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## Education

Ph.D., Economics: *University of Connecticut*, May 2009

Dissertation: Three Essays on the Economics of Professional Baseball

M.A., Applied Economics: *Johns Hopkins University*, August 2005

B.S., Managerial Economics: *Carnegie Mellon University*, December 2003

## Fields of Interest

Labor Economics

Applied Microeconomics

Industrial Organization

## Teaching Experience

University of Connecticut, Department of Economics, Storrs, CT

Assistant Professor in Residence, August 2009 - present

- Intermediate Microeconomics, Fall 2009

- Public Finance (writing-intensive course), Fall 2009

Instructor, January 2007 - July 2009

- Theory of Labor Markets, Summer 2009

- Theory of Labor Markets, Spring 2009

- Principles of Microeconomics Honors, Fall 2008

- Theory of Labor Markets, Summer 2008

- Theory of Labor Markets, Spring 2008

- Theory of Labor Markets, Fall 2007

- Theory of Labor Markets, Summer 2007

- Principles of Microeconomics, Spring 2007

Teaching Assistant, August 2005 - December 2006

- Essentials of Economics, Fall 2006

- Principles of Macroeconomics, Spring 2006

- Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2005

Merrill Lynch Private Client Group, Yardley, PA

Summer Intern, Summers 2002 & 2003

## Awards

*Albert E. Waugh Scholarship*, 2007

“To recognize both a high level of academic achievement and promise as a teacher.”

*Graduate Fellowship*, 2004 – 2009

## Published Research and Working Papers

“Minority Status and Managerial Survival in Major League Baseball”

*Journal of Sports Economics*, Vol. 10, No. 5, (2009): 522-542.

“Race and the Likelihood of Managing in Major League Baseball”

Working Paper 2009-17, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics,

Under review at *Industrial Relations*.

“The Interleague Advantage: A Difference in Differences Analysis”

Working Paper 2009-32, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics,

Under review at the *Journal of Sport Management*.

“Efficient Production of Wins in Major League Baseball”

Working Paper 2008-50, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics.

## **Presentations**

- "Minority Status and Managerial Survival in Major League Baseball"  
Eastern Economic Association Annual Conference, February 27, 2009
- "Efficient Production of Wins in Major League Baseball"  
Brownbag Presentation Series, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics,  
December 1, 2008
- "Minority Status and Managerial Survival in Major League Baseball"  
Brownbag Presentation Series, University of Connecticut, Department of Economics,  
February 21, 2008

## **Memberships**

American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, Society for American Baseball Research

## **Computer Skills**

Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, STATA, SAS

## **References/Advisors**

- Major Advisor: Thomas Miceli, Ph.D.  
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Professor of Economics  
(860) 486-5810  
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- Associate Advisor: Kenneth Couch, Ph.D.  
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