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## Academic Appointments

**Hood College** – Frederick, MD

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (2016–Present)

**Wake Forest University** – Winston-Salem, NC

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (2015–2016)

**George Mason University** – Fairfax, VA

Adjunct Lecturer (Summer 2015)

Graduate Lecturer (Summer 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, George Mason University, 2015.

Dissertation: *Essays on the Institutional Analysis of Copyright and its Alternatives*

M.A. Economics, George Mason University, 2013.

B.A. Economics, University of Connecticut, 2011.

## Research

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

Safner, Ryan, 2016, “[Institutional Entrepreneurship, Wikipedia, and the Opportunity of the Commons](#),” *Journal of Institutional Economics* 12(4): 743-771

Safner, Ryan, 2016, “[The Perils of Copyright Regulation](#),” *The Review of Austrian Economics* 29(2): 121-137

### *Under Review*

[Learning By Doing: Who’s Learning? Who’s Doing?](#) and Other Production Function Myths (with Santiago Gangotena)

## *Working Papers*

“Public Goods” or “Good for the Public?” How Political Entrepreneurship Endogenizes Public Goods  
(Revise & Resubmit Requested)

Do Patronize Me: The Comparative Political Economy of Arts Patronage, Copyright, and Crowdfunding

Pirate Thy Neighbor: The Protectionist Roots of International Copyright

Does Political Entrepreneurship Follow a “Political Interest Rate?”

A Structural Analysis of Regulatory Capitalism (with Julia Norgaard and Vlad Tarko)

Ideas, Networks, and Institutions: The Institutional Underpinnings of Idea Propagation (with Santiago Gangotena)

## *Research Interests*

Public goods, innovation & technological growth, and intellectual property, using the tools of game theory, new institutional economics, market process economics, and public choice

## Teaching

### *Hood College*

ECON 304 – International Political Economy (Fall 2017)

ECON 306 – Microeconomic Analysis (Fall 2016; Spring 2017; Fall 2017; Spring 2018)

ECON 324 – International Trade (Fall 2016)

ECON 326 – Industrial Organization (Spring 2017)

MGMT 399 – Internship for Business (Spring 2018)

ECON 410 – Public Economics (Spring 2018)

ECON 480 – Econometrics (Fall 2016)

ECMG 212 – Statistics for Economics & Management (Spring 2017)

### *Wake Forest University*

ECN 150 – Introduction to Economics (Fall 2015: 3 sections; Spring 2016: 2 sections)

ECN 271 – Special Topics: Austrian Economics (Spring 2016)

### *George Mason University*

ECON 385 – International Economic Policy (Summer 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

ECON 403 – Austrian Economics (Summer 2015)

ICES – High School Economics Workshops (Summer 2012, cotaught with Paul Mueller)

## Academic Presentations

2017. “The Network Origins of Economic Growth,” *Southern Economics Association Annual Conference*, Tampa, FL.
2016. “Ideas, Institutions, and Technological Progress,” *Southern Economics Association Annual Conference*, Washington DC.
2015. “Institutional Entrepreneurship, Wikipedia, and the Opportunity of the Commons,” *Southern Economics Association Annual Conference*, New Orleans, LA.
2015. “Pirate Thy Neighbor: The Protectionist Roots of International Copyright,” *Public Choice Society Annual Conference*, San Antonio, TX.
2015. “Wiki-nomics: Bringing Institutions Back into Copyright Analysis with a Case Study of Wikipedia,” *Public Choice Society Annual Conference*, San Antonio, TX.
2014. “Crowdfunding Creative Goods, Crowding out Intellectual Property?” *Southern Economics Association Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA.
2014. “Learning by Doing: Who’s Learning? Who’s Doing? and other Production Function Myths,” (with Santiago Gangotena). *Southern Economics Association Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA.
2014. “‘Public Goods’ or ‘Good for the Public?’ - Endogenizing Public Goods,” *Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference*, Las Vegas, NV.
2014. “A Structural Analysis of Regulatory Capitalism” (with Julia Norgaard and Vlad Tarko). *Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference*, Las Vegas, NV.
2014. “Democracy and Political Cost - A Framework for Understanding Political Entrepreneurship in an Entangled Political Economy,” *Public Choice Society Annual Conference*, Charleston, SC.
2013. “Copyright Since 1976: An Interventionism Framework,” *Southern Economic Association Annual Conference*, Tampa, FL.
2013. “Towards an Institutional View of Ideas, Copyright, and Piracy,” *Institute for Humane Studies: Symposium on Scholarship and a Free Society*, Arlington, VA.

## Professional Development

2014. *Institute for Humane Studies* and *The Liberty Fund, Inc.* Advanced Topics Seminar: City-States as an Alternative to Nation States. Arlington, VA
2013. *Institute for Humane Studies*: Symposium on Scholarship and a Free Society. Arlington, VA
2012. *Institute for Humane Studies* and *The Liberty Fund, Inc.* Advanced Topics Seminar: The Growth of Government. Arlington, VA
2012. *Institute for Humane Studies* Advanced Studies Seminar: The Challenges and Future of Liberty. Arlington, VA
2012. *Institute for Humane Studies* Workshop: Career Development Workshop. Arlington, VA

## Awards

Board of Associates McCardell Professional Development Grant 2017  
F. A. Hayek Fund for Scholars (Institute for Humane Studies) 2015  
F. A. Hayek Fund for Scholars (Institute for Humane Studies) 2014  
Earhart Foundation Fellowship 2014-2015  
Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship 2014  
Graduate Student Travel Fund Grant (George Mason University) 2014  
Earhart Foundation Fellowship 2013-2014  
F. A. Hayek Fund for Scholars (Institute for Humane Studies) 2013  
Dunn Foundation Fellowship 2012-2013

## Professional Memberships

Society for the Development of Austrian Economics  
Southern Economic Association  
American Economic Association

## Service to Hood College

Panel discussant for “Globalization and Its Discontents” Hood College, March 2, 2017.  
Committee chair for Departmental Honors Thesis undergraduate student Zack Miller (2017)

## Service to the Profession

Reviewer for *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, and *Review of Austrian Economics*  
Committee member for Senior Thesis undergraduate student Adrian Martino (WFU, 2016);  
Faculty reviewer for *Institute for Humane Studies’* Humane Studies Fellowships (2016, 2017)

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