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EDUCATION

Ph. D., Economics, University of Arizona, May 2010

Dissertation Title: Implementing Lindahl Allocations – Incorporating

Experimental Observations into Mechanism Design Theory

Supervisors: John Wooders and Mark Walker

M.A., Economics, University of Arizona, 2007

B.A., Economics, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 2005

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

August 2010-Present

Assistant Professor of Economics: University of Alabama -Department of Economics, Finance, and Legal Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theory of Public Goods and Externalities, Mechanism Design, Bargaining, and Experimental Economics

PUBLISHED PAPERS

"Hold-up: With a Vengeance," with Martin Dufwenberg and Alec Smith, forthcoming Economic Inquiry

COMPLETED PAPERS

"Out-of-Equilibrium Performance of Three Lindahl Mechanisms: An Experiment," with Mark Walker and Natalia Lazzati, revise and resubmit at *Games and Economic Behavior*

"A Simple Supermodular Mechanism that Implements Lindahl Allocations," under review at *Journal of Public Economic Theory*

"Making Efficient Public Good Decisions using an Augmented Ausubel Auction," under review at *Games and Economic Behavior*

- "A Note on the Stability of Chen's Lindahl Mechanism," under review at *Social Choice and Welfare*
- "Informational Complexity, Punishment, and Stability in Two Nash Efficient Lindahl Mechanisms," under review at *Review of Economic Design*
- "Regulating the Anti-Commons: Insights from Public Expenditure Theory"

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

"Blind Stealing, Experience and Expertise in a Mixed Strategy Poker Experiment" with John Wooders

PRESENTATIONS

- "Out-of-Equilibrium Performance of Three Lindahl Mechanisms: An Experiment," Southwest Economic Theory Meetings February 2010 Lake Arrowhead, California.
- "A Simple Supermodular Mechanism that Implements Lindahl Allocations," Seminar Series, University of Colorado, Boulder, February 2010
- "A Simple Supermodular Mechanism that Implements Lindahl Allocations," Seminar Series, University of Alabama, February 2010
- "A Simple Supermodular Mechanism that Implements Lindahl Allocations," Seminar Series, Auburn University, January 2010
- "A Simple Supermodular Mechanism that Implements Lindahl Allocations," Seminar Series, University of South Carolina, January 2010
- "Hold-Up: With a Vengeance," SEA- Southern Economic Conference, San Antonio, November 22, 2009
- "Hold-Up: With a Vengeance," Microeconomic Theory Seminar Series, University of Arizona, September 16, 2009
- "Out-of-Equilibrium Performance of Three Lindahl Mechanisms: An Experiment," Economic Science Association Meetings June 2009 Washington D.C.
- "A Simple Supermodular Mechanism that Implements Lindahl Allocations," APET Conference on Public Economic Theory, Galway, Ireland, 2009
- "Making Efficient Public Good Decisions using an Augmented Ausubel Auction," Microeconomic Theory Seminar Series, University of Arizona, April 15, 2009
- "Blind Stealing, Experience and Expertise in a Mixed Strategy Poker Experiment," 2008 Skill in Games Workshop, University of Arizona
- "A Simple Supermodular Mechanism that Implements Lindahl Allocations," SED Conference

on Mechanism Design, Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, 2008

"An Experimental Comparison of Three Incentive Compatible Lindahl Mechanisms" Poster Session, Conference in Honor of Vernon Smith in His 80th Year, University of Arizona, 2007

"Blind Stealing, Experience and Expertise in a Mixed Strategy Poker Experiment," 2007 IFREE Graduate Student Workshop in Experimental Economics, George Mason University

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Lindau Nobel Conference in Economic Sciences, NSF Fellow, 2008 IFREE Graduate Workshop in Experimental Economics, George Mason University, 2007

Referee for:

Games and Economic Behavior, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Social Choice and Welfare, Economic Inquiry, Management Science.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Dissertation Improvement Grant #0850788: National Science Foundation

Dean's Teaching Award (2009): University of Arizona

2008 Ed Zajac Prize for Best Doctoral Student Paper in Economics: University of Arizona

Dean's Teaching Award (2008): University of Arizona

Outstanding Economics Graduate (2005): University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSES TAUGHT

At the University of Alabama:

Topics in Public Economics (ECON 623): Fall 2010

At the University of Arizona:

Introductory Economics (ECON 200): 2007

Intermediate Microeconomics for Business (ECON 300): 2006,(2) 2007, 2008

Information Economics and the Internet (ECON 452): 2008

Public Sector Economics (ECON 435): 2009

TEACHING/ RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Games and Decisions: TA for Martin Dufwenberg, Spring 2010

Mathematical Economics (Graduate): TA for M. Walker, Fall 2009

General Equilibrium (Graduate): TA for M. Walker, Fall 2009

Economics of Information (Graduate): TA for J. Wooders, Spring 2009

Games and Decisions, TA for Martin Dufwenberg, Spring 2009

General Equilibrium (Graduate): TA for M. Walker, Fall 2008

Experimental Economics: TA for J. Wooders, Fall 2008

Game Theory and Auctions (Graduate; Wuhan, China): TA for John Wooders, Summer 2008

Games and Decisions, Experimental Economics, TA for M. Dufwenberg, Spring 2008

Institute for Behavioral Economics: RA for M. Dufwenberg, Fall 2008

Economic Science Laboratory: RA for M. Dufwenberg, Fall 2008

Economics of Information (Graduate): TA for R. Burguet, Spring 2007

General Equilibrium (Graduate): TA for M. Walker, Fall 2006

Law and Economics: TA for M. Block, Spring 2006

Topics in Economics: TA for J. Mc Brearty, Fall 2005, Spring 2006

TEACHING INTERESTS

Microeconomic Theory, Public Finance, Game Theory, and Experimental Economics

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