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**Personal Statement:**

I am currently a master’s student in Economics at George Mason University and a graduate research fellow at the Mercatus Center. My undergraduate education includes Mathematics, Finance, and History minors to accompany my BS in Economics. In my coursework, I have obtained the knowledge and skills of economics, mathematic modelling, and analytical reasoning necessary for success in research.

**Education:**

**George Mason University,** Arlington, VA

Master’s of Arts in Economics, expected graduation May 2018.

**Saint Francis University**, Loretto, PA

Bachelor of Science in Economics, December 2014.

**Relevant Courses:**

MA: Micro Economic Theory I,II, Macro Economic Theory, Regulation and the Market Process, Mathematical Economics, Econometrics.

BS: Intermediate Macro and Micro Economics, Sports Economics, International Trade and Finance, Money and Banking, Advanced Monetary Policy, Economics, Senior Economics Seminar, Economic History, History of the Auto Industry, Calculus I,II,III, Numerical Analysis I,II, Linear Algebra, Quantitative Business Analysis (statistics) I,II.

**Honors Program Thesis**: “Financial Incentives behind the Investigation of the Molly Maguires”

This study examined the monetary incentives present for the investigators of the alleged Molly Maguires, and the role they played in the course and findings of the investigation.

**Professional Experience:**

**Graduate Research Fellow,** Mercatus Center, Fall 2016-present

* + Served as research assistant providing background research and data gathering for 6 projects
  + Coauthored “CLIA Pharmacy Waiver Growth” Mercatus working paper and Real Clear Health Op Ed with Dr. Edward Timmons
  + Attended biweekly seminars and workshops from Mercatus center scholars
  + Worked as single assistant and as team member on projects

**Center for Monetary and Financial Alternatives Intern,** Cato Institute, Summer 2017

* Served as research assistant providing background research, gathering sources, and writing literature reviews
* Gathered sources and wrote 3 literature reviews for scholars
* Conducted background research for Congressional testimony and created charts for presentations to Congress and staffers
* Wrote comment for proposed CFPB rule
* In charge of CMFA twitter account, chose articles to link to and composed tweets
* Attended daily seminars with classical liberal scholars

**Research Assistant**, Saint Francis University, Jan 2015-March 2016

* Served as research assistant for Dr. Edward Timmons for contact lens regulation project
* Responsible for gathering data, coding, modelling, and writing sections of the paper
* Presented findings at 2016 Eastern Economic Association conference

**Academic Activities:**

Federal Reserve Challenge- presenter 2012-2014, Team captain 2013

Prepared and delivered a presentation on the current economic conditions and a

recommendation of Fed policy, competing against an average of 10 schools.

Attended Institute for Humane Studies On Liberty Conference- summer 2013.

Conference involving lecture and discussion of libertarian minded economics and

politics.

Society of Economic Analysis- member fall 2012-Dec. 2014, Secretary 2013, President 2014.

Ran meetings, delegated tasks, and served as liaison to school’s administration.

**Papers:**

“Splitting Carries: Does the Emergence of the Two Running-back System Bring

Success?” I examined the effects of teams employing a one of two running back system on team

performance. I used a fixed effects model for panel set data to estimate the effect of running system.

“Reexamining the Natural Rate of Unemployment,” I studied the various components of the labor market and identified changes in it since the beginning of the recession in 2007. I finished with an attempt to estimate the natural rate using a structural VAR.

“Revenue Measures or the Rights of Citizens? The Economic Motives behind the American Revolution,” Final paper for Directed Readings course. I examined the economic motivations of the colonists in the American Revolution.

“Keeping up with the Joneses?: An Economic Perspective on Personal Debt,” We dissected personal debt to study its causes, how itis distributed, and its effects on the economy.

“The Medical Device Excise Tax: an Economic Review,” I examined the effects of the excise tax provision of the Affordability Care Act on various aspects of the medical device industry, including a look at revenues of companies using a difference in difference table.

**Presentations:**

Eastern Economic Association- presented coauthored research on the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumer Act in March 2016.

Issues in Political Economy Undergraduate Conference- presented original research: “The

Medical Devise Excise Tax: an Economic Review” (2013), “Reexamining the Natural Rate of

Unemployment” (2014), and “Splitting Carries: Does the Emergence of the Two Running Back System bring success?” (2015).

SFU Poster Day Presentation- “The Medical Devise Excise Tax: an Economic Review”(Spring

2013), “Keeping up with the Joneses?: An Economic Perspective on Personal Debt” (Fall 2013),

“Reexamining the Natural Rate of Unemployment” (Spring 2014), “Splitting Carries: Does the

Emergence of the Two Running-back System Bring Success?” (Fall 2014).

Society for Values in Higher Education Conference- *Keeping up with the Joneses?: An*

*Economic Perspective on Personal Debt*, original research was presented by other authors in

summer 2013.

Koch Foundation Award Recipient- Awarded for at the poster session for the paper *Reexamining*

*the Natural Rate of Unemployment* in Spring 2014.

Dr. Albert Zanzuccki Research Grant- Awarded to aid in the deferring the costs of the

presentation of the papers *The Medical Device Excise Tax: an Economic Review* in Spring 2013,

*Reexamining the Natural Rate of Unemployment* in Spring 2014.

**Publications:**

Coauthor: CLIA Waiver Pharmacy Growth, How Does Broadening Scope of Practice Affect the Pharmacist Labor Market?, Mercatus Working Paper, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, October 2016.

**Skills:**

MS office, Gretl, Matlab, and Stata

**Professional Membership:**

American Economic Association- since December 2013.