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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Economics (2009)

University of Washington; Seattle, Washington

Fields of study: Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Public Policy, Contract Theory.

Dissertation: “Incentives for Real Estate Agents: Impact of Compensation, Information Technology, & Concern for Reputation”

Master of Arts, Economics (2002)

University of Washington; Seattle, Washington

Fields of study: Health Care Economics, Microeconomics

Master’s thesis: “CAM Integration: Implications of the Every Category of Health Care Provider Law in Washington State”

Master of Education, Teacher Preparation (1997)

University of Washington; Seattle, Washington

Teacher certification, secondary level

Endorsements: Economics, History, Social Studies

Bachelor of Arts, Economics and History (1995)

University of Washington; Seattle, Washington

Magna cum laude with College Honors in Economics

U.W. Undergraduate Scholar Award (1993-1994)

U.W. Annual Dean’s List (1990-1994)

U.W. High Scholarship Certificate (1990-1993)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assess economic damages in variety of cases including personal injury, wrongful death, wrongful termination, medical malpractice, and employment cases.
- Calculate present value of various categories of economic damages including life-care plan expenses, lost earnings, benefits, pensions, business losses, and household expenses.
- Provide economic analysis and present conclusions in reports, discussions, mediation, depositions and trial testimony.
- Provide economic consulting and strategic guidance.

Northwest Economics, L.L.C.; Seattle, Washington

Economist / Consultant;

March 2016 – present

OSC Vocational Systems, Inc.; Bothell, Washington

Economist / Consultant;

September 2013 – February 2016

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Nickerson & Associates, L.L.C.; Seattle, Washington

Economist / Consultant;

May 2011 – August 2013

Christina P. Tapia; Seattle, Washington

Economist / Consultant;

January 2007 – May 2010

Nickerson & Associates, L.L.C.; Seattle, Washington

Analyst;

June 2001 – July 2007

- Conducted all phases of consulting projects from initial planning phase, to managing the construction of data sets, to calculation of damages for use in mediation, expert report and preparation for trial.
- Completed extensive background research into economic and legal issues, state and federal labor and tax laws surrounding cases in order to develop model for analysis.
- Devised efficient approach to calculating damages using a variety of techniques and software programs including SAS, Access, SQL, and Excel.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington, Department of Economics; *Seattle, Washington*

Visiting Lecturer;

October 2012 - present

Courses:

- Topics in Financial Economics
- Economic Analysis of Law

Seattle University, Albers School of Business & Economics; *Seattle, Washington*

Senior Adjunct Professor;

September 2007 - present

Courses:

- Domestic and Global Economies, MBA
- Principles of Microeconomics, undergraduate
- Principles of Macroeconomics, undergraduate

University of Washington, Foster School of Business; *Seattle, Washington*

Lecturer;

September 2009 - March 2010

Courses:

- Global Economic Environment of the Firm, Executive MBA
- Analysis of Global Economic Conditions, MBA
- Macroeconomics, Executive Development Program

University of Washington, Department of Economics; *Seattle, Washington*

Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer;

2005 – 2007, 2009, 2012

Courses:

- Economics of Human Resource Management; Game Theory; Money, Credit, and the Economy

University of Washington, Foster School of Business; Seattle, Washington

Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer;

2000 – 2002, 2005 – 2006

Courses:

- Analysis of Global Economic Conditions, Executive MBA
- Technology Management MBA

ADDITIONAL RELATED EXPERIENCE

KPMG, LLP; Seattle, Washington

Senior Analyst, Economic and Valuation Services;

June 2010 – April 2011

Microsoft Corporation; Redmond, Washington

Research Assistant; Competition Analysis Team, Government Standards Time Series Project

December 2009 – March 2010

Microsoft Corporation; Redmond, Washington

Research Analyst; AdECN, Online Services

June 2008 – September 2008

WORKING PAPERS / PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- University of Washington Law School, presentation in Forensics course (2014-2016)
- American Board of Vocational Experts 2014 Annual Conference (Nashville, TN), “Vocational Experts, Life Care Planners & Economists: Interplay & Collaboration,” with Cloie Johnson, M.Ed., A.B.V.E., C.C.M.
- “The Disciplining Effect of Concern for Referrals for Better Informed Agents: Evidence from Real Estate Transactions,” with Dr. Lan Shi (Forthcoming).
- “Surprise Job Losses in State Just Blip of Start of a Bad Trend?” *The Seattle Times* (September 19, 2012) (interviewed for and quoted in article).
- “Council Should Slow Down on Paid Leave,” *Puget Sound Business Journal* (September 2, 2011).
- “Compensation and Incentives for Real Estate Agents: Do Alternative Systems Yield Better Outcomes for Buyers?” working paper.
- “Industrial Organization Analysis of the Residential Real Estate Market,” working paper.
- “The Disciplining Effect of Concern for Referrals for Better Informed Agents: Evidence from Real Estate Transactions.” Presented at American Economic Association annual meeting, January 2010.
- “Compensation, Incentives, and Reputation: Evidence from Real Estate Agents.” Presented to Seattle Economics Council, February 2009 meeting.
- Testified before Washington State Senate Transportation Committee February 1, 2005 regarding SB 5534, monorail transportation authority and transportation financing.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- Visiting Committee, Department of Economics, U. of Washington (Current Chair, Member)
- Mentor through Department of Economics Mentorship Program, U. of Washington (2011-present)
- University of Washington, Women in Economics (Founder, Member)
- Seattle Economics Council (Member, Board member 2009-2012, President 2011-2012)
- American Economic Association (Member)
- National Association of Forensic Economics (Member)
- Collegium of Pecuniary Damages Experts (Member)
- American Rehabilitation Economics Association (Board Member)
- American Academy of Economic and Financial Experts (Member)
- American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (Member)
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (Member)
- Puget Sound Beekeepers Association