

## I. PERSONAL

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## II. EDUCATION

George Mason University. Ph.D., Economics. 2018.  
George Mason University. M.A., Economics. 2015.  
Florida State University. B.S., Economics and Philosophy. 2012.

Dissertation Title: *Essays on Property Rights and Governance*

Areas of expertise: Law and Economics, Property Rights, Political Economy

## III. EMPLOYMENT AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

St. Olaf College. Tomson Family Assistant Professor of Law and Economics. 2018-.

George Mason University. Graduate Lecturer. 2015-2018.

Courses Taught: Principles of Economics [St. Olaf]; Microeconomic Theory [St. Olaf]; Introduction to Law and Economics [St. Olaf]; Comparative Economic Analysis of Legal Systems [St. Olaf]; Economics of Developing Areas [GMU]; Environmental Economics [GMU], Intermediate Microeconomics [GMU]

## IV. SCHOLARLY WORK

*\*Indicates a current or former St. Olaf student*

### Publications and papers

#### *Books* [Peer-Reviewed]

Harris, Colin, Meina Cai, Ilia Murtazashvili, and Jennifer Murtatazashvili. 2020. *The Origins and Consequences of Property Rights*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Elements).

#### *Journal articles* [Peer-Reviewed]

Harris, Colin, Andrew Myers\*, and Adam Kaiser\*, “The Humanizing Effect of Market Interaction” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, forthcoming.

Callais, Justin, Colin Harris, and Ben Borchard\*, 2022. “The Moral Costs of Markets: Testing the Deterioration Hypothesis” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 204: 200-220.

Bustamante, Pedro, Meina Cai, Marcela Gomez, Colin Harris, Prashant Krisnamurthy, Wilson Law, Michael Madison, Iliia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, Tymofiy Mylovanov, Natalia Shapoval, Annette Vee and Martin Weiss. 2022. "Government by Code? Blockchain Applications to Public Sector Governance." *Frontiers in Blockchain* 5: 1-15.

Harris, Colin, Andrew Myers\*, Christienne Briol\*, and Sam Carlen\*. 2022. "The Binding Force of Economics." *Advances in Austrian Economics*, 26: 69-103.

Leeson, Peter T., Colin Harris, and Andrew Myers\*. 2021. "Kornai Goes to Kenya." *Public Choice* 187: 99-110.

Harris, Colin, and Adam Kaiser\*. 2020. "Burying the Hatchet." *Revue d'Économie Politique* 130(6): 1025-1044.

Leeson, Peter T., and Colin Harris. 2018. "Wealth-Destroying Private Property Rights." *World Development* 107: 1-9.

Leeson, Peter T., and Colin Harris. 2018. "Testing Rational Choice Theories of Institutional Change." *Rationality and Society* 30(4): 420-431.

†Harris, Colin. 2018. "Institutional Solutions to Free-Riding in Peer-to-Peer Networks: A Case Study of Online Pirate Communities." *Journal of Institutional Economics* 14(5): 901-924.

†Awarded the 2019 Elinor Ostrom Prize for best full-length article published in *JOIE*.

### ***Book Chapters***

Leeson, Peter T., and Colin Harris. 2019. "Hayek, Neoliberalism, and the Washington Consensus." In R. Candela, ed., *A Companion to Friedrich von Hayek*. Guatemala City: Universidad Francisco Marroquin.

### ***Book Reviews***

Harris, Colin. 2019. "Review of Andrew Leigh's *Randomistas: How Radical Researchers Are Changing Our World*." *Independent Review* 23(4).

### ***Papers Under Review***

### ***Working Papers***

"The Role of Rhetoric on Economic Freedom" with Andrew Myers\*.

"Copyright Legislation and the Superfluous Discovery of Digital Rights Management."

“Digital Piracy: Penalties and Deterrence.”

“Quasi-legal Property Rights” with Ilia Murtazashvili and Jennifer Murtazashvili

“Bandits Within the State?” with Ilia Murtazashvili and Jennifer Murtazashvili

“Legal Titling and Political Violence” with Ilia Murtazashvili and Jennifer Murtazashvili

“Spontaneous Emergence of Law” with Ilia Murtazashvili and Jennifer Murtazashvili

“Can Blockchain Solve Legal Titling’s Conundrum?” with Eric Alston, Pedro Bustamante, Meina Cai, Marcela Gomez, Prashant Krishnamurthy, Wilson Law, Michael Madison, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Murtazashvili, and Martin Weiss

## **Presentations**

### ***Invited Presentations***

January 2022, “Being Seen: How Markets Impact Our Moral Sentiments”, Texas Tech University.

March 2019, "The Economics of Intellectual Property Rights", St. Olaf College YAL.

November 2018, “Wealth-Destroying Private Property Rights”, Gustavus Adolphus College Workshop in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, St. Peter, MN.

November 2017, “Wealth-Destroying Private Property Rights”, Loyola University New Orleans Economics Club, New Orleans, LA.

### ***Conference Presentations***

April 2022, “The Binding Force of Economics,” Association of Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

March 2022, “Being Seen: How Markets Impact Our Moral Sentiments,” Public Choice Conference, Nashville Tennessee

November 2021, “Being Seen: How Markets Impact Our Moral Sentiments,” Southern Economic Association Conference, Houston, TX.

November 2018, “Digital Piracy: Penalties and Deterrence,” Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington, DC.

April 2018, “Wealth-Destroying Private Property Rights,” Association of Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

March 2018, “Wealth-Destroying Private Property Rights,” Public Choice Conference, Charleston, SC.

November 2017, “Wealth-Destroying Private Property Rights,” Southern Economic Association Conference, Tampa, FL.

November 2016, “Copyright Legislation and the Superfluous Discovery of Digital Rights Management,” Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington, DC.

September 2016, “Wealth-Destroying Private Property Rights,” American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

July 2016, “Digital Piracy: Penalties and Deterrence,” Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Research Colloquium, Towson, MD.

April 2016, “Wealth-Destroying Private Property Rights,” Association of Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

November 2013, “Institutional Solutions to Free-Riding in Peer-to-Peer Networks: A Case Study of Online Pirate Communities,” Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Research Colloquium, Arlington, VA.

April 2013, “Piracy as a Common Pool Resource,” Association of Private Enterprise Education Undergraduate Research Competition, Maui, HI.

November 2012, “Piracy as a Common Pool Resource,” Southern Economic Association Conference, New Orleans, LA.

### **Honors, Awards, and Grants**

2022, TRIO McNair Scholars Program, St. Olaf College, for “The Impact of Economic Sanctions on Media Framing”, one student.

2022, Collaborative Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (CURI), St. Olaf College, for “The Impact of Economic Sanctions on Media Framing”, three students. With Menevis Cilizoglu [Political Science, St. Olaf College].

2022, Undergraduate Humanomics Symposium grants (eight student reading group and conference); Funds from Institute for Economic Inquiry (Creighton).

2020. Whiting Foundation Public Engagement Fellowship [Declined].

2020, TRIO McNair Scholars Program, St. Olaf College, for “Digital Piracy: Penalties and Deterrence”, one student.

2020, Collaborative Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (CURI), St. Olaf College, for “Digital Piracy: Penalties and Deterrence”, four students.

2020, Undergraduate Humanomics Symposium grants (eight student reading group and conference); Funds from Institute for Freedom and Community (St. Olaf), Institute for Economic Inquiry (Creighton), and Institute for Humane Studies (GMU).

2019, Elinor Ostrom Prize for best full-length article published in the *Journal of Institutional Economics*, awarded to “Institutional Solutions to Free-Riding in Peer-to-Peer Networks: A Case Study of Online Pirate Communities.”

2017-2018, Dissertation Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

2015-2018, Graduate Fellowship, F.A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

2015-2017, Ph.D. Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

2016-2017, Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship

2013-2018, Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies

## **Professional Development and Contribution**

### ***Offices Held in Professional Organizations***

Prize Committee, Judge. The Carl Menger Essay Contest, Society for the Development of Austrian Economics. 2018-2021.

### ***Professional Memberships***

American Economic Association; Southern Economic Association; Public Choice Society; World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research; Society for the Development of Austrian Economics; Association of Private Enterprise Education.

### ***Seminars and Professional Development***

2021: (1) Mercatus Center “Applied Research: Foundations of a Free Society”; (2) Brown University, Political Theory Project Symposium, “Contemporary Methods and Austrian Economics”.

2019: (1) St. Olaf College, Advisor Training and Workshop; (2) Institute for Freedom and Community Seminar, “Immigration”

2018: (1) Institute for Freedom and Community Seminar, “Viewpoint Diversity and General Education”; (2) Liberty Fund and Institute for Humane Studies Colloquium “Civil Society, Citizenship, and Self-Governance”

2017: (1) Mercatus Center “Applied Research in the PPE Framework”; (2) American Institute for Economic Research “Sound Money, Free Banking, and Private Governance Conference.”; (3) WVU Center for Free Enterprise “Summer Empirical Workshop”; (4) Mercatus Center “Career Development Seminar”; (5) Mercatus Center “Teaching Methods Workshop”; (6) Liberty Fund and Institute for Humane Studies Colloquium “The Austrian School of Economics”

2016: (1) Director of Events, Institute for Humane Studies Undergraduate Colloquium “Markets and Morality”; (2) Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics Seminar “Ethics across the Curriculum”; (3) Institute for Humane Studies “Graduate Research Colloquium”; (4) Mercatus Center “Teaching Skills & Time Management Workshop”; (5) Mercatus Center “Qualitative Research Methods Workshop”; (6) Mercatus Center “Advanced Austrian Economics Seminar”;

2015: (1) Liberty Fund and Institute for Humane Studies Colloquium “Federalism and Competition”

2014: (1) Institute for Humane Studies “Art of Teaching Workshop”; (2) Liberty Fund and Institute for Humane Studies Colloquium “Property Rights and Freedom”

2013: (1) Institute for Humane Studies “Graduate Research Colloquium”

2012-2011: (1) Center for the Study of Public Choice “Public Choice Outreach Conference”; (2) Liberty Fund and Institute for Humane Studies Colloquium “Spontaneous Order and Experimental Economics”; (3) Foundation for Economic Education “Advanced Austrian Economics Seminar”; (4) Institute for Humane Studies “Liberty and Society Seminar”

## **V. COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY**

### **Contributions of service and leadership to the department**

Member of tenure-track hiring committee in Economics, 2022-2023.

Co-Director of the Economic Research Fellows, 2021-present.

Sophomore Introduction Sessions. 2021.

Member of inclusion committee in Economics, 2020-present.

Member of tenure-track hiring committee in Economics, 2020-2021.

Member of term hiring committee in Economics, 2020.

Member of tenure-track (two positions) hiring committee in Economics, 2019-2020.

Contributor to the Economics department self-study and outside review, 2018-2019.

### **College committees and task forces**

Student Life Committee, St. Olaf College, Social Sciences Representative. 2022-2023.

SCS Rubric Workshop. 2021.

Ballot Candidate for (1) Curriculum Committee (SSF Ballot) and (2) Faculty Life Committee (Full-Faculty Ballot), 2021.

Director's Council, Institute for Freedom and Community at St. Olaf College. 2019-present.

### **Other contributions of service and leadership to the College**

Faculty advisor, Young Americans for Liberty, St. Olaf College. 2020-present.

### **Contributions to the wider community**

#### ***Referee***

*Public Choice, World Development, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy, Decision Sciences, Review of Austrian Economics, Journal of Private Enterprise Education, International Journal of the Commons, Palgrave*

#### ***Mentored Undergraduate Research***

##### *Collaborative:*

ERF Project: "The Role of Rhetoric on Economic Freedom", with four students. 2022-2023.

ERF Project: "Digital Piracy: Penalties and Deterrence", with two students. 2021-2022.

ERF Project: "Markets and Morality", with two students. 2021-2022.

"The Economics of Student Protests" with Grace Lofstorm and Asa Gold. Spring 2022.

"The Humanizing Effect of Market Interaction" with Andrew Myers and Adam Kaiser. Submitted Spring 2021. Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

"The Moral Costs of Markets: Testing the Deterioration Hypothesis" with Ben Borchard. Fall 2021. Published in *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

“The Binding Force of Economics”, with Andrew Myers, Christienne Briol, and Sam Carlen. Spring 2021. Published in *Advances in Austrian Economics*.

“Digital Piracy: Penalties and Deterrence”, with five students. Summer 2020.

“Burying the Hatchet”, with Adam Kaiser. Spring 2020. Published in *Revue d’Economie Politique*.

“Kornai goes to Kenya”, with Andrew Myers. Fall 2019. Published in *Public Choice*.

*Prize-Winning:*

“Where Did All The Women Go?”, Hannah Wangen, winner of the Carl Menger Essay Contest (2021) and presented at the Southern Economics Association Conference (2021)

“The Costs of an Informed Electorate: an Examination of Local Newspapers and the Constraints They Place on Politicians”, Peter Aehl, winner of the Carl Menger Essay Contest (2019) and presented at the Southern Economics Association Conference (2019)

“Viking Grave Goods”, Adam Kaiser, winner of the Carl Menger Essay Contest (2019) and presented at the Southern Economics Association Conference (2019)