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Major Fields

Public Finance, Macroeconomics, International Economics, Monetary Economics

Current Position

2009–present Associate Professor of Economics, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

Education

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Year</u>
Ph.D	Economics	University of Minnesota	1997
M.A.	Economics	University of Minnesota	1993
B.S.	Economics	University of Minnesota	1989
B.S.	Aerospace Engineering	University of Minnesota	1984

Prior Experience

- 2019 (spring) Visiting Associate Professor of Economics at Yuanpei College in Peking University (Beijing)
- 2017 (spring) Visiting Associate Professor of Economics at Yuanpei College in Peking University (Beijing) and at Capital University of Economics and Business (Beijing)
- 2013-2019 Visiting Professor for Sinoway International Education; taught introductory economics courses at universities in Beijing and Shanghai during summer sessions
- 2010–2013 Chair, Department of Economics, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
- 2008 – 2009 Senior Economist for Public Finance, President’s Council of Economic Advisers, Washington DC.
- 2002 – 2009 Assistant Professor of Economics, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

- 1999 – 2002 Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
- 1997 – 1999 Financial Economist - Office of Tax Analysis, U.S. Treasury Department, Washington D.C. Responsible for operation and maintenance of Individual Income Tax Simulation. Assist in preparing revenue estimates for various tax proposals.
- 1995 – 1997 Teaching Associate, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota,
& 1990–1993 Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Spring 1994 Visiting Instructor (full time), Macalester College, Department of Economics,
– Spring 1995 St. Paul, Minnesota
- 1984 – 1988 Systems Engineer, Underseas Systems Division, Honeywell Inc., Hopkins,
Minnesota.

Publications – Peer-Reviewed

When Do First-Movers Have an Advantage? A Stackelberg Classroom Experiment, with Evsen Turkay; 2016, in *The Journal of Economic Education*, Volume 47, issue 3, pp. 226-240.

A Goldsmith Exercise for Learning Money Creation, with Sarah Pearlman; 2013, in *The Journal of Economic Education*, Volume 44, issue 4, pp. 372-388.

A Classroom Experiment on Exchange Rate Determination with Purchasing Power Parity, with David Mitchell, Patricia Schneider, Nicole B. Simpson and Eric Fisher, in *The Journal of Economic Education*, vol. 40, Spring 2009, pp. 150-165.

Differences in the Cost of Antidepressants Across State Medicaid Programs, with Christina M.L. Kelton, Pamela C. Heaton, Yann Ferrand and Jeff J. Guo, in *The Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*, vol. 11, no. 1, 2008, pp. 33-47.

Analysis of Pharmaceutical Products with Large Price Changes in a Regional Hospital System, with Michelle L. Dusing, Yann Ferrand, Jeff J. Guo and Christina M.L. Kelton, in *Journal of Pharmaceutical Finance, Economics and Policy*, vol. 16, no. 2, 2008, pp. 61-86.

“Using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) to Identify National Industry Cluster Templates for Applied Regional Analysis,” with Christina M.L. Kelton and Margaret Pasquale, in *Regional Studies*, vol. 42, no. 3, 2007, pp. 305-321.

“Can we have a High-End Retail Department Store?” with Christina M.L. Kelton, in *Economic Development Journal*, vol. 6, no. 1, Winter 2007, pp. 22-29.

“A General Equilibrium Analysis of Public Policy for Pharmaceutical Prices,” with Christina M.L. Kelton, in *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, vol. 9, no. 2, 2007, pp. 285-318.

“Strategic Behavior, Debt Neutrality and Crowding Out,” in *Public Finance Review*, vol. 34, no. 2, 2006, pp. 148-172.

“Ricardian Equivalence Survives Strategic Behavior,” in *Public Finance/Finances Publiques*, vol. 53, no. 2, 2002, pp. 195-228.

“Measuring the Effect of the EITC on Marriage Penalties and Bonuses” with Janet Holtzblatt, *National Tax Journal*, vol. 53, no. 4, part 2, December 2000, pp. 1107-1133; also published in *Making Work Pay: The History, Effects, and Future of the EITC*, Bruce D. Meyer and Douglas Holtz-Eaken, Eds., chapter 4, pp. 166-195, Russell Sage Foundation, NY, NY, 2002.

“The Effect of TRA97 on the Individual AMT”, with Jerry Tempalski, *Tax Notes*, Vol. 80, No. 6, August 10, 1998, pp. 717-726.

Publications – Other

“Research on the Effectiveness of Non-Traditional Pedagogies,” with Joshua D. Miller (’10), in the *International Handbook on Teaching and Learning Economics*, Gail M. Hoyt and KimMarie McGoldrick (eds.), Edward Elgar Publishing: Cheltenham, UK and Northampton, MA, 2012, pp. 323-333.

“Making Cooperative Learning Effective for Economics,” with KimMarie McGoldrick, Jennifer K. Rhoads and Sue Stockly, in *Teaching Innovations in Economics: Strategies and Applications for Interactive Instruction*, Michael K. Salemi and William B. Walstad (eds.), Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar, 2010, pp. 65-94.

“Tax Policy,” Chapter 5 in the *2009 Economic Report of the President*, Government Printing Office, Washington DC, 2009.

“The Long-Run Challenges of Entitlement Spending,” with Jean Abraham, Chapter 6 in the *2009 Economic Report of the President*, Government Printing Office, Washington DC, 2009.

“Determining Who’s Altruistic: Evidence from Estate Tax Data,” in *Proceedings of the Ninety-eighth Annual Conference on Taxation*, Washington DC: National Tax Association, 2006, pp. 392-399.

“Bequests and Inheritances,” entry in *Encyclopedia of Aging*, David J. Ekerdt, Ed., Macmillan Reference USA, 2002.

“Assessing Marriage Penalties and Bonuses” with Nicholas Bull, Janet Holtzblatt, and James R. Nunns, in *Proceedings of the Ninety-First Annual Conference on Taxation*, Austin, Texas: National Tax Association, 1999, pp. 327-340.

Working Papers

Using NAICS to Identify National Industry Cluster Templates for Applied Regional Analysis, with Christina M.L. Kelton and Margaret K. Pasquale, Vassar College Economics Working Paper Series, WP#88, February 2007.

A Classroom Experiment on Exchange Rate Determination with Purchasing Power Parity, with David Mitchell, Patricia Schneider, Nicole B. Simpson and Eric Fisher, Vassar College Economics Working Paper Series, WP#87, February 2007.

A General Equilibrium Analysis of Public Policy for Pharmaceutical Prices, with Christina M.L. Kelton, Vassar College Economics Working Paper Series, WP#78, November 2005.

Intergenerational Strategic Behavior and Crowding Out in a General Equilibrium Model, Vassar College Economics Working Paper Series, WP#74, October 2005.

Shareholders are People Too, with Christina M.L. Kelton, January 2005.

Ricardian Equivalence Survives Strategic Behavior, Vassar College Economics Working Paper Series, WP#62, October 2004.

Demographic Characteristics Affecting Intergenerational Altruism: Evidence from Estate Tax Data, September 2004.

An OLG Model with Intergenerational Strategic Behavior, September 2001.

Proposed 1500-Seat Expansion of The Fidelity Campus in Northern Kentucky over the Next Decade: 2002-2011; with Christina Kelton and Thomas Zinn, January 2001.

Who Pays the Individual AMT? with Jerry Tempalski, U.S. Treasury Department, Office of Tax Analysis Working Paper #87, June 2000 (peer-reviewed).

The Economic Viability of High-End Retail in the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati Region, with Matt Blevins, Christina Kelton, and Thomas Zinn, April 2000.

Defining and Measuring Marriage Penalties and Bonuses, with Nicholas Bull, Janet Holtzblatt and James R. Nunns, U.S. Treasury Department, Office of Tax Analysis Working Paper #82, April 1999 (peer-reviewed).

Does Strategic Behavior Automatically Negate Ricardian Equivalence?, U.S. Treasury Department, Office of Tax Analysis Working Paper #76, June 1998 (peer-reviewed).

The Effect of Strategic Behavior on Ricardian Equivalence, Center for Economic Research, University of Minnesota, Discussion Paper No. 294, November 1996.

Work in Progress

Fiscal Decentralization in China after 1994: Theory vs. Reality, with Chunying Zhou

A General Equilibrium Analysis of Alternative Health Insurance Regimes

An Insurance Choice Model

Assessing the Distributional Effects of Alternative Pharmaceutical Payment Structures, with Christina Kelton

Increasing Social Welfare via Public-Sector Pharmaceutical Research and Development, with Christina M.L. Kelton

Assessing the Welfare Effects of Medicare Reform, with Ronald Gecan

Using Estate Tax Data to Determine the Incidence of Altruism

Conferences and Presentations

Wait-and-See or Charge-Ahead? A Stackelberg Classroom Experiment, with Evsen Turkay, presented at the American Economic Association's Conference on Teaching Economics and Research in Economic Education, Washington DC, May 2014

Research on the Effectiveness of Non-Traditional Pedagogies, with Joshua Miller ('10), presented at the American Economic Association's Conference on Teaching Economics and Research in Economic Education, Boston, MA, May 2012

Making Cooperative Learning Effective for Economics, with KimMarie McGoldrick, Jennifer K. Rhoads and Sue Stockly, presented at the annual meeting of the American Economic Association, Atlanta, GA, January 2010.

Assessing the Distributional Effects of Alternative Pharmaceutical Payment Structures, with Christina Kelton, presented at:

- Smith College, Northampton, MA, April 2008.
- the annual meeting of the Western Economic Association International, Waikiki, HI, July 2008.

A Classroom Experiment on Exchange Rate Determination with Purchasing Power Parity, with David Mitchell, Patricia Schneider, Nicole B. Simpson and Eric Fisher, presented at the annual meeting of the American Economic Association, Chicago, IL, January 2007.

Assessing the Welfare Effects of Medicare Reform, with Ronald Gecan, presented at:

- the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Charleston, SC, November 2006.
- Amherst College, Amherst, MA, May 2006.

Differences in the Cost of Antidepressants Across State Medicaid Programs, with Jeff Guo, Pamela Heaton, Christina Kelton and Yann Ferrand, presented at:

- the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Charleston, SC, November 2006.
- the 2nd Asia-Pacific meeting of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, Shanghai, China, March 2006 (poster presentation).

Analysis of Pharmaceutical Price Changes in a Regional Hospital System, with Michelle Dusing, Yann Ferrand, Jeff J. Guo and Christina M.L. Kelton, presented at the 2nd Asia-Pacific meeting of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research, Shanghai, China, March 2006 (poster presentation – finalist award for Best Poster).

Determining Who's Altruistic: Evidence from Estate Tax Data, presented at the National Tax Association meetings, Miami, FL, November 2005.

A General Equilibrium Analysis of Public Policy for Pharmaceutical Prices, with Christina Kelton, presented at:

- the annual meeting of the Midwest Economics Association, Milwaukee, WI, March 2005.
- the Mellon Intercollegiate Economics Conference, Poughkeepsie, NY, June 2004.
- the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association, San Antonio, Texas, November 2003.

Strategic Behavior, Debt Neutrality and Crowding Out, presented at Amherst College, Amherst, MA, November 2004 (Invited Presentation).

Demographic Characteristics Affecting Intergenerational Altruism: Evidence from Estate Tax Data, presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Economics Association, Calgary, Alberta, May 2002.

Altruism and Bequests: Evidence from Estate Tax Data, presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Economics Association, Cleveland, Ohio, March 2001.

Marriage Penalties and Bonuses in the Earned Income Tax Credit, with Janet Holtzblatt, presented at the Social Policy History Conference, Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ohio, June 2000.

Marriage Penalties and the EITC, with Janet Holtzblatt, presented at The Earned Income Tax Credit: Early Evidence, sponsored by the Joint Center for Poverty Research, Evanston, IL, October 1999 (Invited Presentation).

How Strategic Behavior Affects Ricardian Equivalence in a General Equilibrium Environment, presented at:

- the annual meeting of the American Economics Association, New York, New York, January 1999.
- the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Baltimore, Maryland, November, 1998.

Ricardian Equivalence Survives Strategic Behavior, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Economics Association, Ottawa, Ontario, May 1998.

Grants and Fellowships Received

Summer 2017 Research Grant from the Elinor Nims Brink Fund, \$3,242.

Summer 2016 Ford Scholars Program, Summer Research Grant.

Spring 2008 Research Grant from the Elinor Nims Brink Fund, \$2755.

Spring 2008 Mellon Faculty Conversations Award, \$500.

- 2007 – 2011 National Science Foundation grant to fund annual Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges; co-PI with Roisin O’Sullivan, Ann Owen, Nicole Simpson and Marc Tomljanovich, \$53,745.
- Summer 2006 Ford Scholars Program, Summer Research Grant.
- Spring 2006 Recipient of an Asian Studies Faculty Fellowship from the Freeman Foundation, approx. \$3000.
- Fall 2005 Mellon Faculty Conversations Award, \$500.
- Fall 2004 Mellon Faculty Conversations Award, \$500.
- Summer 2004 Ford Scholars Program, Summer Research Grant.
- Spring 2004 Part of an inter-institutional group awarded a Mellon Faculty Career Enhancement Project grant to conduct an Intercollegiate Economics Conference, June 7-8, 2004, \$26,750.
- Spring 2004 Recipient of an Asian Studies Faculty Fellowship from the Freeman Foundation, approx. \$3000.
- Fall 2002 Research Grant from the Jane Heimerdinger Fund, \$120.
- Summer 2000 Taft Faculty Summer Research Grant, \$5,350 + expenses

Outside Work

- Consultant to U.S. Department of Justice, 2017-18
- Consultant to The City of Middletown, New York, 2017
- Consultant to U.S. Department of Justice, 2015
- Consultant to Carter Conboy, Attorneys at Law, 2012
- Consultant to Pearson Education, 2010
- Consultant to Worth Publishers, 2009
- Consultant to Cengage Learning, 2009
- Consultant to Educational Testing Services, Princeton, NJ, 2004
- Consultant to Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, 2002
- Consultant to Port Authority of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, 2001
- Consultant to Fidelity Investments, 2001
- Consultant to Tri-County Economic Development Corporation, 2000-2001
- Consultant to U.S. Treasury Department, 2000-2001

Other Professional Experience

- Host and Co-Chair, Seventh Annual Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, August 8-9, 2011
- Public Policy and the CEA, presentation given to the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the Appraisal Institute, October 13, 2010
- Co-Chair, Sixth Annual Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts College, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, August 9-10, 2010

Co-Chair, Fifth Annual Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts College,
Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, July 29-30, 2009
Presenter at the NSF/AEA-sponsored Teaching Innovations Program (TIP) for Economics
faculty, June 12-14, 2009, Chicago, IL
Co-Chair, Fourth Annual Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges,
Drew University, Madison, NJ, August 5-6, 2008
Presenter at the NSF/AEA-sponsored Teaching Innovations Program (TIP) for Economics
faculty, June 6-8, 2008, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
Co-Chair, Third Annual Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges,
Smith College, Northampton, MA, August 7-8, 2007
Host and Co-Chair, Second Annual Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts
Colleges, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, August 8-9, 2006
Co-Chair, First Annual Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges,
Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, August 17, 2005
Program Committee Member, Mellon Intercollegiate Economics Conference, Vassar
College, Poughkeepsie, NY, June 1-8, 2004
Referee for *Journal of Economic Education*, *Economic Modeling*, *National Tax Journal*,
Southern Economic Journal, *American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy*, and
Journal of Population Economics
Assistant Editor for North West Publishing
Textbook reviewer for Addison Wesley

Media Mentions and Citations

“Federal Reserve Offers Vote of Confidence in U.S. Economy”, editorial published in *The
Conversation Newsletter*, December 14, 2016
“Hands off the Fed!” with Paul Johnson, editorial published on the CNBC website, March
23, 2015, <http://www.cnbc.com/id/102528055>
“Closing ‘Trust Fund Loophole’ Would Hurt Middle Class,” editorial published in *Investor’s
Business Daily*, March 12, 2015
Featured guest on PopVox, a WAMC Northeast Public Radio show, February 10, 2015
“Cost of living a top concern for readers,” by Amanda Purcell, *Poughkeepsie Journal*,
January 21, 2015
“Rebates Unlikely to prop up Economy,” with Paul Johnson, editorial published in the
Poughkeepsie Journal, April 23, 2008

Service

Department of Economics, Vassar College

Public Policy Correlate Advisor, January 2008 – present
Curriculum Committee, August 2004 – present
Department Chair, 2010-2013
Research Committee, August 2003 – 2008
International Economics Correlate Advisor, 2003 – 2004

Vassar College

Elections Officer, Committee on Committees, 2017–2018
Faculty Appointments and Salary Committee (FASC), 2013–2015
Fellowship Committee, 2011–2012

Search Committee for Director of Quantitative Reasoning Center, Jan. 2010–Dec. 2010
Appeal Committee, January 2010–July 2010
College Regulations Panel, 2007–2011
Benefits Committee, 2007–2008
Priorities and Planning Committee, 2007–2008; Fall 2004
Faculty Policy and Conference Committee, Fall 2004

Honors, Certifications and Awards

January 2008 Certificate of Achievement from the American Economic Association’s Committee on Economic Education for successful completion of the Teaching Innovations Program in Economics
August 1996 Certificate of Completion from the Teaching Opportunity Program for Doctoral Students/Preparing Future Faculty program.
1991 – 1997 Recognized four times as a Distinguished Instructor by the Department of Economics, University of Minnesota.
1992 – 1993 Nominated for Outstanding Teaching Assistant by the Student Board of the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota.
1991 – 1992 Recipient of the Walter Heller Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota.
1989 – 1990 University of Minnesota Department of Economics Graduate Fellowship.