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Education:

Ph.D. Economics University of Mississippi, August, 2003
B.A. Banking & Finance University of Mississippi, May, 1997

TEACHING:

Teaching Experience:

2015-present Professor of Economics, Delta State University
2010-2015 Associate Professor of Economics, Delta State University
2003-2010 Assistant Professor of Economics, Delta State University
2001-2003 Instructor, Economics, Delta State University
1997-2001 Graduate Assistant, University of Mississippi

Graduate Courses Taught:

Economic Development
Health Economics
International Trade and Finance
Managerial Economics
Public Finance and Policy

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

Business Finance
Economic Development
Intermediate Microeconomics Theory
International Trade and Finance
Introduction to Economics
Managerial Economics
Money and Banking
Principles of Microeconomics

Principles of Macroeconomics
Public Finance and Policy

Awards for Teaching:

AT&T College of Business Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award (2012)

SCHOLARSHIP:

Peer Reviewed Publications:

“Political Arithmetic: New Evidence on the ‘Small-State Bias’ in Federal Spending,” with William F. Shughart II and Taylor P. Stevenson, *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice* (2011)

“A Tollisonian Approach to Religionomics”, with Gokhan R. Karahan, *Public Choice* (Vol. 142,2010)

Conference Presentations:

“Political Arithmetic: New Evidence on the ‘Small-State Bias’ in Federal Spending,” with William F. Shughart II and Taylor P. Stevenson, SOBIE, Destin, FL, April 2009

“The Effects of Corruption on New Business Formation,” with Gokhan R. Karahan, SOBIE, Destin, FL, April 2008

“Campaign Finance Reform and Political Competition,” with Lesley Davidson and Taylor P. Stevenson, SOBIE, Destin, FL, April 2008

“A Tollisonian Approach to Religionomics,” with Gokhan R. Karahan, *Festschrift* in Honor of Robert D. Tollison, Clemson, SC, November 2007

“New Evidence on the ‘Small-State Bias’ in Federal Spending,” with William F. Shughart II and Taylor P. Stevenson, *Public Choice*, New Orleans, LA, April 2006

Research Interests:

Public Choice
Microeconomics
Managerial Economics

Awards and Fellowships for Scholarship:

National Science Foundation Fellowship (2001)
Graduate Assistantship in Economics (1997-2000)
W. P. McMullan Scholarship (1997)

SERVICE:

Service to the University:

Center Director:

Appointed Center Director for DSU Center for Economic Education and Research, August 2013. DSU CEER is part of the Mississippi Council for Economic Education and is part of the larger national Council for Economic Education (www.councilforeconed.org). As part of the Center's mission, I teach MS teachers to teach economics through the Master Teacher in Economics which earns teachers a "193" endorsement. I have taught the MTE often since our DSU Summer Institute in June 2011.

Appointed Associate Center Director for DSU Center for Economics Education and Research, 2010, and served as such until August 2013.

Attended the MS Council for Economic Education Center Directors Retreat in Jackson, MS, May 28-29, 2014.

Attended the Council for Economic Education meeting in Baltimore, Maryland with the MS Council Director and other MS Center Directors, October, 2013.

Attended the Council for Economic Education meeting in Miami, Florida with the MS Council Director and other MS Center Directors, October 2010.

Federal Reserve Educator Advisory Board Member:

Serve as a member of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Memphis Branch's Educator Advisory Board. Primary contact person is Jeannette Bennett, Economic Education Specialist. Last meeting attended December 2, 2013.

Study Abroad:

Attended the Magellan Exchange Conference, September 28-October 7, 2011. This conference included site visits to three universities where DSU students could choose to study abroad including Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences in Rotterdam, Netherlands, International Business Academy in Kolding, Denmark, and Blaise Pascal University in Clermont-Ferrand, France.

Accompanied nine DSU students on the "Experience the Spirit of Europe, Summer Course 2011" to six counties and nine cities on a three week study abroad trip for which they got 6

credit hours and fantastic academic instruction and great cultural experiences, May 22 to June 11, 2011.

Panel Discussion:

Assisted in the Organization of the Panel Discussion: “The Greatest Financial Market Turmoil Since the Great Depression, and Its Impact on the Mississippi Delta” with Panelists: John Allison, Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Consumer Finance; Jimmy Clayton, President and CEO of Planters Bank and Trust Company of Indianola, MS; Frank Howell, Director of the Delta Council Development Department, John Phillips, Vice-President of Professional Development for the Mississippi Association of Realtors, presented October, 2008

Press Interview:

Taped a segment of the radio program “Strictly Business,” with Ed Johnson, CEO Delta Economic Development Center concerning the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act for WNIX 1330AM, Greenville, MS, Spring 2009

Service on Business School or Division Committees:

Division Tenure and Promotion Committee (currently)
General Business Curriculum Committee (currently)
Finance Curriculum Committee (currently)
Search Committee for Department Chair (2011)
Market Demand Analysis Committee (GHEC and Clarksdale as part of DSU’s University-Wide Goals for 2009)

Service to the Community:

Parent Teacher Association for Oxford School District (currently)
Judge for State Economics Challenge (2011-2013)
Judge for International Economics Summit (2011)
Merchants and Farmers Bank Focus Group (2011)
Oxford Charger Athletic Booster Club (2010)
Bayou Academy-Economics Class Presentation Judge (2009)
St. Jude Hero- Raised \$619 with the help of DSU students and ran the Half-Marathon (2:11:49) (2007)
Team Captain for Spin-a-Thon to benefit Domestic Violence Project (2007)

Other Honors:

Threw out the first baseball at DSU Pink Out Game (2013)

Hobbies:

Travel and Running: St. Jude Memphis Half-Marathon, Double Decker 10K, Oxford Humane Society 5K, Race for the Cure 5K

Biographical Data:

Place of Birth: Clarksdale, Mississippi

Children: Mary Darby Matthews (22) and Grace Michelle Matthews (14)