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Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL

Citizenship: United States

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EDUCATION

Georgia State University Atlanta, GA 30303

Ph.D.: Economics; August 2009

Georgia State University Atlanta, GA 30303

M.A.: Economics; August 2007

Duke University Durham, NC 27708

Bachelor of Arts: Economics and Spanish & Latin American Studies; May 2002

DISSERTATION TITLE

“An Economic Analysis of Prison Labor”

Dr. Sally Wallace, Chair

RESEARCH INTEREST

Economics of Crime; Health Economics; Public Finance; Labor Economics; Economic Growth/Development; International Economics

TEACHING

Interests: Economics of Crime; Health Economics; Public Finance; Labor; Microeconomics

Courses: Crime and Economics (Spring 2010), Global Health (Spring 2010)

WORKING PAPERS/RESEARCH

An Economic Analysis of Prison Labor (http://etd.gsu.edu/theses/available/etd-08102009-015919/unrestricted/Cox_Robynn_200908_phd.pdf)

The Effect of the Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program on Labor Market Outcomes of Prison Releasees (*Working Paper*)

The Effect of the Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program on Recidivism (*In Progress*)

Expectations Updating and Criminal Behavior among Young Men (*In Progress, with Dr. Frank Sloan*)

Obama's Effect on Education Outcomes (*In Progress with Dr. William Darity and Dr. Leslie Wallace*)

Noncitizen Eligibility for Medicaid: States' Policies and Trends (*Congressional Research Service Report*)

PRESENTATIONS

Duke University Durham, NC 11/4/2009

Applied Microeconomics Lunch Seminar: Presented The Effect of the Prison Industry Enhancement Certificate Program on Labor Market Outcomes of Prison Releasees.

Duke University & UNC Chapel Hill Durham, NC 11/1/2009-11/2/2009

African-American Economic Summit: Invited to produce and discuss a paper on the issue of the racial incarceration crisis in the context of the current economic crisis.

North Carolina Public Radio (NPR) Durham, NC 10/27/2009

The State of Things: Discussed the issue of incarceration in light of the current economic crisis as it pertains to African-Americans.

American Economic Association Annual Conference New Orleans, LA 1/7/2008

Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (CSMGEP)

Dissertation Workshop: "Prison Labor in a Model of Complete and Dynamic Information"

Duke University Durham, NC 10/22/2007

Conference on Race and Wealth: "Prison Labor in a Model of Complete and Dynamic Information"

WORK EXPERIENCE

Duke University 1/2009-Present

Postdoctoral Associate: Faculty Advisor Dr. Frank Sloan. Duties include research and teaching. Conducting research on expectations updating, criminal behavior, and education outcomes. Teaching responsibilities include a seminar course on the Economics of Crime and co-teaching a course with Dr. Frank Sloan on Global Health in the spring of 2010. Active participant in a graduate course on the demand side of health taught during the fall of 2009.

Congressional Research Service (CRS) 2/2008-4/2008

Economist: Temporary post as an Economist in the Domestic Social Policy Division of CRS. Worked on a co-authored report on the Prison Industry Enhancement Certificate Program.

Duke University (American Economic Association Summer Program) 6/2007-8/2007

Teaching Assistant for Data Analysis and Research Seminar: Assisted Dr. Frank Sloan in advising participants in their research topics and methods, and conducted help sessions.

Georgia State University 1/2007-12/2007

Tutor: Assisted undergraduate students with their course work as well as aided in their understanding and interpretation of the principles of economic theory.

Congressional Research Service (CRS) 9/2006-12/2006

Intern: Wrote a report on the effects of the 1996 Welfare Reform Act on noncitizens' eligibility for Medicaid.

Georgia State University 8/2002-1/2009

Graduate Research Assistant

HONORS/AWARDS

Golden Key International Honour Society Georgia State University 2008-Present

Andrew Young Fellowship Recipient Georgia State University 2004-2007

Honorable Mention Ford Foundation Predoctoral Diversity Fellowship 2004

AEA Summer Minority Scholarship Duke University 2004

AEA Summer Minority Scholarship University of Colorado 2002

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Black History Month Committee Duke University 1999-2001

Co-founder & Co-Chair: Chaired committee from September-May of each year. Provided Black History Month programming to the Duke Community; developed budgets; raised funds for activities and events; created, wrote, and presented proposals; and coordinated programmed events. Raised over \$40,000 to sponsor the events as well as produced a Black History Month Committee Calendar each year.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association

National Economic Association

REFERENCES

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