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Education Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University, 1980

Masters in City Planning, University of North Carolina, 1971

B.A., Grinnell College, 1969

Field of Public Economics

Specialization

Professional Experience

Special Assistant to the Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, August 2009 – May 2012

Interim Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, March 2009 – August 2009

Associate Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2004 – 2009

Associate Chair, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 1997 – 2004 and 2010 - 2012

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 1991 – present

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 1991 – 2004 and 2010-2011

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 1985 - 1992

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 1980 - 1985

Economic Analyst, Inland Steel, 1974 - 1976

Senior Analyst, The Rouse Company, 1973 - 1974

Associate, Gladstone Associates, 1971 - 1973

Honors and Awards

University of Maryland General Research Board Award, 1984 and 1990

Gilbert White Fellow, Resources for the Future, 1987

University of Maryland, College of Behavioral and Social Science Teaching Award, 1983, 1987, 1993, and 2002

47 University of Maryland, Department of Economics, Teaching Awards, 1980-present

Dean’s Medal, University of Maryland, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2010.

Grants

Lincoln Institute of Land Policy (co- principal investigator), 2011 – 2014 ($50,000)

Russell Sage Foundation (co- principal investigator), 2011 – present ($179,000)

National Science Foundation (co-principal investigator) (2005 – present) ($150,000)

Russell Sage Foundation (co- principal investigator), 2001 – 2003 ($750,000)

National Science Foundation (co- principal investigator), 1998 – 2001 ($225, 000)

National Science Foundation (co- principal investigator), 1995 – 1998 ($215, 000)

National Science Foundation (co- principal investigator), 1990 - 1991 ($97,571)

National Science Foundation (co- principal investigator), 1988 – 1990 ($135, 604)

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant (co- principal investigator), 1981 – 1985 ($450,000)

Edited Volumes

*Environmental and Public Economics: Essays in Honor of Wallace E. Oates* (with Arvind Panagariya and Paul Portney), Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing Company, 1999.

Published Papers

“The Window Tax: A Case Study in Excess Burden” (with Wallace E. Oates), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2015.

“The Window Tax: A Transparent Case of Excess Burden” (with Wallace E. Oates), *Landlines*, 2014.

“The Simple Analytics of Land Value Taxation” (with Wallace E. Oates) in Richard F. Dye and Richard W. England eds., *Land Value Taxation: Theory, Evidence, and Practice*, Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2009.

“Comment on ‘Land Value taxation as a Method of Financing Municipal Expenditures in U.S. Cities” in Gregory K. Ingram and Yu-Hung Hong eds., *Land Policies and Their* *Outcomes*, Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2007.

“Comment on ‘Imperfect Competition Between Communities, Politics, and Capitalization” in William A. Fischel ed., *The Tiebout Model at 50*, Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2006.

“Comment on ‘Effects of Property Taxation on Development Timing: Policy Perspective” *Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs*, 2006.

"What Should Local Governments Tax: Income or Property?" (with Wallace E. Oates) in Amy E. Schwartz, ed. *Urban Issues and Public Finance:* *Essays in Honor of Dick Netzer*, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing Company, 2004.

“Women, the Labor Market, and the Declining Relative Quality of Teachers” (with Sean P. Corcoran and William N. Evans), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2004.

“The Changing Distribution of Education Finance: 1972 -1997” (with Sean P. Corcoran, William N. Evans, Jennifer Godwin, Sheila E. Murray), in Kathryn M. Neckerman, ed.  *Social Inequality*,New York, NY: Russell Sage Foundation, 2004.

“Changing Labor Market Opportunities for Women and the Quality of Teachers 1957-2000” (with Sean P. Corcoran and William N. Evans), *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 2004.

“Education Spending in an Aging America” (with Amy R. Harris and William N. Evans), *Journal of Public Economics*, September 2001, 81, 449-471.

“The Property Tax and Education Finance: Uneasy Compromises” (with William N. Evans and Sheila E. Murray), in Wallace E. Oates, ed. *Property Taxation and Local Government Finance: Essays in Honor of C. Lowell Harris*, Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 2001.

“The Economic Consequences of a Graded Property Tax” (with Amy R. Harris) in *The Value of Land: A Roundtable Discussion*, Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 1999.

“The Tiebout Model” (with Wallace E. Oates), in Joseph J. Cordes, Robert D. Ebel, and Jane G. Gravelle, eds. *Encyclopedia of Taxation and Tax Policy*, Washington, DC: Urban Institute Press, 1999.

“The Impact of Court-Mandated School Finance Reform,” (with Sheila E. Murray and William N. Evans), in Helen F. Ladd, Rosemary Chalk, and Janet S. Hansen, eds. *Equity and Adequacy Issues in Education Finance: Issues and Perspectives*, Washington, DC: National Academy of Sciences, 1999.

"Comment on ‘Can the Land Value Tax Play an Important Role in the Financing of State and Local Governments in the United States?’," in Dick Netzer, ed. *Land Value Taxation: Can It and Will it Work Today?*, Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 1998.

“Education Finance Reform and the Distribution of Education Resources” (with Sheila E. Murray and William N. Evans), *American Economic Review*, September 1998, 88, 4, 789-812.

“The Impact of Urban Land Taxation: The Pittsburgh Experience” (with Wallace E. Oates), in Helen F. Ladd, ed. *Local Government Land and Tax Policy*, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing Company, 1998.

“An Analysis of the Graded Property Tax” (with Amy R. Harris) in *Taxing Simply Taxing Fairly*, Washington, DC: District of Columbia Tax Revision Commission, 1998.

“State Education Finance Policy after Court Mandated Reform: The Legacy of *Serrano*” (with Sheila E. Murray and William N. Evans), *Proceedings of the 89th Annual Conference on Taxation*, 1997, 366-371.

"A Fiscal Federalism Approach to Infrastructure Policy" (with Charles R. Hulten), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, April 1997, 27, 2, 139-160.

“Towards Increased Centralization in Public School Finance” (with Sheila E. Murray and William N. Evans), in Ronald C. Fisher, ed. *Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations*, New York: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1997.

“Land Taxes and Urban Development” (with Wallace E. Oates), *National Tax Journal*, March 1997, L, 1, 1-21.

“School House, Court Houses, and State Houses after *Serrano*” (with William N. Evans and Sheila E. Murray), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, January 1997, 16, 1, 10-31.

“The Theory of Regulatory Federalism: The Case of Environmental Management" (with Wallace E. Oates), in Wallace E. Oates, ed. *The Economics of Environmental Regulation*, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing Company, 1996.

"Finishing High School and Starting College: Do Catholic Schools Make a Difference?" (with William N. Evans), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, November 1995, CX, 4, 941-974.

"Consumption Taxes in a Life-Cycle Framework: Are Sin Taxes Regressive?" (with Andrew B. Lyon), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, August 1995, LXVII, 3, 389-406.

"Infrastructure and the Economy" (with Charles R. Hulten), in J. M. Pogodzinski, ed. *Readings in Public Policy*, Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers, 1994.

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"Public Economics and the Theory of Rationing" (with Timothy Goodspeed) *Public Finance*, 1993, 48, 2, 225-242.

"Measuring Peer Group Effects: A Study of Teenage Behavior" (with William N. Evans and Wallace E. Oates), *Journal of Political Economy*, October 1992, 100, 5, 966-991.

"Public Capital Formation and the Growth of Regional Manufacturing Industries" (with Charles R. Hulten), *National Tax Journal*, December 1991, XLIV, 4, 121-134.

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"The Incidence of Maryland Taxes", *Maryland Policy Studies*, August 1991, 4, 35-52.

"Is America Really on the Road to Ruins?" *The Public's Capital* (with Charles R. Hulten), Spring 1991, 2, 4, 6-7.

"Optimal Investments to Improve Property Rights" (with Arun Malik), *Journal of Urban Economics*, May 1991, 29, 3, 295-309.

"Community Composition and the Provision of Local Public Goods: A Normative Analysis" (with Wallace E. Oates), *Journal of Public Economics*, March 1991, 44, 2, 217-238.

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"Comment on 'U.S.-Japan Industry Level Productivity Comparisons'" in Charles R. Hulten (ed.) *A Comparison of Productivity Growth in Japan and the United States*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990.

"The Impact of Environmental Regulation on Industry Location Decisions: The Motor Vehicle Industry" (with Virginia McConnell), *Land Economics*, February 1990, 66, 1, 67-81.

"Local Characteristics and Public Production: The Case of Education" (with Mark Dynarski and Ernest Zampelli), *Journal of Urban Economics*, September 1989, 26, 2, 250-263.

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Book Reviews

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*Who Benefits from State and Local Economic Development Policies?* (Timothy J. Bartik), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, March 1993, 23, 1, 145-148.

*Housing and Neighborhood Dynamics: A Simulation Study* (J. Kain and W. Apgar), *Journal of Economic Literature*, June 1986, 24, 2, 732-733.

*Inflation, Tax Rules, and Capital Formation* (M. Feldstein), *Southern Economic Journal*, April 1984, 50, 4, 1259-1260.

*The Inflation of House Prices* (L. Grebler and E. Mittlebach), *Journal of the American Planning Association*, April 1980, 46, 2, 233-234.

# Service to the Profession

National Science Foundation Economics Panel, 2001-2003.

Associate editor, *International Tax and Public Finance*

## Panel member, National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council Committee on Education Finance, 1997-1999.

Referee for *Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Land Economics, National Tax Journal*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Southern Economic Journal, Public Finance Quarterly, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Education, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Regional Science and Urban Economics,* and *Scandinavian Journal of Economics.*

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