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## EDUCATION

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1991	Ph.D. Economics, Columbia University
1989-1990	Visiting Ph.D. student, Tel Aviv University
1986	M.A. Economics, Columbia University
1985	B.A. Economics, University of California, Berkeley

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Applied Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Sports Economics

## HONORS & GRANTS

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2016-present	Michael A. Ruane Distinguished Chair in Economics.
2016	Fund for a Safer Future (New Venture Fund) Grant Recipient.
2016	CAFR Grant Recipient (with Chris Limnios and Michael Mathes)
2013	Lawrence H. Hadley Distinguished Service Award In Sports Economics
2013	Best Article Award, <i>Contemporary Economic Policy</i>
2006	College of Business and Economics Summer Research Grant Recipient
1999	CSUH Internal Grant Recipient
1996	Honorary Professor, Academy of National Economy, Moscow, Russia
1995	RSCA/CSUH Grant Recipient
1989-1990	Rotary International Scholar
1988-1989	Preceptorship, Columbia University
1987-1988	President's Fellow, Columbia University
1979-1983	Chevron Scholar, University of California, Berkeley
1979-1980	Alumni Scholar, University of California, Berkeley

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE & POSITIONS

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2016-present	Michael A. Ruane Distinguished Chair in Economics
2012-present	Professor of Economics, Providence College
2010-2012	Associate Professor of Economics, Providence College
2002-2010	Professor of Economics, California State University, East Bay, (formerly known as CSU Hayward).
2007-2010	Adjunct Professor of Economics, Saint Mary's College, CA.
2002-2005	Visiting Professor of Economics, Mount Holyoke College.
1997-2002	Associate Professor of Economics, California State University, Hayward.
1999-2015	Founder and Editor, <i>Journal of Sports Economics</i> , published by Sage Publications, Inc.
1994-2010	Visiting Professor of Economics, Institute of Business and Economics, Academy of National Economy, Moscow, Russia.
1998-2010	Faculty Research Associate, the Human Investment Research and Education (HIRE) Center
1993-1997	Assistant Professor of Economics, California State University at Hayward.
1991-1993	Lecturer in Economics, California State University at Hayward.
1990-1991	Research Associate, The Eisenhower Center for the Conservation for Human Resources, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1989	Guest Lecturer, Tel Aviv University, Israel.
1989	Lecturer in Economics, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

## ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

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2016 - present Chair, Department of Economics, Providence College  
2014, 2015 Interim Chair, Department of Economics, Providence College  
2009 - Chair, Department of Economics, California State University, East Bay  
2010  
1991- 2000, Graduate Advisor, Department of Economics, California State  
2005-2009 University, East Bay.

## PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

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### ▪ BOOKS

*Regression Basics: A Student's Guide to Quantitative Methods and Statistical Analysis*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Routledge, 2025.

*The Oxford Handbook of Sports Economics, Vol.1: The Economics of Sports*, Leo H. Kahane and Stephen Shmanske, editors, Oxford University Press, 2012.

*The Oxford Handbook of Sports Economics, Vol.2: Economics Through Sports*, Leo H. Kahane and Stephen Shmanske, editors, Oxford University Press, 2012.

*Regression Basics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, SAGE Publications, Inc., November 2007.

*Regression Basics*, SAGE Publications, Inc. March, 2001.

### ▪ BOOK CHAPTERS

“Pay Dispersion and Productivity in Sports,” in *Personnel Economics in Sports*, Neil Longley (editor), Edward Elgar, 2018.

“The Journal of Sports Economics,” in *Secrets of Economics Editors*, Michael Szenberg and Lall Ramrattan (eds.), forward by Robert M. Solow, MIT Press, 2014.

“Returns to ‘Thuggery’ in the National Hockey League Pre- and Post-Lockout,” in *The Econometrics of Sports*, Placido Rodriguez, Stefan Kesenne and Jaume Garcia (eds.), Edward Elgar Publishing, Ltd., 2013.

“Salary Dispersion and Team Production: Evidence from the National Hockey League,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Sports Economics, Vol.2: Economics Through Sports*, Leo H. Kahane and Stephen Shmanske, editors, Oxford University Press, 2012.

“The Economics of the National Hockey League,” in *Sports Economics After 50 Years: Essays in Honor of the Golden Anniversary of Simon Rottenberg*, Plácido Rodríguez, Stefan Késenne and Jaume García Villar (eds.), Universidad de Oviedo, 2006.

“The Reverse-Order-Of-Finish Draft in Sports,” in *The Elgar Companion to the Economics of Sports*, Vladimir Andreff and Stefan Szymanski (eds.), Edward Elgar Publishers, 2006.

“Abortion Economics,” in *Economics Uncut: A Complete Guide to Life, Death and Misadventure*, edited by Simon Bowmaker, Edward Elgar Publishers, 2005.

“Team Effects on Compensation: An Application to Salary Determination in the National Hockey League,” (with Todd Idson), in Andrew Zimbalist (editor) *The Economics of Sport*, (for the Edward Elgar series entitled *The International Library of Critical Writings in Economics*, edited by Mark Blaug), 2001.

“A Game Theoretic Analysis of Owner - Player Relations” (with Tony Lima and Nan Maxwell), in Paul Staudohar (editor) *Diamond Mines: Baseball and Labor*, Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2000.

#### ▪ BOOK REVIEW

Review of *May The Best Team Win: Baseball Economics and Public Policy*, by Andrew Zimbalist, *Journal of Economic Literature*, vol. XLII: 541-543, June 2004.

#### ▪ REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“The Desire to Win: Compensating Wage Differentials in the NBA,” forthcoming, *Eastern Economic Journal*

“Compensating Wage Differentials: Evidence from the National Hockey League,” *Economics Letters*, vol. 241, 2024.

“The Impact of the Massachusetts 2012 Right to Repair Law on Small, Independent Auto Repair Shops,” *Applied Economics Letters*, v. 29, iss. 10: 873-79, 2022.

“Politicizing the Mask: Political, Economic and Demographic Factors Affecting Mask Wearing Behavior in the United States,” *Eastern Economic Journal*, vol. 47, no.2: 163-183, 2021.

"The Impact of the 34th America's Cup on Taxable Sales In the San Francisco Bay Area," *Managerial Finance*, Vol. 47 No. 6, pp. 825-844, 2021.

"State Gun Laws and the Movement of Crime Guns Between States," *International Review of Law & Economics*, vol. 61, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.irl.2019.105871>, 2020.

"Determinants of County-Level Voting Patterns in the 2012 and 2016 Presidential Elections," *Applied Economics*, vol. 52, no. 3: 3574-3587, 2020.

"The Impact of 1998 Massachusetts Gun Laws on Suicide: A Synthetic Control Approach," (with Sannicandro), *Economics Letters*, 174: 104-108, 2019.

"The House Vote to Overturn the Moratorium on Offshore Drilling: Jobs, PACs, Ideology and Spills," *Eastern Economic Journal*, vol. 42, no. 1: 46-62, 2016

"Understanding the Interstate Export of Crime Guns: A Gravity Model Approach," *Contemporary Economic Policy*, vol. 31, no.3: 618-634. **[2013 Best Article Award]**

"The Effects of Coworker Heterogeneity on Firm-Level Output: Assessing the Impacts of Cultural and Language Diversity in the National Hockey League," (with Neil Longley and Rob Simmons), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, vol. 95, no.1: 302-314, 2013.

"The Estimated Rents of a Top-Flight College Hockey Player," *International Journal of Sport Finance*, vol. 7, no.1: 19-29, 2012

"Returns to Skills in Professional Golf: A Quantile Regression Approach," *International Journal of Sport Finance*, vol 5, no. 3: 167-180, 2010.

"It's the Economy, and Then Some: Modeling the Presidential Vote with State Panel Data," *Public Choice*, vol. 139: 343-356, 2009.

"The Abortion-Crime Link: Evidence from England and Wales," (with Rob Simmons, University of Lancaster and David Paton, Nottingham University), *Economica*, vol. 75, no. 297:1-21, 2008.

"Production Efficiency and Discriminatory Hiring Practices in the National Hockey League: A Stochastic Frontier Approach," *Review of Industrial Organization*, vol. 27, no. 1: 47-71, 2005.

"Teammate Effects on Pay in Professional Sports," (with Todd Idson), *Applied Economic Letters*, vol. 11, no. 12: 731-733, 2004.

“The Effect on Wages of the CSUH MBA Degree on Russian Students Receiving the Degree,” (with Jagdish Agrawal and Gary Wishniewsky), *The Journal for Private Enterprise*, vol. 19, no. 2: 86-103, Spring 2004.

“Rice, Salmon or Sushi? Political Competition for Supply of a Regulated Input,” *American Economist*, vol. 46, no.1: 22-28, 2002.

“Team And Player Effects On NHL Player Salaries: A Hierarchical Linear Model Approach,” *Applied Economics Letters*, vol. 8: 629-632, 2001.

“Anti-Abortion Activities and the Market for Abortion Services: Protest as a Disincentive,” *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, vol. 59, no. 3: 463-485, July 2000.

“Team Effects on Compensation: An Application to Salary Determination in the National Hockey League,” (with Todd Idson), *Economic Inquiry*, vol. 39, no. 2: 345-357, April 2000.

“Gun Lobbies and Gun Control: Senate Voting Patterns on the Brady Bill and the Assault Weapons Ban,” *Atlantic Economic Journal*, vol.27, no. 4: 384-393, December 1999.

“The Effectiveness of Gun Control Laws: A comment on the work by Kwon, Scott, Safranski and Bae and their debate with Kovandzic,” *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology* , vol. 58, no.3:523-528, July 1999.

“Team Roster Turnover and Attendance in Major League Baseball,” (with Steve Shmanske), *Applied Economics*, vol. 29, no. 4: 425-431, 1997.

“Congressional Voting Patterns on NAFTA: An Empirical Analysis,” *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, vol.55, no. 4: 395-409, October 1996.

“Senate Voting Patterns on the 1991 Extension of the Fast-Track Trade Procedures: Prelude to NAFTA,” *Public Choice*, 87:35-53, 1996.

“The Political, Ideological and Economic Determinants of Abortion Position: An empirical analysis of the United States,” *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, vol.53, no.3: 347-360, July 1994.

“The Political Economy of Israeli Protectionism: An Empirical Analysis,” *Public Choice*, 74: 339-353, 1992.

“International Trade Policy in Israel: Another Model – Reply,” *Public Choice*, 74: 361-363, 1992.

▪ OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

“The Journal of Sports Economics: 20 Years and Counting,” *Journal of Sports Economics*, v. 23, iss. 6, August 2022: 631-36.

“Walter Castle (Terry) Neale,” *Journal of Sports Economics*, vol. 16, no. 8, December 2015: 809-810.

“Abortion and Crime,” *Vox: Research-Based Policy Analysis and Commentary from Leading Economists*, ([www.VoxEU.org](http://www.VoxEU.org)), April 10, 2008.

“Comments on: Thinking About Competitive Balance,” *Journal of Sports Economics*, vol.4, no.4, November 2003: 288-291.

“Introducing a New Journal” (with Idson and Staudohar), *Journal of Sports Economics*, Volume1, Number1, February 2000: 3-10.

“First Source Hiring Legislation: Estimated Economics Impact for San Francisco, CA,” Spring1998. *HIRE Discussion Paper Series*, HIRE Technical Paper 98-4.

“The Economic Impact of California State University, Hayward on the State and Local Economies,” Spring, 1998. *HIRE Discussion Paper Series*, HIRE Technical Paper 98-3. *Economic Impact Report*, published by California State University—Hayward, Department of University Advancement, Fall 1997.

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CONSULTING WORK

Stanley • Iola, LLP

*Cappalli, et al. v. BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc.*, United States District Court, Rhode Island (Case No. 10-cv-00407 (WS)). Expert Report (February 14, 2010), Deposition (May 22, 2012)

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REVIEW WORK

- Journal referee:
- American Journal of Economics and Sociology*
  - American Journal of Preventive Medicine*
  - Applied Economics*
  - Contemporary Economic Policy*
  - Eastern Economic Journal*
  - Economics Inquiry*

*Economica*  
*Economics Bulletin*  
*Economics Letters*  
*International Journal of Sport Finance*  
*Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*  
*Journal of Economics and Finance*  
*Journal of Sports Economics*  
*Journal for Sports Management*  
*Labour Economics*  
*Managerial Finance*  
*The Manchester School Journal*  
*Oxford Economic Papers*  
*Public Choice*  
*Public Finance Review*  
*Review of Industrial Organization*  
*Social Forces*  
*Social Science Quarterly*

▪ Textbook reviewer:

*Dryden Press*  
*Harcourt College Publishers*  
*McGraw-Hill Publishers*  
*Oxford University Press*  
*Palgrave*  
*Princeton University Press*  
*Sage Publications, Inc.*  
*Stanford University Press*  
*Thomson/South-Western*  
*Worth Publishers*

INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Providence College –

Economics Department Faculty Recruiting Committee, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018,  
2019, 2021, 2023, 2024  
Economics Representative on the Faculty Senate, 2015-2017  
School of Liberal Arts Advisory Council, 2014-2016  
*Ad Hoc* Athletic Appeals Committee, Fall 2011, Spring 2013  
Economics Department Liason for student assessment, Fall 2011

Community –

Guest speaker to the middle school, St. Kevin's school, Spring 2025  
Guest speaker to the eighth grade class at St. Augustine's elementary school, Spring 2016  
Guest speaker to the eighth grade class at St. Pius V elementary school, Spring 2012  
Guest speaker to the third grade class at St. Pius V elementary school, Spring 2011

California State University, East Bay –

College of Business and Economics Administrative Council, 2009-10  
University Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2008-09  
Campus representative, *Omicron Delta Epsilon* Honor Society in Economics, 2007-10  
Chair, Department Hiring Committee, 2006-07 & 2007-08  
Academic Senate (Fall, 2005, Spring 2007)  
Committee on Academic Planning and Resources (2001-02)  
Graduate Programs Advisory Committee (1997-1999)  
Committee on Research (1996-98)  
Round Table on Diversity of Faculty and Staff, (1994-95)  
Graduate Studies Committee, (1992-95; 1994-95 Chair)  
Long-Range Planning Committee, (1993-94).

COURSES TAUGHT

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▪ PROVIDENCE COLLEGE, FALL 2010 - PRESENT

Principles of Microeconomics (ECN 101)  
Microeconomic Analysis (ECN 201)  
Introduction to Econometrics (ECN 214)  
Economics of Sports (ECN 345)  
Industrial Organization (ECN 351)  
Economics Senior Capstone (ECN 488)

▪ MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE, FALL 2002 TO 2005:

Economic Issues of Sports (ECON 100)  
Introductory Microeconomics (ECON 103)  
Statistics (ECON 220)  
International Trade (ECON 216)  
Econometrics Seminar (ECON 320)  
Economics of Sports Seminar (ECON 349)

▪ SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE, FALL 2007 – SPRING 2010:

Graduate Managerial Economics (GMAN 303)  
Sports Economics (GMAN 373)

▪ CAL STATE EAST BAY, FALL, 1991 TO SPRING 2010:

Economics of Sports in Our World (ECON 1888)  
Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 2301)  
Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 2302)  
Managerial Economics (ECON 3551)  
Introduction to Production Economics (ECON 3552)  
Seminar in Microeconomic Theory (ECON 4000)  
Global Economics (ECON 3107/6107)  
Introduction to Econometrics (ECON 4400)  
Industrial Organization & Public Policy (ECON 4520)  
Economics of Sports (ECON 4550/6550)  
Topics in Economic Analysis (ECON 4590)  
International Finance (ECON 4705)  
Graduate Seminar in Microeconomic Theory I (ECON 6101)  
Economics for Managers in a Global Economy (ECON 6215)  
Graduate Seminar in Econometrics (ECON 6400)  
Graduate Seminar in Industrial Organization & Public Policy (ECON 6520)  
Topics in Economic Analysis (ECON 6590)  
Graduate Seminar in International Trade (ECON 6700)  
Graduate International Finance (ECON 6705)

▪ FOREIGN PROGRAMS:

Moscow -  
Graduate Seminar in Econometrics (ECON 6400)  
Graduate Seminar in International Trade (ECON 6700)  
Graduate International Finance (ECON 6705)

Singapore-  
Graduate Managerial Economics (ECON 6751)

Vienna-  
Graduate Managerial Economics (ECON 6751)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Consultant to the Department of Human Services of San Francisco to study the economic benefits and costs to the “First Source Hiring” program, Spring 1998.

Test item writer, Foreign Service Exam, for the Educational Testing Service, 1992, 1997.

Test item writer, Praxis Exam in Economics, for the Educational Testing Service, 1994.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Economic Association

Western Economics Association

International Association of Sports Economists

North American Association of Sports Economists