

# SAMUEL K. ALLEN

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EMPLOYMENT

#### *Virginia Military Institute:*

2016– Professor of Economics  
2010–2016 Associate Professor of Economics  
2006–2010 Assistant Professor of Economics

#### *University of California–Davis:*

2004–2006 Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow in Economics

### EDUCATION

#### Ph.D. in Economics

2004 *University of Arizona*

#### B.A. in Economics, Mathematics Minor, Honors & Business Fellow, *Magna Cum Laude*

1999 *Elon College*

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### *Virginia Military Institute*

Microeconomics (Principles & Intermediate)	Statistics
Macroeconomics (Principles & Intermediate)	Econometrics
U.S. Economic History	Money & Banking
Development of Economic Thought	International Economics
Analysis of Environmental Issues	Public Finance
Quantitative Tools for Economics & Business	Labor Economics

#### *University of California-Davis*

American Economic History    World Economic History    Principles of Microeconomics

#### *University of Arizona*

Principles of Economics    Labor Economics    Public Finance

## **FIELDS OF RESEARCH INTEREST**

Economic History; Labor Economics; Political Economy;  
Applied Microeconomics; Applied Econometrics; Behavioral Economics

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals:**

“Remembering the Other Fellow: Insights on Pro-social Behavior and Charitable Giving on Two Unique US Campuses.” (2024) *Applied Economic Letters* (with Bing Jiang).

“The Impact of Progressive Era Labor Regulations on Annual Earnings and Employment in Manufacturing in the United States, 1904-1919.” (2024) *Cliometrica* (with Price Fishback and Rebecca Holmes).

“To Be a Blood Donor or Not to Be? Investigating Institutional and Student Characteristics at a Military College.” (2019) *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, (with Bing Jiang).

“An Interdisciplinary Living Laboratory Approach to Investigate College Food Waste Co-composting with Additional On-site Organic Waste Feedstocks.” (2019) *International Journal of Environment and Waste Management*, (with Anne Alerding et al).

“Concrete Measures: The Rise of Public Housing and Changes in Young Single Motherhood in the U.S.” (2019) *Journal of Population Economics*, (with Katie Shester & Chris Handy).

“Going Pro in Something Other Than Sports,” with Leah Schubel. (2017) *Virginia Economic Journal*, 21(1): 39-50.

“Struggle for Regulatory Power between States and the US Federal Government: The Case of Workers’ Compensation Insurance 1930-2000.” (2015) *Journal of Economics and Political Economy*, 2(3): 351-373.

“Correlates of Tanning Facility Densities in North Carolina.” with Julianne Treme. (2013) *North Carolina Medical Journal*, 74(2): 105-110.

“Demand for Graduate Business Programs in the US, 1989-2007.” with Rhys Williams. (2012) *Virginia Economic Journal*, 17(1): 1-10.

“Social Insurance and Truncated Benefits: Measuring the Impacts of Workers’ Compensation.” (2012) *Economics Research International*, Volume 2012, Article ID 652056, 21 pages.

“Press Pass: Payoffs to Media Exposure Among National Football League (NFL) Wide Receivers.” with Julianne Treme. (2011) *Journal of Sports Economics* 12(3): 370-390.

## **PUBLICATIONS (*Continued*)**

“A Patchwork Safety Net: A Survey of Cliometric Studies of Income Maintenance Programs in the United States in the First Half of the Twentieth Century.” with Price Fishback, Jonathan Fox, and Brendan Livingston. (2010) *Journal of Economic Surveys*, 24(5): 895-940.

“Civilization and the Evolution of Short-Sighted Agents.” with Atin Basuchoudhary and Troy Siemers. (2010) *Virginia Economic Journal*, 15(1): 11-33.

“Lifting the Curse of Dimensionality: Measures of the Labor Legislation Climate in the States During the Progressive Era.” with Price Fishback and Rebecca Holmes. (2009) *Labor History*, 50(3): 313-346.

“Widely Received: Payoffs to Player Attributes in the NFL.” with Julianne Treme. (2009) *Economics Bulletin*, 29(3): 1640-1652.

## **Chapters in Edited Volumes:**

“The Public Safety Net,” with Jonathan Fox, Brendan Livingston, and Price Fishback. (2018) In *The Oxford Handbook of American Economic History*. Edited by Louis Cain, Price Fishback, and Paul Rhode.

“State Regulatory Laws,” with Price Fishback. (2013) In *The Oxford encyclopedia of American Business, Labor, and Economic history*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. New York: Oxford University Press.

“Workers Compensation: The Role and Impacts of Government.” In *Governing America: Major Decisions of Federal, State, and Local Government*. (2011) Edited by Quirk, Paul J., and William Cunion. New York: Facts on File.

“Measuring the Intensity of State Labor Regulation During the Progressive Era,” with Price Fishback and Rebecca Holmes. (2008) In *Quantitative Economic History: The Good of Counting*. Edited by Joshua L. Rosenbloom. Routledge Press. New York.

## **Book Reviews, Interviews & Other Published Works:**

Review of Rodrigo Finkelstein's *Lost-Time Injury Rates. A Marxist Critique of Workers' Compensation Systems*. (2023) *International Review of Social History*, 68(1): 177-179.

Review of Chad Pearson's, *Reform or Repression: Organizing America's Anti-Union Movement*. (2017) *Journal of Economic History*, 77(2): 617-618.

Local News Interview: "*The Rockbridge Report – Raising Minimum Wage Raises Questions*." (March 20, 2014).

Radio Interview: "Secrets of the NFL Draft" broadcast on *With Good Reason*, Virginia's Statewide Public Radio Program. (January 29, 2011).

Review of Kathleen Mapes', *Sweet Tyranny: Migrant Labor, Industrial Agriculture, and Imperial Politics*. EH.Net, (January 14, 2010).

Local News Interview: "*The Arizona Republic – Workers' Compensation*" by Chad Graham. Archived (May 18, 2007).

White Paper: "Workers' Compensation Problems in Horse Racing." (with Price Fishback) for National HBPA (November, 2002).

## **WORKING PAPERS**

"Migration Creation, Diversion, and Retention: New Deal Grants and Migration: 1935-1940," NBER Working Paper #13491 (with Todd Sorensen, Price Fishback, and Shawn Kantor)

"On The Possibility That American College Graduates Are Not Human Capitalists." IDEAS working paper (with Gregory Lilly).

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

"Inflation Indexing and Government Benefits"

"Housing Prices in Virginia," (with Tim Murray & Steve Landgraf)

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Rhys Williams	(MBA Demand) <sup>♦♦♦♦</sup>
Stephen Cary	(Local Economic Impacts)
Leah Schubel	(Labor Market Outcomes for NCAA Athletes)
Michael Coppolino	(Weightlifting and Nutrition)
Ally Van Valen	(Game Theory and Flu Vaccinations)
Brandon Goodwyn	(Cost–Benefit Analysis of Composting)
Renee Reives	(Cost–Benefit Analysis of Automated Lighting Systems) <sup>♦♦</sup>
William Hubbard	(Commercial Real Estate) <sup>♦</sup>
Victor Kolle	(Generational Differences in Financial Risk Preferences) <sup>♦♦♦</sup>
Rives Worsham	(Public Funding for Private Sports Stadiums) <sup>♦♦</sup>
Noland Griffith	(Public Housing in Virginia) <sup>♦♦♦</sup> and (Neighborhoods & Crime) <sup>♦♦</sup>
Walker Garner	(Animal Adoptions and Covid-19)
Colby Slade	(Costs of Electric Vehicles)

<sup>♦♦♦♦</sup>*Hinman '26 Award*; <sup>♦♦♦</sup>*Institute Honors*; <sup>♦♦</sup>*Philpott Award*; <sup>♦</sup>*Departmental Honors*

## CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

2024	Cliometrics Conference <sup>‡</sup>	Washington, DC	May 31-June 1
	Virginia Association of Economists <sup>‡</sup>	Lexington, VA	April 25-26
2023	Virginia Association of Economists <sup>*</sup>	Richmond, VA	April 20-21
	Economic History Association <sup>‡</sup>	Pittsburgh, PA	September 8-10
2022	Economic History Association <sup>‡</sup>	Lacrosse, WI	September 16-18
2019	Economic History Association <sup>‡</sup>	Atlanta, GA	September 13-15
	American Accounting Association <sup>†</sup>	San Francisco, CA	August 14
	AACSB Standards Seminar <sup>‡</sup>	Tampa, FL	April 3-5
2018	Western Economics Association <sup>*</sup>	Vancouver, Canada	June 26-29
	Life & Legacy of Douglass North <sup>‡</sup>	Arlington, VA	March 2-3
	Virginia Association of Economists <sup>*</sup>	Radford, VA	April 6-7

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\*Presenter; †Presented by Co-Author; ‡Discussant or Attendee

**CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

2017	Virginia Association of Economists*	Richmond, VA	March 16-17
2016	Southern Economics Association† Commonwealth Analytics and Humanities Summit‡ Virginia Association of Economists‡	Washington, DC Williamsburg, VA Lexington, VA	November 19-21 October 17-18 March 31-April 1
2015	Southern Economics Association* Economic History Association‡ World Economic History Congress† Eastern Economics Association†	New Orleans, LA Nashville, TN Kyoto, Japan New York, NY	November 20-22 September 11-13 August 3-7 February 26-March 1
2014	Southern Economics Association† William & Mary Economics Seminar* Innovation in Pedagogy‡ Association of Private Enterprise Education† International Atlantic Economics Association* Virginia Association of Economists* W&L-VMI Seminar†	Atlanta, GA Williamsburg, VA Charlottesville, VA Las Vegas, NV Madrid, Spain Roanoke, VA Lexington, VA	November 22-24 September 26 May 6 April 13-15 April 2-5 March 20-21 January 17
2013	Teaching Economics (UNCW)‡ Economic History Association* Appalachian Spring History & Economics Conference*	Wilmington, NC Washington, DC Boone, NC	October 12 September 20-22 April 20
2012	Southern Economics Association* Virginia Association of Economists*	New Orleans, LA Virginia Beach, VA	November 16-18 March 15-16
2011	Appalachian Spring History & Economics Conference*	Boone, NC	April 30

**CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

2010	Washington DC-Area Economic History Seminar*	Washington, DC	October 8
	Western Economics Association*	Portland, OR	June 29-July 3
2009	Southern Economics Association†	San Antonio, TX	November 21-23
	UC-Merced Graduate Seminar*	Merced, CA	November 9
	Economic History Association*	Tucson, AZ	September 11-13
	Teaching Innovations Program‡	Chicago, IL	June 10-12
	Cliometrics Conference‡	Gettysburg, PA	June 5-7
2008	Southern Economics Association*	Washington, DC	November 20-23
	American University Graduate Economic History Seminar*	Washington, DC	October 22
	Economics Teaching Workshop‡	UNC-Wilmington, NC	October 11
	World Congress of Cliometrics‡	Edinburgh, Scotland	July 17-20
	Appalachian Spring History & Economics Conference*	Boone, NC	April 26
	Eastern Economics Association†	Boston, MA	March 7-9
2007	Hawaii International Conference on Business*	Honolulu, HI	May 24-27
2006	Southern Economic Association*	Charleston, SC	November 18-20
	AACSB Conference‡	Minneapolis, MN	October 17-19
	Cliometric Society at ASSA*	Boston, MA	January 6-8
2005	All UC-Group in Economic History*	San Francisco, CA	October 1
2004	International Society for New Institutional Economics*	Tucson, AZ	September 30
	International Applied Business Research Conference†	Puerto Rico	March 15-19
	Cliometric Society at ASSA*	San Diego, CA	January 3-5
2003	Economic History Association*	Nashville, TN	September 19-21
	Third Annual Summer School in Economic History*	Venice, Italy	September 1-7
2000	Western Economics Association*	Vancouver, Canada	July 1-3

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2022 Summer Undergraduate Research Initiative (SURI) Stipend, VMI
- 2022 WELD Research Initiative Stipend, VMI
- 2020 Ayres Faculty Development Leave, VMI (*Spring semester*)
- 2019 Grant-in-aid of Research, VMI [\$2,200]
- 2016 Omicron Delta Epsilon (*ODE*) Chapter Grant [\$1,500]
- 2015 Charles S. Koch Foundation Grant [\$8,000]
- 2013 Charles S. Koch Foundation Grant [\$5,000]
- 2013 Jessie Ball duPont Summer Seminar Faculty Scholar
- 2013 Grant-in-aid of Research, VMI [\$3,100]
- 2012 Summer Undergraduate Research Initiative (SURI) Stipend, VMI
- 2009 Summer Undergraduate Research Initiative (SURI) Stipend, VMI
- 2009 Grant-in-aid of Research, VMI [\$3,210]
- 2008 Wilbur S. Hinman, Jr. '26 Research Award, VMI
- 2008 Grant-in-aid of Research, VMI [\$2,502]
- 2007 Summer Undergraduate Research Initiative (SURI) Stipend, VMI
- 2007 Grant-in-aid of Research, VMI [\$1,250]
- 2006 John Heinz Dissertation Award - *Best Dissertation on Social Insurance*
- 2002 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant [\$10,000]
- 2002 Elmer J. Brown Memorial Scholarship
- 2002 3rd-year paper award, co-recipient, University of Arizona
- 2001 George W. Coleman Scholarship, University of Arizona
- 2000 Graduate College Travel Grant, University of Arizona
- 2000 Baird-Harvill Graduate Fellowship, University of Arizona
- 1999 Baird-Harvill Graduate Fellowship, University of Arizona
- 1999 Pi Gamma Mu Graduate Scholarship



## **SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTE**

2024–	Faculty Development Committee
2023–2024	Committee for Civic Engagement
2023	Interim Inspector General
2023–	Elected Member, Faculty Grievance Panel
2023	Member, Title IX Coordinator Search Committee
2022–2023	Alumni Faculty Recruiting Committee
2020	Committee for Tenure & Promotion Appeals (Ad Hoc)
2019–	Club Sport Advisor & Coach: Marathon Club
2018–2019	Participant, Emerging Leaders Program
2018–2019	Faculty Handbook Committee
2018–	Judge, COMAP’s Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling
2017–	Scheduling Coordinator, Department of Economics & Business
2017–2020	Liaison, Quality Enhancement Plan Steering Committee
2016–2019	Environmental Studies Minor Feasibility Study Committee
2015–	Assistant IG and Assistant Title IX Coordinator
2014–	Faculty Facilitator for the Bystander Intervention Program
2013–	Faculty Advisor for the Class of 2017
2013–2014	VMI’s Official Representative for <i>ICPSR</i> :
2011–2014	Faculty Defense Advocate for the Honor Court
2011–2013	VMI Center for Undergraduate Research (VCUR) Committee
2009–2017	Athletic Appeals Committee
2008–2014	Club Sport Advisor & Coach: Marathon Club
2006–2011	Undergraduate Research Initiative (URI) Committee
2006–2008	Club Sport Advisor & Coach: Ultimate Team
2006–2007	Assistant Officer-in-Charge (AOC) in Barracks

## **SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT**

2024	Member, Economics Instructor Search Committee
2022	Member, Accounting New Faculty Search Committee
2021–2022	Member, Economics Adjunct Faculty Search Committee
2021–	Co-Chair, AACSB, Resources, Curriculum & Assessment Committee
2021–	Member, WELD Enrichment Initiative
2020–	Senior Faculty Mentor for Steve Landgraf
2019–2020	Member, Economics New Faculty Search Committee
2018–2019	Chair, Economics New Faculty Search Committee
2018–2021	Liaison, Building Renovation Committee
2017–	Member, AACSB Accreditation Executive Committee
2015–	Faculty Mentor, <i>ODE</i> the Economics Honor Society
2015–2021	Chair, AACSB Academic and Professional Engagement Committee
2015–2017	Senior Faculty Mentor for Ben Grannan
2012–2021	Organizer, VMI Research Colloquium ( <i>with Washington &amp; Lee University</i> )
2012–2013	Chair, Economics New Faculty Search Committee
2013–2015	AACSB, Strategic Management Committee
2010–2020	Chair, AACSB, Critical Thinking Goal Assessment Team
2010–2011	Member, Economics New Faculty Search Committee
2006–2013	AACSB, Assessment Committee
2006–2007	Committee for Evaluating the Economics Minor (Ad Hoc)
2006	Committee for Evaluating Departmental Statistical Software (Ad Hoc)

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

- 2022– Executive Director, *Measuring Worth Foundation*  
2020–2023 Member/Chair, Committee on Education, Economic History Association  
2019– Delegate, National Economic Education Delegation  
2018 External Reviewer, *Hampden-Sydney College*  
2016–2017 Judge for *College Fed Challenge*  
2015–2018 Collaborator, *Journal of Undergraduate Insights & Criticism in Economics*  
2015–2016 President, *Virginia Association of Economists*  
2012–2017 Elected Member, Board of Directors: *Virginia Association of Economists*  
2002– Referee (peer-reviewer) for the following publications:

*Choice*  
*Economic Inquiry*  
*Economics Bulletin*  
*European Review of Economic History*  
*Explorations in Economic History*  
*EH.Net*  
*History Research*  
*Journal of Economic History*  
*Journal of Media Economics*  
*Journal of Public Economic Theory*  
*Journal of Research in International Business and Management*  
*Journal of Sports Economics*  
*Journal of Scientific Research and Reports*  
*The Independent Review*  
*Virginia Social Sciences Journal*

## **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

- 2024 Timber Framers Pavilion Project & FTX  
2023– Board Member, Rockbridge Area Conservation Council  
2021–2023 Volunteer, Lexington’s Green Infrastructure Working Group  
2020–2021 President, Lylburn-Downing Middle School PTA  
2020 Economic Consultant, Estimating Damages  
2018–2019 Liaison, Timber Framers Pavilion Project & FTX  
2018–2019 Treasurer, Waddell Elementary PTA  
2016–2020 Volunteer, Roots & Shoots Inter-Generational Community Garden  
2014–2015 Volunteer, Rockbridge United Youth Soccer  
2013–2015 Treasurer, Rockbridge Food Cooperative, Inc.  
2012–2015 Board Member, Rockbridge Food Cooperative, Inc.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Economic Association  
Cliometric Society  
Economic History Association  
Southern Economic Association  
Virginia Association of Economists

## HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Omicron Delta Epsilon ...	<i>Economics</i>
Kappa Mu Epsilon ...	<i>Mathematics</i>
Pi Gamma Mu ...	<i>Social Sciences</i>
Phi Kappa Phi ...	<i>Interdisciplinary</i>