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Research and teaching experience

Associate Professor (tenured) at University of Arizona, Department of Political Economy and Moral Science, Tucson, AZ, July 2021 – present.

Research fellow (on sabbatical from University of Arizona) at Tulane University, Murphy Institute, July 2026 – May 2027.

Assistant Professor (tenure-track) at University of Arizona, Department of Political Economy and Moral Science, Tucson, AZ, August 2019 – June 2021.

Assistant Professor (tenure-track) at Dickinson College, Department of Economics, Carlisle PA, July 2015 – June 2019.

Graduate Research Assistant at *Mercatus Center* at George Mason University, Fairfax VA, August 2013 – May 2014, and August 2014 – May 2015.

Associate researcher to the "Normev: The Emergence and Evolution of Social Norms" project by the *Research Center for Applied Ethics* at the Department of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, November 2010 – May 2012.

Administrative experience

Director of Graduate Studies at University of Arizona, Department of Political Economy and Moral Science, Tucson, AZ, August 2023 – Present.

Faculty adviser for the Bentham Student Club at University of Arizona, February, 2022 — present.

Department Head at University of Arizona, Department of Political Economy and Moral Science, Tucson, AZ, October 2020 – July 2023.

Program coordinator and researcher at the *Center for Institutional Analysis and Development (CADI)*, Bucharest, Romania, January 2007 – August 2011.

Technical writing experience

Science and technology editor at *Softpedia.com*, Bucharest, Romania, December 2005 – December 2006.

Education

Economics, Ph.D., 2015, George Mason University, Fairfax VA, United States

Economics, M.A., 2013, George Mason University, Fairfax VA, United States

Physics, M.S., 2005, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

Physics, B.S., 2003, Hyperion University, Bucharest, Romania

Publications

Books (author)

The Allure of the Liberal Dictator: Hayek, Friedman, Samuelson, and Buchanan on the Political Economy of Slippery Slopes, under contract with Cambridge University Press (co-authored with Andrew Farrant).

Understanding Capitalism: An Introduction to Political Economy, Polity Press, 2026.

Public Governance and the Classical Liberal Perspective: Modern Political Economy Foundations, Oxford University Press, 2019 (co-authored with Paul Dragos Aligica and Peter Boettke).

Elinor Ostrom: An Intellectual Biography, Rowman & Littlefield, 2017. Translated to Spanish as *Elinor Ostrom: Una biografía intelectual* by Alvaro Vergara, Faro Universidad del Desarrollo, Santiago, Chile, 2024.

Capitalist Alternatives: Models, Taxonomies, Scenarios, Routledge, 2015, "Advances in International Political Economy" series (co-authored with Paul Dragos Aligica).

Books (editor)

The Elgar Companion to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, under contract with Edward Elgar Publishing (co-editor with Chad Van Schoelandt).

Elinor Ostrom and the Bloomington School: Building a New Approach to Policy and the Social Sciences, Agenda Publishing (UK) / McGill-Queen's University Press (US and Canada), 2021 (co-editor with Jayme Lemke).

Working papers

"Role Models: The Development of Personal Identity in Markets, Morality, and Politics" R&R at *Review of Behavioral Economics*.

"Simple Games near the Edge of Chaos: The Importance of Social Values and Trust Expectations in Experimental Economics" R&R at *Games*.

"The Problem of Highly Optimized Tolerance in Institutional Design" under review at *Sustainability*.

"Patterns of Contestation: An Exploration of Meta-Polycentricity"

"The Politics of Public Finance: A Synthesis of the Buchanan-Wagner Perspective on Public Debt"

"Arbitrage, Minority Games, and the Discovery of Economic Equilibrium"

Peer-reviewed journal articles

"Coordination without Consensus: Interoperability as a Foundation of Polycentric Governance" (2026) *Journal of Institutional Economics* (co-authored with Paul Aligica and Aylon Manor), 22, online first.

"Polycentric Status Contests" (2026) *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 241: 107405

"Make Liberalism An Intellectual Adventure Again: The Evolution of Hayek's Understanding of Political Freedom" (2026) *Cosmos & Taxis* 14(3/4):8-26.

"The Future of Meaningful Work" (2026) *Cosmos & Taxis* 14(5/6):63-74.

"Who Is to Put the Bell on the Cat? New Evidence on James M. Buchanan's Early 1980s Involvement with Pinochet's Chile" (2024) *Southern Economic Journal* 91(2): 590-604 (with Andrew Farrant).

"Kirzner at 50: Putting Competition Back in *Competition and Entrepreneurship*" (2023) *Academy of Management Papers and Proceedings* 2023 (1) (with Brian Albrecht, Per L. Bylund, Walter J. Ferrier, Mark D. Packard, and Peter G. Klein).

"Classical Liberalism in Romania, Past and Present" (2023) *Econ Journal Watch* 20(1): 85–138 (with Radu Nechita). Also included in *Classical Liberalism by Country, Volume III* (Fraser Institute, 2023).

"International Regulatory Diversity Over 50 Years: Political Entrepreneurship within Fiscal Constraints" (2022) *Public Choice* 193(1): 79–108 (with Ryan Safner).

"Simple Rules for a More Inclusive Economy" (2021) *European Journal of Law and Economics* 52: 229–249.

"Self-governance, Robust Political Economy, and the Reform of Public Administration" (2021) *Social Philosophy & Policy* 38(1): 170-197.

"Special Economic Zones and Liberalization Avalanches" (2021) *Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy* 10(1): 120-139 (with Lotta Moberg).

"Understanding Post-Communist Transitions" (2020), *Review of Austrian Economics* 33(1): 163–186.

"Governing the Banking System: An Assessment of Resilience Based on Elinor Ostrom's Design Principles", (2019) *Journal of Institutional Economics* 15(3): 505-519 (with Alex Salter). Finalist for the Elinor Ostrom Prize of the World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research for best paper published in 2019.

"Freedom of Association and Its Discontents: The *Calculus of Consent* and the Civil Rights Movement" (2019), *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology* 37B: 197-221 (with Santiago Gangotena).

"The Efficiency of Regulatory Arbitrage" (2019), *Public Choice* 181(1–2): 141–166 (with Andrew Farrant).

"Escape from Europe: A Calculus of Consent Model of the Origins of Liberal Institutions in North American Colonies" (2019), *Constitutional Political Economy* 30(1): 70–95 (with Kyle O'Donnell).

"James M. Buchanan's 1981 visit to Chile: Knightian Democrat or Defender of the 'Devil's Fix'?" (2019) *Review of Austrian Economics* 32(1): 1–20 (with Andrew Farrant).

"Economic Development in a Rent-Seeking Society: Socialism, State Capitalism, and Crony Capitalism in Vietnam" (2018), *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* 39(4): 481-499 (with Christine Ngo).

"Polycentric Banking and Macroeconomic Stability" (2017), *Business and Politics* 19(2): 365-395 (with Alex Salter).

"Neoliberalism and Regulatory Capitalism: Exploring the 'Freer Markets More Rules' Puzzle" (2016), *Academy of Management Proceedings* 2016(1):10072 (with Paul Dragos Aligica)

"Why Hayek Matters? The Epistemic Dimension of Comparative Institutional Analysis" (2016), *Advances in Austrian Economics* 21: 163-185 (with Peter Boettke and Paul Dragos Aligica).

"Polycentric Stakeholder Analysis: Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility under Value Heterogeneity" (2015), *Academy of Management Proceedings* 2015 (1), 17539 (with Paul Dragos Aligica); winner of the Academy of Management, Social Issues in Management Division's Halloran

Best Paper on History of CSR Award; also included in *Public Governance and the Classical Liberal Tradition*.

"The Challenge of Empirically Assessing the Effects of Constitutions" (2015), *Journal of Economic Methodology* 22(1): 46-76.

"Polycentric Structure and Informal Norms: Competition and Coordination within the Scientific Community" (2015), *Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research* 28(1): 63-80.

"The Role of Ideas in Political Economy" (2015), *Review of Austrian Economics* 28(1): 17-39.

"Crony Capitalism: Rent-Seeking, Institutions, and Ideology" (2014), *Kyklos* 67(2): 156-176 (with Paul Dragos Aligica); also included in *Capitalist Alternatives*.

"Institutional Resilience and Economic Systems: Lessons from Elinor Ostrom's work" (2014), *Comparative Economic Studies* 56: 52–76 (with Paul Dragos Aligica).

"Co-Production, Polycentricity, and Value Heterogeneity: The Ostroms' Public Choice Institutionalism Revisited" (2013), *American Political Science Review* 107(4): 726-741 (with Paul Dragos Aligica). A version of this is included in *Public Governance and the Classical Liberal Tradition*.

"Can Probability Theory Deal with Entrepreneurship?" (2013), *Review of Austrian Economics* 26(3): 329-345.

"State Capitalism and the Rent-Seeking Conjecture" (2012), *Constitutional Political Economy* 23(4): 357-379 (with Paul Dragos Aligica). Also included in *State Capitalism* edited by Barbara Krug (Edward Elgar 2015), and in *Capitalist Alternatives*.

"Polycentricity: From Polanyi to Ostrom, and Beyond" (2012), *Governance* 25(2): 237–262 (with Paul Dragos Aligica).

"Challenges to technological and economic foresight in the information society" (2011), *International Journal of Foresight and Innovation Policy* 7(4): 232–250 (with Paul Dragos Aligica).

"From 'Broad Studies' to Internet-based 'Expert Knowledge Aggregation': Notes on the methodology and technology of knowledge integration" (2011), *Futures* 43: 986-995 (with Paul Dragos Aligica).

Book chapters

"The Structure of Government", in *The Routledge Handbook of Classical Liberalism*, edited by Richard Epstein, Mario Rizzo, and Liya Palagashvili (Routledge, 2026).

"A very controversial affair: Hayek, 'Unlimited' Democracy, and the Pinochet Junta", *A Companion to Friedrich Hayek*, edited by Rosolino Candella. (Universidad Francisco Marroquín Press, 2025) (with Andrew Farrant).

"Elinor Ostrom's Exploration of Self-governance" in *Polycentric Governance and the Good Society*, edited by Pablo Paniagua and David Thunder (Lexington Books, 2024). Book received the 2025 Open Reason award conferred by Universidad Francisco de Vitoria's Open Reason Institute and the Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI Foundation.

"Economic Efficiency and the Quest for a More Just World", in *Realism, Ideology, and the Convulsions of Democracy* edited by Marta Podemska-Mikluch, Mikayla Novak, and Richard E. Wagner (Springer, 2023).

"Polycentricity", in *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*, edited by Christopher Melenovsky (Routledge, 2022).

"Elinor Ostrom as behavioral economist", in *Elinor Ostrom and the Bloomington School: Building a New Approach to Policy and the Social Sciences*, edited by Jayme Lemke and Vlad Tarko (Agenda Publishing / McGill-Queen's University Press, 2021).

"The comparative assessment of communist and post-communist system performance and human wellbeing: Challenges and insights from in-depth case study approaches", *One Hundred Years of Communist Experiments* (Central European University Press, 2021) (with Paul Dragos Aligica).

"Open-sourcing civil society", *Exploring the Social and Political Economy of Alexis de Tocqueville*, edited by Peter Boettke and Adam Martin (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020).

"Institutional complexity and the public choice analysis of feasible policy changes", in *Ostrom's Tensions: Reexamining the Political Economy and Public Policy of Elinor C. Ostrom*, edited by Roberta Q. Herzberg, Paul Dragos Aligica, and Peter J. Boettke. (Arlington VA: Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2019).

"Faustian bargains: Power-sharing, constitutions, and the practice of polycentricity" in *Governing Complexity: Analyzing and Applying Polycentricity*, eds. William A. Blomquist, Dustin Garrick and Andreas Thiel (Cambridge University Press, 2019) (with Edella Schlager and Mark Lutter).

"The evolution of governance structures in a polycentric system", in *Handbook of Behavioral Economics and Smart Decision-Making: Rational Decision-Making within the Bounds of Reason*, ed. Morris Altman (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2017) (with Edward McPhail).

"Firm internationalization in transition economic systems: Insights from a Romanian case study", in *Internationalization of Firms from Economies in Transition: The Effects of a Politico-Economic Paradigm Shift* edited by Mai Thi Thanh Thai and Ekaterina Turkina (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2014) (with Paul Dragos Aligica).

"Romania: Impressive short-term improvisation, continuing long-term structural problems", in *From Reform to Growth: Managing the Economic Crisis in Europe* edited by Vít Novotný (Brussels, Belgium: The Center for European Studies, 2013) (with Paul Dragos Aligica).

"Elinor Ostrom's life and work", in Elinor Ostrom's *Future of the Commons: Beyond Market Failure and Government Regulation* (London, UK: Institute of Economic Affairs, 2012).

Peer-reviewed reports

"Polycentric Financial Governance: A Theory of Financial Resilience" (2017), Mercatus Center, Financial Markets Working Group (with Alex Salter). This is an early version of the "Governing the Banking System" paper published in *Journal of Institutional Economics*. Available at: https://www.mercatus.org/publications/governing-financial-system-fiscal-resilience.

"Crony capitalism" (2015), Ifo Institute, Center for Economic Studies (CES), *CESIfo DICE Report: Journal for Institutional Comparisons* 13(3): 27-32 (with Paul Dragos Aligica). Available at: https://www.cesifo-group.de/ifoHome/publications/docbase/DocBase_Content/ZS/ZS-CESifo_DICE_Report/zs-dice-2015/zs-dice-2015-3/11112015003005.html.

Book reviews

"*Toward a Political Economy of the Commons: Simple Rules for Sustainability* by Meina Cai, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, Raufon Salahodjaev" (2023), *The Independent Review* 28(2).

"*F.A. Hayek and the Epistemology of Politics: The Curious Task of Economics* by Scott Scheall" (2021), *Public Choice*, Issue 3-4.

"*Local Accountability and National Coordination in Fiscal Federalism* by Charles R. Hankla, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, and Raul Alberto Ponce-Rodriguez" (2021), *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 51(2): e16.

"Aviezer Tucker and Gian Piero de Bellis (eds), *Panarchy: Political Theories of Non-Territorial States*" (2017), *The Independent Review* 22(2).

"Randall G. Holcombe's *Advanced Introduction to the Austrian School of Economics*" (2016), *The Independent Review* 20(4).

"Lawrence H. White's *The Clash of Economic Ideas: The Great Policy Debates and Experiments of the Past Hundred Years*" (2013), *Economic Affairs*, Autumn.

"Mark Pennington's *Robust Political Economy: Classical Liberalism and the Future of Public Policy*" (2013), *Review of Austrian Economics* 26(2): 243-245.

Teaching

* regularly taught over multiple years

University of Arizona

PPEL-150, Capitalism and Socialism*
PPEL-301, Foundations of Economics*
PPEL-320, Classics in the History of Political Economy
PHIL-400, Special Topics in Philosophy: Introduction to Global Priorities*
PPEL-430 / 530, Data Science for Social Science*
PPEL-410 / 510, The Economic Analysis of Law*
PPEL-496, Advanced Topics in Political Economy
PPEL-555, Choice, Evolution, and Institutions*
PHIL-596F, Model Thinking in Political Philosophy

Dickinson College

FYSM-100, The Economic History of the World
ECON-111, Introduction to Microeconomics*
ECON-214, Entrepreneurship and Economic Disruption
ECON-278, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory*
ECON-314, Introduction to Public Choice
ECON-496, Applied Statistical Methods and Comparative Institutions*

George Mason University

ECON-403, Austrian Economics

Service

Conference organizer

Organizer of the *Capitalism Evolving: Rethinking the Legitimacy of the Market Economy* workshop (2024) in Great Barrington, MA, on September 12-15, in collaboration with the American Institute

of Economic Research. The workshop was the partial basis for the special issue published in *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization.*

Member of the organizing committee for the conference *Resilience, Governance, and Institutional Performance: National and International Perspectives* at the West University of Timisoara, Romania (April 2023), funded by the Romanian Ministry of Education and Research (via its Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding).

Organizer of the *Capitalism in Crisis?* workshop (2020) at University of Arizona, online.

Member of the organizing committee for the 2020 *Research Conference on Voluntary Governance*, "Artisanship in Culture and Enterprise", at Arizona State University (Nov. 5–7, 2020, Tempe, AZ).

University of Arizona

Director of Graduate Studies, August 2023 – present.

Department Head, October 2020 – August 2023.

Faculty adviser for the *Tucson Effective Altruism* Student Club, Spring 2022 – present.

On the PhD committees of Alexander Schaefer (now tenure-track Assistant Professor at University of Buffalo) and Mario Ivan Juarez Garcia (now tenure-track Assistant Professor at Tulane University), University of Arizona, Philosophy Department (2020-2021).

Overseas External Examiner of PhD dissertation of:

- Emil Panzaru, King's College London, Department of Political Economy, Spring 2022.
- Duncan Law, School of Economics Finance and Marketing College of Business, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia, Spring 2020.

Honor thesis adviser to numerous students, including Trey Miller (2019-2020), who won the J. Christopher Maloney Prize for outstanding achievement in the Philosophy, Politics, Economics & Law program, and Kyra Imani Morris (2020-2021) who is now a J.D. Candidate at Berkeley School of Law.

Dickinson College

Assessor in the "Writing Program Assessment".

Member of the Assessment Working Group for Quantitative Reasoning requirements.

Participant in the Valley & Ridge workshop on environmental sustainability organized by Dickinson's Center for Sustainability Education.

Member of the job search committee for several visiting positions.

Coordinator of several student independent studies.

Refereeing for

- Economics: *Economic Inquiry*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *Public Choice*, *Constitutional Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Finance and Public Choice*, *The B.E. Journal of Theoretical Economics*, *Review of Austrian Economics*, *The Independent Review*
- Political Science: *American Political Science Review*, *Public Administration Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *Policy Studies Journal*

- Environmental Science: *International Journal of the Commons*, *Economics of Disasters and Climate Change*, *Global Environmental Change*
- Forecasting: *Futures*

Talks and presentations

Invited

"Patterns of Contestation". Keynote address at the "Decentralization, Self-Governance and Polycentric Public Administration", National University of Political Studies and Administration, Bucharest, Romania (June 9th - 10th, 2026).

"Polycentric AI Governance", AI Governance Initiative of the University of Oxford (August 12, 2025, virtual workshop)

"The Future of Meaningful Work", *Humanomics: The Opportunities and Challenges of Modeling Humans with Moral Sentiments* at the Heider College of Business at Creighton University (June 17-18, 2025, Omaha) "The Future of Meaningful Work", *PPE Summer School* at University of San Diego (June 3-6, 2025, San Diego).

"The Politics of Public Finance", *PPE Summer School* at University of San Diego (June 3-6, 2024, San Diego).

Keynote speaker at the "Ex Pluribus Unum: Articulating Res Publica in a Complex Society" conference at University of Navarra (Pamplona, Spain, October 20, 2023).

"Role Models", The Broadwell College of Business and Economics at Fayetteville State University (Oct 10, 2023, Fayetteville, NC).

"Capitalism and its Crisis of Legitimacy", *PPE Summer School* at University of San Diego (June 5-9, 2023, San Diego).

"The origins of democracy" lecture as part of the "Warrior-Scholar Project" organized by *Veterans Education and Transition Services* at University of Arizona (Tucson, AZ, July 19, 2023).

"Economic resilience: Conceptualisation and interpretation" at the *Resilience, Governance, and Institutional Performance: National and International Perspectives* conference at the West University of Timisoara (Timisoara, Romania, April 11-13, 2023).

"Constructing personal identities in markets, society, and politics" at the *Humanomics Workshop* at Troy University (Feb 23, 2023, Troy, AL).

Principal scholar in the foundations sequence of the *Mercatus Center*'s 2022-23 Adam Smith Fellowship. "Liberty, Self-Governance & Polycentrism: Key Contributions of Institutional Economics" (April 28-May 1, 2022, Tucson; February 2-5, 2023, Tucson).

"Workshop on Alternative Governance", organized by *Universidad Francisco Marroquín* and the *American Institute for Economic Research* (November 7-9, 2022, Guatemala City, Guatemala).

Keynote Speaker at the *Humanomics* Symposium at the Heider College of Business at Creighton University (March 18-19th, 2022, Omaha)

"The Allure of the Liberal Dictator", *Institute for Humane Studies*, "Speak for a Sandwich" seminar, (December 7th, 2021, virtual seminar).

"Polycentricity", *Universidad San Francisco de Quito*, Economics Department brown bag seminar (October 13, 2021, virtual seminar).

"Varieties of Regulatory Regimes" presented at *New York University*, Department of Economics, Colloquium on Economic Institutions and Market Processes (September 13th, 2021, virtual seminar); *Center for the Study of Economic Liberty* at *Arizona State University*, PPE Research Seminar (September 24, 2021, virtual seminar); *Entangled Political Economy Research Network* (Oct 19, 2021, virtual seminar). Published version is titled "International Regulatory Diversity Over 50 Years" (in *Public Choice*).

"Capitalism in Crisis? Rethinking the Legitimacy of the Market Economy", *Institute for the Study of Economic Growth* at Wichita State University (March 5th, 2021, Wichita, Kansas, virtual seminar).

Roundtable Celebrating the Bloomington School, *The Ostrom Workshop* at Indiana University (February 3rd, 2021, Bloomington, Indiana, virtual seminar).

"Simple Rules for a More Inclusive Economy", at the conference "The Strengths and Weaknesses of Simple Rules" organized by the *Classical Liberal Institute* at New York University School of Law (February 27–29, 2020, New York).

"Capitalism in Crisis: Rethinking the Legitimacy of the Market Economy", University of Arizona's *PPEL Club* (October 23, 2019, Tucson, Arizona).

"Self-governance, robust political economy, and the reform of public administration", *Social Philosophy & Policy*, "The Administrative State" conference at University of Arizona (December 5-7, 2019, Tucson, Arizona).

"Arbitrage, Minority Games, and the Discovery of Economic Equilibrium". North Dakota State University, Economics Department and the *Center for the Study of Public Choice and Private Enterprise* (February 4th, 2019, Fargo, North Dakota). Middle Tennessee State University, Economics Department and the *Political Economy Research Institute* (February 8th, 2019, Murfreesboro, Tennessee).

"Understanding the Post-Communist Transition in Eastern Europe", Troy University, Sorrell College of Business and the *Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy* (February 13th, 2019, Troy, Alabama).

"Is Institutional Design Possible? How Elinor Ostrom's IAD Framework Copes with the Combinatorial Explosion in Institutional Complexity", *Tensions in Elinor Ostrom's Political Economy Project*, symposium hosted by Mercatus Center (July 31 – August 1st, 2018, Fairfax, Virginia).

"Self-governance and the reform of public administration" (talk), *Reforming Our Institutions*, seminar hosted by the *Institute of Humane Studies* and the *State Policy Network* (July 20–21, 2018, Chicago, Illinois).

"Ordoliberalism Revisited: A Tocquevillian Perspective on the Challenge of Institutional Design", *Applied Research in Political Economy*, colloquium hosted by *Mercatus Center* (June 5–6, 2018, Fairfax, Virginia).

Mercatus Center book panel on *Elinor Ostrom: An Intellectual Biography* (January 25, 2018, Fairfax, Virginia)

"Neoliberalism and Regulatory Capitalism: Understanding the 'Freer Markets More Rules' Puzzle" at the *Comparative Capitalism* Conference at the University of Utah (Sept 28-29, 2017, Salt Lake City, Utah).

"Polycentricity: The potential and limits of the analogy between competitive governance and market competition" at the *Polycentricity Workshop* at Indiana University (December 14-17, 2015, Bloomington, Indiana).

"Co-Production, Polycentricity, and Public Value", *Creating Public Value in a Multi-Sector, Shared-Power World* conference at the University of Minnesota, September 20-22, 2012.

"Romania: Impressive improvisation on the short run, dark structural clouds on the long run horizon", *The Uses of Austerity: Spending Cuts, Stimulus and Reform in the Economic Crisis* authors meeting conference organized by the *Centre for European Studies* (June 21-22, 2012, Brussels, Belgium).

"Economic Performance, Social Safety, and Individual Happiness: A Comparative Approach to Communist and Post-Communist Romania" (with Paul Dragos Aligica) at the International Symposium "The First Years of Post-Communism: Transitions and Legacies" organized by the *Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile* (IICCMER) (November 26, 2010, Bucharest, Romania).

"The Costs of Drug Prohibition" at the conference *A War without Winners: 50 Years of Drug Prohibition* organized by the *Romanian Harm Reduction Network* (June 24, 2011, Bucharest, Romania).

Conferences

"The Politics of Public Finance: A Synthesis of the Buchanan-Wagner Perspective on Public Debt", *Markets & Society* conference, (October 11-4, 2024, Falls Church, VA) and at *World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research* annual conference (September 18-21, 2024, Pittburgh, PA).

"Conflict and Cooperation Perspectives on Capitalism", *World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research* annual conference (September 18-21, 2024, Pittburgh, PA).

"Capitalism and the Search for a Meaningful Life", *Markets & Society* conference (October 21-3, 2023, Falls Church, VA)

"Kirzner at 50: Putting Competition back in 'Competition and Entrepreneurship' " panel at the *Academy of Management* 83rd Annual Meeting (August 4-8, 2023).

"Social Norms, Personal Identity, and Rational Choice" at the 60th Annual Meetings of the *Public Choice Society* (March 2-4, 2023, Seattle).

"Patterns of Contestation: An empirical exploration of the tension between diversity and stability", *Markets & Society* conference, (October 21-2, 2022, Falls Church, VA); *Ostrom Workshop WOW6 Conference* (June 18-21, 2019, Indiana University Bloomington).

"Polycentric Status Contests" presented at *PPE Society* conference (February 3-5, 2022, New Orleans); *World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research*, Workshop on Firms, Markets and Polycentricity (8-9 December 2021, online); *Southern Economic Association*, 91st Annual Meeting (November 20-22, 2021, Houston, Texas).

"A social contract perspective on public administration", *Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics* (June 1st, 2021, online)

"The Political Economy of Slippery Slopes: Hayek's Road to Serfdom, Samuelson's theory of capitalist fascism, and the origins of The Reason of Rules" (with Andrew Farrant), *Winter Institute for the History of Economic Thought* at Arizona State University (January 23-25, 2020, Tempe, Arizona).

"Self-governing solutions to behavioral economics problems" (with Tucker Quinn), at the *Southern Economic Association*, 88th Annual Meeting (November 18-20, 2018, Washington DC).

"Entrepreneurship, Minority Games, and the Discovery of Economic Equilibrium" (with Mengting Chao) at the *Southern Economic Association*, 87th Annual Meeting (November 17-19, 2017, Tampa, Florida).

"The Devil's Fix: James M. Buchanan and the Pinochet Junta" (with Andrew Farrant) at the 54th Annual Meetings of the *Public Choice Society* (March 2-4, 2017, New Orleans, Louisiana).

"Contestation, Shared Community, and Development" at the 54th Annual Meetings of the *Public Choice Society* (March 2-4, 2017, New Orleans, Louisiana).

"Left Behind: Towards an Explanation of Communist Nostalgia" (with Olga Nicoara), *Southern Economic Association*, 86th Annual Meeting (November 19-21, 2016, Washington, DC).

"Renegotiating Faustian Bargains: How Political Power Operates in a Rule of Law System", *Southern Economic Association*, 86th Annual Meeting (November 19-21, 2016, Washington, DC).

"Polycentricity: What it is and why it matters?" (with Ion Sterpan) at the 53rd Annual Meetings of the *Public Choice Society* (March 10-12, 2016, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida).

"The Evolution of Governance Structures in a Polycentric System" (with Edward McPhail) at the 53rd Annual Meetings of the *Public Choice Society* in the "Governance and public choice: Ostromian themes and interpretations" panel organized by Paul Dragos Aligica (March 10-12, 2016, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida).

"Economic Development in a Rent-seeking Society: The Vietnam Development Model" (with Christine Ngo) at the *Southern Economic Association* annual meeting (November 21-23, 2015, New Orleans, Louisiana)

"Polycentric Structure and Informal Norms: Competition and Coordination within the Scientific Community" at the *Southern Economic Association* annual meeting (November 21-23, 2015, New Orleans, Louisiana)

"Polycentric Stakeholder Analysis: Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility under Value Heterogeneity" (with Paul Dragos Aligica) at the *Academy of Management* 75th annual meeting (August 7-11, 2015, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada)

"Escape from Europe: A Calculus of Consent Model of the Origins of Democracy in North America" (with Kyle O'Donnell) at the *Association of Private Enterprise Education* International Conference in the "Contributions to Virginia Political Economy" panel organized by Peter Boettke (April 12-14, 2015, Cancún, Mexico).

"The Economic Theory of a Compound Republic: A Calculus of Consent Model of Self-Governance, Institutional Diversity, and Optimal Federalism" at the 52nd Annual Meetings of the *Public Choice Society* in "Public Choice and the Fiscal Constitution" panel organized by Georg Vanberg (March 12-15, 2015, San Antonio, Texas).

"Escape from Europe: A Calculus of Consent Model of the Origins of Democracy in North America" (with Kyle O'Donnell) at the at the 52nd Annual Meetings of the *Public Choice Society* (March 12-15, 2015, San Antonio, Texas), finalist at the Ostrom Prize.

"Entrepreneurial Capitalism: The Microeconomics, Institutions, and Ideology of Sustainable Disequilibrium" (with Paul Dragos Aligica) at *Southern Economic Association* annual meeting, on the "The Political Economy of Entrepreneurial Capitalism" panel organized by the *Society for the Development of Austrian Economics* (November 22-24, 2014, Atlanta, Georgia).

"Polycentricity and the Meaning of Self-Governance: The Role of the Calculus of Consent in Elinor Ostrom's 'Design Principles' " at the *Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop* (WOW5) (June 18-21, 2014, Indiana University Bloomington).

"Out-of-Control Capitalism? The Political Consequences of Creative Destruction" at the *Association of Private Enterprise Education* Annual Conference (April 13-15, 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada).

"A Structural Analysis of Regulatory Capitalism" (with Julia Norgaard and Ryan Safner) at the *Association of Private Enterprise Education* Annual Conference (April 13-15, 2014, Las Vegas, Nevada).

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"Co-Production, Polycentricity and Value Heterogeneity: The Ostroms' Public Choice Institutionalism Revisited" (with Paul Dragos Aligica), *Southern Economic Association* annual meeting (November 23-25, 2013, Tampa, Florida)

"Resilience and Market Failure", *Society for the Development of Austrian Economics* at the *Southern Economic Association* annual meeting (November 23-25, 2013, Tampa, Florida)

"The Emergence of Action Arenas: Searle and Ostrom on the Interplay between Political Power and Institutional Evolution", *Institute for Humane Studies* Fall Research Colloquium (November 15-17, 2013, Fairfax, Virginia).

"Firm Internationalization in Transition Economies: A Romanian Case Study through Public Choice Theoretical Lenses" (with Paul Dragos Aligica), *Academy of Management* 73rd annual meeting, conference theme "Capitalism in Question", on the panel "Firm Internationalization in Transition Economies" (August 9-13, 2013, Orlando, Florida)

"The Varieties of Liberty Ideals: Do Conservatives, Progressives and Libertarians Understand Freedom Differently?" at the Symposium on Scholarship & a Free Society organized by the *Institute for Humane Studies* (May 24 – 27, 2013, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA).

"Crony Capitalism: Rent-Seeking, Institutions, and Ideology" (with Paul Dragos Aligica) at the *Association of Private Enterprise Education* Annual Conference on the panel "Regulatory force: its nature and impact" (April 14 - 16, 2013, Maui, Hawaii).

"Alternative Economic Systems and Institutional Resilience: Lessons from Elinor Ostrom's Work" (with Paul Dragos Aligica) at the *Association of Private Enterprise Education* Annual Conference on the panel "Lin Lives" (April 14 - 16, 2013, Maui, Hawaii).

"Economic Systems, Stages Theory and the Political Economy of Regulatory Capitalism" (with Paul Dragos Aligica) at the 82nd annual conference of the *Southern Economic Association* (November 16-18, 2012, New Orleans, LA).

"Regulatory Capitalism: Overview of the concept, implications of the phenomenon" (with Paul Dragos Aligica), at the *Association of Private Enterprise Education* Annual Conference (April 1-3, 2012, Las Vegas, Nevada). Conference theme: "Wither Leviathan? Changing Roles for the State". For the panel organized by Richard Williams, "From Regulatory Capitalism to Regulatory Global Regimes".

"Exploring State Capitalism: Theories and Models of Mercantilism, Socialism, and Rent Seeking" (with Paul Dragos Aligica), at the *Association of Private Enterprise Education* Annual Conference (April 1-3, 2012, Las Vegas, Nevada). Conference theme: "Wither Leviathan? Changing Roles for the State".

Awards and fellowships

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Hayek Fund for Scholars Award from the *Institute for Humane Studies*, August 2019 , Fall 2020 .

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Winner of the Best Book Award for *Elinor Ostrom: An Intellectual Biography* from the *Society for the Development of Austrian Economics* at the *Southern Economic Association* conference, 2018.

Winner of the Academy of Management, Social Issues in Management Division's *Halloran Best Paper on History of CSR Award* for "Polycentric Stakeholder Analysis: Corporate Governance and Corporate Social Responsibility under Value Heterogeneity" (with Paul Dragos Aligica), 2015.

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Student Fellow of the *Public Choice Society*, 2015.

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Affiliations

American Economic Association, Academy of Management, Southern Economic Association, Public Choice Society, Ostrom Workshop, International Association for the Study of the Commons, Association of Private Enterprise and Education, Society for the Development of Austrian Economics, Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research.

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