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Administrative Appointments

Georgia State University

Associate Provost for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation, 2017

The Georgia State University strategic plan has driven our successes in both student achievement and in research. We have realized large increases in student graduation rates for students from all backgrounds. Simultaneously, the University has raised its research and scholarly profile, more than doubling external research funds in the past seven years. As associate provost, I have responsibility for ensuring that we continue to make progress towards our strategic goals; I work with colleges and institutes to implement our strategies and measure our achievements in critical areas. I manage essential programs to grow the capacity of our faculty to participate in interdisciplinary research clusters.

Dean, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, 2010-2017

The Andrew Young School is one of ten colleges at Georgia State University, a research 1 public university with over 50,000 students on six campuses. The school has exceptional faculty in four academic units: Economics, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Public Management and Policy, and the School of Social Work. The college houses the newly established Urban Studies Institute. There are seven research centers, including the International Center for Public Policy, Georgia Health Policy Center, the Center for Collaborative Social Work, Fiscal Research Center, Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, and the Experimental Economics Center. The annual state budget exceeds \$19 million covering about 100

faculty and 40 professional (Ph.D. and/or M.D) staff, and another approximate 40 administrative staff. In fiscal year 2017, sponsored research exceeded \$22 million.

Major accomplishments include:

1. Co-chaired the committee for mid-course updates to the enormously successful GSU strategic plan. The strategic plan adopted in 2011 has been a catalyst to the successes of the University. The revised plan was unanimously adopted in spring, 2016.
2. Established an Urban Studies Institute through the Next Generation Initiative. We have hired an excellent Institute Director, who is implementing ambitious plans.
3. Reorganized and expanded the School to include the Departments of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the School of Social Work. The addition of these units broadens the scope of policy issues where we have expertise and facilitates interdisciplinary work.
4. Secured new building to house all units in the School and allow much-needed room for expansion; we are currently scattered in three different, and distant, locations.
5. Led the School in university-wide initiatives to gain new resources to hire faculty in interdisciplinary clusters. The School has had remarkable success in winning approvals for nine additional faculty positions in six clusters. To date, we have hired seven outstanding faculty members.
6. Professionalized the development function in the School. My first hire was a development officer. We have reconnected with alumni, expanded our donor list, and are enjoying successes with increased giving. Our most recent large gifts from individuals include two for \$500,000. We also receive a number of foundation grants.

7. Led the development of a new college strategic plan that emphasizes new academic programs, new outreach and better public relations while re-emphasizing our mission of engagement in real policy issues, on local, national and international levels. This plan was adopted by a nearly unanimous vote in spring, 2013.
8. Oversaw the development of new academic programs, including a research honors track, a bachelor of interdisciplinary studies in social entrepreneurship, and a new online master's degree in criminal justice administration that is going through the approval process.
9. Collaborated with central administration to initiate the University's Global Cities' Partnership, a research collaboration involving GSU, and universities in Hong Kong and South Africa.
10. Reorganized and expanded the School's Dean's Council to include new active members. We have refocused the Council towards development.
11. Participated in the University's multi-pronged efforts to improve student retention and graduation rates. I led the School's efforts to implement the wide variety of enhanced advising tools along with some curriculum revision to enhance progress.

Chair, Department of Economics, 2009-2010

The Economics Department consisted then of 30 members, not including a rotating roster of three visiting professors, with three very active research centers. Note that I was chair for one year before being named Dean.

Initiatives include:

1. Led hiring of three faculty members, including organizing a joint appointment between the Economics Department and the Department of Risk, Management and Insurance in the Robinson College of Business.
2. Negotiated with the Dean's office to cost-share to manage a \$3 million U.S. Agency for International Development project that established a

master's program for Ministry of Finance employees in Indonesia. This project was administered by the International Center for Public Policy. My part was to manage the cost-share arrangement between the Department and the Dean's office.

3. Managed two successful tenure and promotion cases.

Associate Dean, Andrew Young School, 2008-2009

I stepped in on an interim basis, as the then-associate dean was required to serve as acting dean. My responsibilities included space management for a School with two departments and five research centers. I also managed the dean's office staff and oversaw student issues, both undergraduate and graduate.

University and Professional Service

1. Elected to the Executive committee for the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration, 2016 – 2019.
2. Recently elected to the International Women's Forum, 2016.
3. Chaired a panel for the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration to select a best dissertation award winner, 2014-2015.
4. Served on the implementation committee charged with overseeing the consolidation of a network of community colleges into the University.
5. Co-chaired the search to select a new Dean for the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions.
6. Served on the university committee to interview finalists for the position of Athletic Director.
7. Co-chaired the search to select the new Dean of the College of Education.
8. Served on the search committee to select the new Dean of the School of Public Health
9. Served on the committee to select the Director of the Office of Government Affairs.
10. Represented the deans by serving on the fiscal advisory committee to the President.
11. Served on the University Senate, and the subcommittee for academic programs.

Community Service

1. Formerly served on the Advisory Board for Neighborhood Nexus, a nonprofit that served as a regional information service, providing data and tools to inform decision making at the community, city, and county level for metro Atlanta.
2. Serve on the steering committee for the Georgia Health Policy Center's project to incorporate a health impact assessment into the Georgia Qualified Allocation Plan, a program for utilizing the low income housing tax credit.
3. Participated in the Atlanta Public Schools' legal issues surrounding the dismissal of public school teachers, testing coordinators, and principals based on cheating on standardized tests.

Academic Background

Education

Ph.D. and M.A., Economics, Rice University
B.A., Economics and Math, Rhodes College with distinction

Academic Positions

Professor, Economics 2009-current.
Associate Professor, Economics, 1997 – 2009.
Assistant Professor of Economics 1991-1997.
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Emory University,
1986-1990.
Instructor, Department of Economics, Rice University, 1984-1985.

Publications: Refereed Scholarly (selected papers)

“Impact of First Birth Career Interruption on Earnings: Evidence from Administrative Data,” with Julie Hotchkiss and Melinda Pitts, *Applied Economics*, forthcoming, 2017.

“Exploring Wage Determination by Education Level: A U.S. MSA Analysis for 2005-2012,” with Don Grimes and Penny Prime, *Economic Development Quarterly*, 2016, 30, 191-202 (lead article).

“Does Shortening the School Week Impact Student Performance? Evidence from the Four-Day School Week,” with D. Mark Anderson, *Education Policy and Finance*, 2015, 10 (3), 314-349 (lead article).

“The Minimum Dropout Age and Student Victimization,” with Benjamin Hansen and D. Mark Anderson, *Economics of Education Review*, 2013, 35, 66-74.

“Earmarking and the Business Cycle: The Case of State Spending on Higher Education,” with Rachana Bhatt and Jonathan Rork, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2011, 41(4), 352-359.

“Labor Force Exit Decisions of New Mothers,” with Julie Hotchkiss and Melinda Pitts, *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2010, December, 1-18.

“Teen Smoking and Birth Outcomes,” with Erdal Tekin and Sally Wallace, *Southern Economic Journal*, 2009, 75(3), 892-907.

“An Analysis of Private School Closings,” with Lakshmi Pandey and David Sjoquist, *Education Finance and Policy*, Winter 2009, 4(1), 34-59.

“An Analysis of the Time to Adoption of Local Sales Taxes: A Duration Model Approach,” with David Sjoquist, William Smith, and Sally Wallace, *Public Budgeting and Finance*, Spring 2007, 27(1), 20-40.

“Agglomeration Impacts on the Location of High Tech Industries,” with Don Grimes and Penny Prime, *Growth and Change*, March 2007, 38(1), 39-55.

“The Effect of Private School Competition on Public School Performance in Georgia,” with Christopher R. Geller and David Sjoquist, *Public Finance Review*, January 2006, 34(1), 4-32.

“Estimating Differential Responses to Local Fiscal Conditions: A Mixture Model Analysis,” with David Sjoquist and Sally Wallace, *Public Finance Review*, January 2005, 33(1), 36-61.

“Measuring the Effectiveness of Voluntary Emission Reduction Programs,” with Ronald G. Cummings, *Applied Economics*, 2000, 32(13), 1719-1726.

“Economies of Scale in Property Tax Assessment,” with David Sjoquist, *National Tax Journal*, 1999, 52(2), 207-220.

“The Implications of Current Policies on the Production of Infant Health,” Sally Wallace, *Applied Economics*, 1998, 30(9), 1177-1186.

“Race and the Structure of School Districts in the United States,” with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and Mark Rider, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 1997, 41(2), 281-300.

“The Cultural Affinity Hypothesis and Mortgage Lending Decisions,” with William C. Hunter, *Journal of Real Estate, Finance and Economics*, 1996,

13(1), 57-70.

“The Marriage Tax and the Rate and Timing of Marriage,” with David Sjoquist, *National Tax Journal*, December 1995, 48 (4), 547-558.

“Planck's Principle Revisited: A Note,” with Sharon Levin and Paula Stephan, *Social Studies of Science*, 1995, 25(2), 275-283.

“Stochastic Specifications in Random Production Models of Cost-Minimizing Firms,” with Bryan W. Brown, *Journal of Econometrics*, March-April 1995, 66(1-2), 175-205.

“An Empirical Examination of Investment Banking Merger Fee Contracts,” with William C. Hunter, *Southern Economic Journal*, April 1990, 56(4), 1117-1130.

“The Random Utility Hypothesis and Inference in Demand Systems,” with Bryan W. Brown, *Econometrica*, July 1989, 57 (4) 815-829.

Papers and Grant Proposals Under Review and In-Process

“Do Anti-Bullying Laws Reduce In-School Victimization for LGBTQ Youth?,” with Kristie Seelman. This manuscript was awarded the 2017 SOGIE scholarship award from the Council on Social Work Education. The SOGIE award is the sexual orientation and gender identity and expression award, for excellent scholarship that addresses issues of importance to the LGBTQ community.

“Public Policy doctoral recipients, where do they go? Evidence from the Survey of Earned Doctorates,” evidence from the NSF SED restricted data set, with Julian Kwok.

“High School Drop-Out Rates and Neighborhood Crime,” with Mary G. McGarvey and William J. Smith.

“Agglomeration or Dis-agglomeration? Trends in Knowledge-Intensive Industry” with Don Grimes and Penelope Prime.

Publications: Non-Refereed and Other

“Strengthening Statistics and Social Policy Analysis Teaching and Research at the University of Guyana” (ICB-01-2005), October 2007.

“Revenue Losses from Exemptions of Goods from the Georgia Sales and Use Tax,” Fiscal Research Center Report 134, with William J. Smith, October, 2006, cited in *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, October 2006.

“Conservation Pricing: Phase II Report,” Water Policy Center working paper #2005-013, with Ron Cummings and Douglas Wilson, May 2005.

Forecasting Notes, technical training manual for use in Russian/Moscow Fiscal Management project, 1998-1999, 1-91.

“Estimates of WIC-Eligible Population - Georgia,” report for the Georgia WIC (Women, Infant and Children) office, with Chris Bollinger, Summer 1994, 1-10.

Externally-funded Research Projects

Senior researcher, “Enhancing Capacity for Research in Economics, Georgia State University – Cairo University Partnership.” Higher Education for Development, \$400,000. I wrote a research paper with a faculty member at Cairo University and managed the workshop to close the project at Cairo University in June, 2013.

Co-PI “Informing Lottery Budget Decisions: HOPE and Pre-K,” Voices for Georgia’s Children, \$28,000, January 2010 – January 2011.

PI “Competition among Public and Private Preschools: Evidence from Georgia,” Kauffman Foundation, \$14,000, January 2007 through August 2007.

Co- PI “Upgrading Statistics and Social Policy Analysis Teaching and Research at the University of Guyana”, University of Guyana and Inter-American Development Bank, \$180,188.00, March 2006 through June 2007.

Senior researcher, “Agricultural Water Metering Program in Georgia,” USDA and Soil and Water Commission, State of Georgia, \$800,000 and

\$1,000,000 respectively, Summer 2005 through Summer 2006.
Senior researcher, "Conservation Pricing for Water in Georgia," USDA, \$800,000, Summer 2005 through December 2005.
Co-PI, "A Perinatal Grant", Department of Community Health, State of Georgia, \$50,000, 2001-2002.

Senior researcher, "Are Small Urban Centers Magnets for Economic Growth?" A Report to the Georgia State Office of Planning and Budget, 2001.

PI "Estimating Peak Traffic Flows," Environmental Protection Division, \$35,000, 2001.

Co-PI, "Voluntary Ozone Action Day Program," Environmental Protection Division, \$250,000, 1999, 2000.