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CONTACT INFORMATION:

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CURRENT POSITION:

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Notre Dame. July 2009 –

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research. April 2010 –
Research Professor, Ifo Institute (Munich). March 2012 –

SHORT TERM VISITS:

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. May 2010, May 2011
Institute for Empirical Macroeconomics, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. December 2010

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Michigan (2009)
M.A. in Economics, University of Michigan (2006)
B.A. in Economics, *magna cum laude*, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX (2003)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

“Information, Animal Spirits, and the Meaning of Innovations in Consumer Confidence”
forthcoming June 2012, *American Economic Review* 102(4), with Robert Barsky

“News Shocks and Business Cycles.” *Journal of Monetary Economics* 58(3), April 2011, 273-
289, with Robert Barsky

“Confidence and the Transmission of Government Spending Shocks.” *Journal of Monetary
Economics* 59(3), April 2012, 235-249, with Rudi Bachmann

“Taylor Rules and Technology Shocks.” *Economics Letters* 116(1), July 2012, 92-95

WORKING PAPERS:

“Uncertainty and Economic Activity: Evidence from Business Survey Data” with Rudi
Bachmann and Steffen Elstner (August 2011), revise and resubmit, *American Economic Journal:
Macroeconomics*

“News, Non-Invertibility, and Structural VARs” (April 2012), revised and resubmitted,
Advances in Econometrics

“Reallocation and the Changing Nature of Economic Fluctuations” with Julio Garin and Mike
Pries (September 2011), submitted

“Permanent and Transitory Technology Shocks and the Behavior of Hours: a Challenge for DSGE Models” (August 2011)

“Inflation Expectations and Readiness to Spend at the Zero Lower Bound: Cross-Sectional Evidence” with Rudi Bachmann and Tim Berg (October 2011)

“Gasoline Prices and Automobile Demand: A Structural Analysis Using Micro Data” with Lutz Kilian (April 2006)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

“Pitfalls in Estimating Taylor Rules”

“Volatility and Welfare” with Mike Pries and Robert Lester

“Testing for Bubbles in the US Housing Market” with Julio Garin and Robert Flood

COURSES TAUGHT:

Intermediate Macroeconomics

Graduate Macroeconomic Theory II

Principles of Macroeconomics

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS:

Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*. 2012

Outstanding referee award, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*. 2011

Duke Young Economists Jamboree. Fall 2010

Rackham Pre-Doctoral Fellowship. University of Michigan, 2008-2009

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award. University of Michigan, March 2008

Voted Best Graduate Student Instructor in a Graduate Level Class by Peers. University of Michigan, April 2006

Walter Adams Prize for Excellence in Economics. Trinity University, 2003

Phi Beta Kappa. Trinity University, 2003

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

2012: Midwest Macro Meetings. Notre Dame, IN

SEEK Conference: “News, Sentiment, and Confidence in Fluctuations.” Mannheim, Germany

2011: CESifo Conference on Macroeconomics and Survey Data. Munich, Germany

NBER Monetary Economics Research Meeting. Cambridge, MA

NBER Economic Fluctuations Research Meeting. Chicago, IL

NBER Summer Institute, Macro Perspectives. Cambridge, MA

AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting. Denver, CO

2010: Duke University Young Macroeconomists Jamboree. Durham, NC

NBER Summer Institute, Monetary Economics. Cambridge, MA

Society for Economic Dynamics Meetings. Montreal, Canada

2009: NBER Summer Institute, Economic Fluctuations (discussant). Cambridge, MA
Cowles Summer Conference (Macroeconomics). New Haven, CT

2008: NBER Economic Fluctuations Research Meeting. Chicago, IL

2006: NBER Summer Institute, Monetary Economics. Cambridge, MA

INVITED SEMINARS:

2012: New York Fed (scheduled)
Boston Fed (scheduled)
Indiana University

2011: Western Michigan University
University of California at Berkeley
University of California at Irvine
Stanford University
DePaul University
Cornell University

2010: Minneapolis Fed
Northwestern University
Columbia University
Texas A&M University
University of Houston
University of Rochester

2009: University of Chicago
University of Chicago Booth School of Business
University of Georgia
Princeton University
University of Virginia
University of Notre Dame
University of California at Berkeley

2008: Kansas City Fed

UNDERGRADUATE THESES SUPERVISED:

David Landry (2009-2010)

William Clark (2010-2011, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City)

Elizabeth Koerbel (2010-2011) – first prize Bernoulli Award for outstanding statistical research
paper among Notre Dame undergraduates

Maureen Vigland (2011-2012)

Christopher Massoud (2011-2012)

Neil O'Dougherty (2012-2013)

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION:

Regan Deonanan (2012, University of the West Indies)
Julio Garin (2012, University of Georgia)
Dhiraj Pant (2012, Independent Project Analysis)
Sebastian Roelands (expected completion, May 2013)

MEDIA APPEARANCES:

WNIT (South Bend/Elkhart PBS television) “Ask An Expert”, January 2010
“Lucy Ann Lance Business Insider”, 1290 WLBY AM Radio, Ann Arbor, MI, August 2010
WSJV Fox 28 (South Bend affiliate), 10:00 news story on debt ceiling, August 2011
WBND ABC 57 (South Bend affiliate), 6:00 news story on stock market selloff, August 2011
Relevant Radio, “Morning Air” story on financial market turmoil, August 2011
Relevant Radio, “Morning Air” story on personal finance, August 2011
WSBT Morning Radio, story on the “Super Committee” failure, November 2011
Relevant Radio, “Morning Air” on US economy, January 2012

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Journal Referee: *American Economic Review* (3); *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; *Journal of Political Economy* (2); *Review of Economics and Statistics* (3); *Journal of Monetary Economics*; *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* (3); *B.E. Journals in Macroeconomics* (2); *Economics Letters* (2); *Energy Economics*; *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking* (2); *Macroeconomic Dynamics*; *Journal of Human Resources*; *European Economic Review*; *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control* (3); *Journal of International Economics*; *International Journal of Economic Theory*; *Journal of the European Economic Association*; *Journal of Macroeconomics*; *Review of Economic Dynamics*

Textbook Reviewer: *MIT Press*

Program Committee, Midwest Macroeconomics Annual Meeting, 2012
Co-Organizer, IFO Institute Conference on Macroeconomics and Survey Data: 2012-

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Speaker, HolyVotes Debate on Catholics and US Politics, April 2012
Keynote speaker, Rodzinka Dinner: Spring 2012
Undergraduate studies committee, Dept. of Economics: 2010-2012
Holy Cross Heritage Task Force: Spring 2012
Multiple interviews with campus newspapers, *The Observer* and *The Irish Rover*
Panelist, Edith Stein Conference, Fall 2011
Panelist, NDVotes session on the economy and the election: Fall 2010
Table host, Bread of Life Dinner: Spring 2010, Spring 2012