *Middle East Technical University Studies in Development*, 23(2) 1996, pp.171-194.

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- “Using the Murphy Model to Provide Short-run Macroeconomic Closure for ORANI,” with Keith McLaren, Christopher Murphy and Alan Powell, *Economic Record*, 70(210), Sept. 1994, pp. 265-287.
 - “Dynamics of the Transmission of Employment Effects Across Metropolitan Areas,” with Ed Coulson, *Urban Studies*, 25, 1988, pp. 145-149.
 - “Devaluation, Money and Currency Substitution,” *Economia Internazionale*, 40(2-3), 1987, pp.172-191.
 - “A Seemingly Unrelated Currency Area,” *Middle East Technical University Studies in Development*, 14(3), 1987, pp. 283-290.
 - “Rational Expectations, Currency Substitution, and the Demand for Real Cash Balances During the German Hyperinflation,” *Middle East Technical University Studies in Development*, 14(1), 1987, pp. 65-74.

Academic computing/instructional technologies

- “Electronic Bulletin Boards for Economists: Realizing Their Potential,” *Social Science Computer Review*, 13(1), Spring 1995, pp. 21-32.
- “Computerized Economic Modeling: From Laboratory to Classroom,” *Social Science Computer Review*, 6(4), 1988, pp. 498-514. **(Invited Paper)**.
- “Implementing FAIRMODEL: The Academic Setting,” with Ruth Polak, *Social Science Computer Review*, 6(3), 1988, pp. 382-386. An earlier draft was published in the *Proceedings of the Computing in Undergraduate Economics Practicum*, Gettysburg College, Fall 1987, pp. 47-50. **(Invited Paper)**.

Papers

Maine Economy

- “The Economic Implications of Maine’s Changing Age Structure,” with Glenn Mills and Todd Gabe, *Maine Policy Review*, Fall 2015, pp. 13-22.
- “A Rising Tide Does Not Raise All Boats Equally: The Case of Labor Productivity in Maine,” *Maine Business Indicators*, March 1999.
- “An Approach to Forecasting the Maine Economy: More Evidence” *Maine Policy Review*, Spring 1992. Earlier drafts appeared in the *Economic Report*, State Planning Office, Spring 1992, and in the *19th Annual Governor’s Economic Development Conference Proceedings*, Spring 1992.

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- “An Approach to Forecasting the Maine Economy,” *Maine Policy Review*, Fall 1991.
 - “Maine's Sister State: Tasmania, Australia,” *Maine Business Indicators*, 1991, no. 3, vol XXXVI.
 - “Maine's Economic Soft Landing,” *Maine Business Indicators*, Summer 1989, Vol. XXXIV, No. 3, p. 1-3.
 - “The Effect on the Maine Economy of Reducing the Federal Budget Deficit,” *Economic Report*, Maine State Planning Office, January 1989.
 - “Short Run Forecasting of Sub-State Employment Levels: The Case of Maine,” *Readings in Business and Economic Research Management*, The Association for University Business and Economic Research, February 1988, pp. 1-9. **(Peer Selected)**.

Forecasting

- “The Forecasting and Policy System: Demand-side Satellite Models”, Reserve Bank of New Zealand Discussion Paper, Fall 1998.
- “A Review of Business Forecasting and Economic Cycles by S. G. Karsten,” *International Journal of Forecasting*, 1992, no. 7, pp. 533-535.
- “A Review of the Fair-Parke Program for the Estimation and Analysis of Nonlinear Econometric Models,” *Social Science Computer Review*, 1991.
- “Forecasting Metropolitan Employment Using Simple Autoregressive Models,” with Ed Coulson, *Readings in Business and Economic Research Management*, The Association for University Business and Economic Research, March 1987, pp. 1-12. **(Invited Paper)**.

Other

- “Moving From A Financial Crisis to Economic Crisis,” Emirates Lecture Series #101, conference proceedings, *The Global Financial Crisis & Future Outlook* conference held at The Emirates Center for Studies and Research, Abu Dhabi, UAE on November 26, 2012.
- “A Review of MacroBytes,” *Social Science Computer Review*, 1991.
- “Constraints on Public Policy Research Units Housed in Publicly Financed Universities,” *Readings in Business and Economic Research Management*, The Association of University Business and Economic Research, January 1990, pp. 1-9. **(Invited Paper)**.

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- “Teaching Applied Econometrics with Micro-TSP,” *Proceedings of the Computing in Undergraduate Economics Practicum*, Gettysburg College, Fall 1987, pp. 37-39. (**Invited Paper**).

Reports

- “Business Investment Satellite Model in FPS,” Reserve Bank of New Zealand Research Memo, Fall 1998.
- “Exports Satellite Model in FPS,” Reserve Bank of New Zealand Research Memo, Fall 1998.
- “Monetary Aggregates Satellite Model in FPS,” Reserve Bank of New Zealand Research Memo, Fall 1998.
- “The Treatment of Owner-Operators' Labor and ORANI Short-Run Industry Supply Elasticities,” with Alan Powell, *Impact Project Research Memorandum*, October 1990.
- “Using the Fair-Parke Program to Solve the Murphy Model,” *Impact Project Research Memorandum*, January 1991.

Books

- *Modeling the U.S. Economy: A Student Guide to FAIRMODEL*, with Ruth Polak, Economica, Inc., Cambridge, Mass., 1987.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- “Global Economic Outlook,” Export Forum, Maine International Trade Center, October 2015.
- “The Role of Higher Education in Stimulating Economic Development,” Governor’s Economic Development Conference, Augusta, ME, Fall 1999.
- “Educational Attainment and Economic Growth,” Maine Legislative Forum, Freeport, ME, Fall 1999.
- “The Current State of the Maine Economy,” Board of Directors, Finance Authority of Maine, March 1997.
- “Job Creation and Employment Opportunities: The Maine Labor Market in the Near Future,” Maine Chapter of the American Society for Public Administrators, June 1996.

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- “Economic Growth, Job Creation, and the Need for Higher Education in Maine,” at Assessing the Environment for Public Higher Education in Maine, University of Maine, Nov. 1995.
 - “Greater Bangor: An Economy of Growth and Change,” Maine Development Foundation and the 117th Maine Legislature, University of Maine, February 1995.
 - “Using Internet in the Classroom,” Western Economic Association Meetings, July 1994.
 - “Electronic Bulletin Boards: Realizing Their Potential,” American Economic Association Meetings, Winter 1994. A review of this presentation appeared in the *Computers in Higher Education Economics Review* (CHEER), February 1994.
 - Moderator, Colloquium on The North American Free Trade Agreement, University of Maine, Spring 1993.
 - Panelist, Conference for Restructuring State Government, University of Maine, Winter 1993.
 - “Telecommunications and the BEA CD-ROM,” Association of Public Data Users (APDU), Fall 1992.
 - “Measurement and Analysis of Merchandise Export Activity at the State Level,” with Robert C. McMahon, The Association for University Business and Economic Research meetings, Fall, 1992.
 - Panel Discussion on “The New World Order: Economics,” The Camden Conference, Spring 1992.
 - “Computerized Economic Modeling: Fairmodel,” American Economic Association Meetings, January 1992.
 - “Forecasting the Maine Economy: Catching the Wave,” 19th Annual Governor's Economic Development Conference, Spring 1992.
 - “Computerized Economic Models for Intermediate Macroeconomics Courses,” IBM Academic Information Systems meetings, June 1990, and at the 19th Conference of Economists, Sydney, Australia, September 1990. Also presented at the University of Tasmania and Monash University.

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- “Short-Run Forecasting of Employment by Industries at the State Level: A Simple VAR Approach,” at the 19th Conference of Economists, Sydney, Australia, September 1990.
 - “Overview of the FAIRMODEL,” at the Computable General Equilibrium Workshop, held at the University of Melbourne, December 1990.
 - “Using the Murphy Model to Provide Short-Run Macroeconomic Closure for ORANI: Preliminary Findings,” at the Australian Computable General Equilibrium Conference, April 1991.
 - “Using the Murphy Model to Provide Short-Run Macroeconomic Closure for ORANI: Further Results,” at the General Equilibrium Model Workshop, held at the University of Melbourne, May 1991.
 - Panel discussion, “The Economics of Computer-Aided Instruction,” at the American Economic Association Meetings, December 1989.
 - “Constraints on Public Policy Research Units Housed in Publicly Financed Universities,” The Association for University Business and Economic Research meetings, Fall 1989.
 - “The Maine Quarterly Forecasting Model: A BVAR Approach,” The Ninth International Symposium on Forecasting, sponsored by the International Institute of Forecasters, June 1989.
 - “The Maine Economy: An Outlook,” Maine State Planning Office, Fall 1989.
 - “Forecasting Employment In Small Metropolitan Areas Using A Simple BVAR Approach,” The Eighth International Symposium on Forecasting, sponsored by the International Institute of Forecasters, June 1988.
 - “Short Run Forecasting of Sub-State Employment Levels: The Case of Maine,” The Association for University Business and Economic Research Meetings, Fall 1987.
 - “Forecasting Employment in Maine,” Conference on Analyzing Maine's Regions, Maine State Planning Office, Fall 1987.
 - “Implementing FAIRMODEL: The Academic Setting,” with Ruth Polak, Computing in Undergraduate Economics Practicum, Gettysburg College, Summer 1987, and at the Western Economic Association Meetings, June 1986.

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- “Teaching Applied Econometrics with Micro-TSP,” Computing in Undergraduate Economics Practicum, Gettysburg College, Summer 1987.
 - “Maine Demographics and Economic Forecasting,” Blaine House Conference on Volunteerism, Fall 1987.
 - “Forecasting Employment in Small Metropolitan Areas,” Association of University Business and Economic Research Meetings, Fall 1986.
 - Panel Discussion on “Exchange Rates,” Western Economic Association Meetings, June 1986.
 - “Currency Substitution and Flexible Exchange Rates: A Three Country Model,” Western Economic Association Meetings, June 1986.
 - Panel Discussion on “Characteristics and Production Location of U.S. Firms Abroad,” Western Economic Association Meeting, June 1984.
 - “Devaluation, Money and Currency Substitution,” Allied Social Science Association Meetings, December 1984.
 - “Implications of Currency Substitution in a Walrasian Model,” Western Economic Association Meetings, June 1984.
 - “Currency Substitution and the Monetarist Theorems,” Eastern Economic Association, Spring 1984.

FUNDED PROJECTS

- “Enhancing the New England Electronic Economic Data Center,” University of Maine Public Service Funds Award, Winter 1992.
- “The Maine Quarterly Forecasting Model,” Maine State Planning Office and the University of Maine, 1987-1989.
- “The Effects of National Monetary Policy on State Economies,” Summer Faculty Research Grant, University of Maine, Summer 1986.
- “Ecstat: A Computer Program,” supported by the Bird and Bird Educational Fund, University of Maine, Spring 1986.

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- “Project Link: FAIRMODEL to MEFS,” Faculty Research Fund, University of Maine, Fall, 1984.
 - “Devaluation, Money and Currency Substitution,” Summer Faculty Research Grant, University of Maine, Summer 1984.
 - “The Economics Computer Lab,” supported by the Bird and Bird Educational Fund, University of Maine, Summer 1984.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Eastern Maine Healthcare System, Brewer, ME
 - Strategic Planning Committee (Fall 2015 – Present)
 - Philanthropy Committee (Fall 2015)
 - Governance Committee (Winter-Spring 2009)
- Investment Committee, New England Board of Higher Education, Boston, MA, Fall 2007 - Fall 2015
- Provide formal annual Economic Outlooks for the State of Maine (2008; 2009)
- Participated in the Maine Development Foundation:
 - Leadership Maine Program (Eta class)
 - Legislative Shadowing Program, Fall 1999
- Numerous department, college, university and System committees, including faculty and administrators searchers, academic programs, student programs, outreach, and university advancement and promotion.
- Consultant to the Maine Public Utilities Commission, 1993.
- Hosted a symposium on “The Impact of Federal Deficit Reduction Proposals on Maine's Economy.” Presented the opening remarks and a paper entitled, “The State Perspective: The Impact on Maine's Economy.”
- Member of the Advisory Committee to the Commissioner for Highway Cost Allocation, Maine Department of Transportation, Spring 1988.
- Coordinator of the FAIRMODEL Academic Users' Group, Fall 1986-1990.
- Developed and maintain the MAINE QUARTERLY FORECASTING MODEL, Fall 1986-1990.

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- Submitted a report entitled, "Financial Flows and the State's Appropriation for the University of Maine System: FY 1986," with John Coupe to the Chancellor's Office, The University of Maine System, March 1987.
 - Consultant: Bangor Hydro Electric Company (1987-1989); Maine Brewers' Guild (2014).
 - Participated in the 23rd Central Banking Seminar at the New York Federal Reserve Bank, Spring 1983.
 - Participated in the Seminar on Austrian Economics, University of Colorado, sponsored by The Institute for Humane Studies, Summer 1980.
 - Referee for peer reviewed journals and book publishers.
 - Provide frequent interviews to the news media concerning the Maine economy.