

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Position

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Legal Studies in Business, *2018*
Oklahoma State University

Education

Ph.D., Economic Education, University of Delaware, *2018*

Dissertation: Where are the Women? The Gender Gap Among Undergraduate Economics and Finance Degree Selection

Chair: Carlos J. Asarta, PhD.

M.A., History, Villanova University, *2004*

B.S.E., Social Studies Education (Magna Cum Laude), Millersville University of Penn., *1998*

Professional Experience

Dissertation Fellow,

University of Delaware, *August 2017 – May 2018*

Graduate Instructor,

University of Delaware, Department of Economics, *2013 – 2017*

Graduate Assistant,

M.A. in Economics and Entrepreneurship for Educators, University of Delaware, *2015, 2017*

Delaware Social Studies Education Project, University of Delaware, *2012 – 2013*

Social Studies Teacher,

Conestoga High School, Tredyffrin/Easttown School District, *2001 – 2014*

Social Studies Teacher (Long-Term Substitute),

Owen J. Roberts High School, Owen J. Roberts School District, *2000 – 2001*

Garden Spot Middle School, Eastern Lancaster County School District, *1999 – 2000*

Octorara High School, Octorara Area School District, *1998 – 1999*

Research Interests

Primary: Economic Education, Economics of Education

Secondary: Economics of Gender, Development Economics, Labor Economics

Research

Working Papers

“The Gender Gap in Undergraduate Economics Course Persistence and Degree Selection,”
with Carlos J. Asarta. 2018

“Navigating the Economics Major: The Effect of Gender on Students’ Degree Pathways,”
with Carlos J. Asarta. 2018

“Women in the Finance Major: Gender Disparities in Finance Course Completion and
Degree Attainment,” 2018

Teaching Experience

University of Delaware

Economic Issues and Policies, 2013 – 2017

Principles of Macroeconomics, 2015

Conestoga High School

Advanced Placement Macroeconomics, 2005 – 2012, 2013 – 2014

Advanced Placement Microeconomics, 2005 – 2012, 2013 – 2014

Publications

“[Sweet Potato Pie](#),” St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, 2015

Academic Conference Participation (*Scheduled)

Research Presentations

“The Gender Gap in Undergraduate Economics Course Persistence and Degree Selection,”
with Carlos J. Asarta. ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, *January 2019**

“Completing an Economics Degree: The Role of Gender, Grades, and Initial Major Selection,”
Marion Steele Research Symposium, University of Delaware, *May 2018*

“Navigating the Economics Major: The Effect of Gender on Students’ Degree Pathways,” with
Carlos J. Asarta. The Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Meeting, Las
Vegas, NV, *April 2018*

“Gender Differences in Undergraduate Economics Course Persistence and Degree Selection,”
ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, *January 2018*

“Economics Course Persistence and Degree Selection: An Exploration of Gender Differences
among Undergraduate Students,” Council for Economic Education (CEE) Annual
Conference, Brooklyn, NY, *October 2017*

“Women in Economics and Finance: What the Research Shows,”

Women in Business Summit, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, *April 2016*

Women in Business Summit, University of Delaware, New York, NY, *May 2016*

“Where are the Women? The Gender Gap Among Undergraduate Economics and Finance Majors,” Marion Steele Research Symposium, University of Delaware, *April 2016*

“Gender Differences in Primary School Attendance in Nigeria,” Graduate Student Research Forum, University of Delaware, *April 2016*

“Individual and Household Determinants of Child School Attendance in Nigeria,” Marion Steele Research Symposium, University of Delaware, *April 2015*

“Introduction to the Three-Range Aggregate Supply Curve: A Cooperative Learning Activity,” ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, *January 2014*

Discussant

“Key Institutions and Authors in Business and Management Education (BME): 2008-2017,” J.B. Arbaugh, Carlos J. Asarta, Regina Bento, Charles Fornaciari, Alvin Hwang, and Kathy Lund Dean. Eighth Annual AEA Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE), San Antonio, TX, *June 2018*

“The Influence of Childhood Experiences on Financial Capability in Young Adulthood,” Madelaine L’Esperance, Cliff Robb, and J. Michael Collins. ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, *January 2018*

“Cash ‘n Careers: Valuation of Human Capital,” Matthew Ross and James DeMello. Council for Economic Education (CEE) Annual Conference, Brooklyn, NY, *October 2017*

Service and Leadership Activities

Senator, Graduate Student Government, University of Delaware, *2014 – 2015*

President, Tredyffrin/Easttown Education Association, *2011 – 2013*

Team Coach, National Economics Challenge, Conestoga High School, *2009 – 2012, 2014*
Eleventh place, National Semi-Finals, *2014*

First place, Pennsylvania State Finals, *2014*

Second place, Pennsylvania State Finals, *2010, 2012*

First place, Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Competition, *2010 – 2012, 2014*

Honors and Awards

University Dissertation Fellow Award, University of Delaware, *2017*

Joan M. Williams Scholarship, Millersville University of Pennsylvania, *1997*

Professional Affiliations

Member, American Economic Association

Member, National Association of Economic Educators