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Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL

Citizenship: United States
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EDUCATION

Georgia State University Atlanta, GA 30303
Ph.D.: Economics; August 2009

Georgia State University Atlanta, GA 30303
M.A.: Economics; August 2007

Duke University Durham, NC 27708
Bachelor of Arts: Economics and Spanish & Latin American Studies; May 2002

DISSERTATION TITLE

“An Economic Analysis of Prison Labor”
Dr. Sally Wallace, Chair

RESEARCH INTEREST:

Economics of Crime, Health Economics, Public Finance; Labor Economics; Economic Growth/Development; International Economics

TEACHING INTEREST

Economics of Crime, Health Economics, Public Finance; Labor; Microeconomics

WORKING PAPERS/RESEARCH

An Economic Analysis of Prison Labor (http://etd.gsu.edu/theses/available/etd-08102009-015919/unrestricted/cox_robynn_ja_200908_phd.pdf)
Effects of the Prison Industry Enhancement Certificate Program on Recidivism (*In Progress*)
Effects of the Prison Industry Enhancement Certificate Program on Labor Market Outcomes (*In Progress*)
Expectations Updating and Criminal Behavior among Young Men (*In Progress, with Dr. Frank Sloan*)
Obama’s Effect on Education Outcomes (*In Progress with Dr. William Darity and Dr. Leslie Wallace*)
Noncitizen Eligibility for Medicaid: States’ Policies and Trends (*Congressional Research Service Report*)

PRESENTATIONS

Duke University & UNC Chapel Hill Durham, NC 11/1/2009-11/2/2009

African-American Economic Summit: Invited to produce and discuss a paper on the issue of the racial incarceration crisis in the context of the current general economic crisis.

American Economic Association Annual Conference New Orleans, LA 1/7/2008

Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (CSMGEP)

Dissertation Workshop: "Prison Labor in a Model of Complete and Dynamic Information"

Duke University Durham, NC 10/22/2007

Conference on Race and Wealth: "Prison Labor in a Model of Complete and Dynamic Information"

WORK EXPERIENCE

Duke University 1/2009-Present

Postdoctoral Associate: Faculty Advisor Dr. Frank Sloan. Duties include research and teaching. Conducting research on expectations updating, criminal behavior, and education outcomes. Teaching responsibilities include a seminar course on the Economics of Crime and co-teaching a course with Dr. Frank Sloan on Global Health in the spring of 2010. Active participant in a course on the Demand side of Health taught during the fall of 2009.

Congressional Research Service (CRS) 2/2008-4/2008

Economist: Temporary post as an Economist in the Domestic Social Policy Division of CRS. Worked on a co-authored report on the Prison Industry Enhancement Certificate Program.

Duke University (American Economic Association Summer Program) 6/2007-8/2007

Teaching Assistant for Data Analysis and Research Seminar: Assisted Dr. Frank Sloan in advising participants in their research topics and methods, and conducted help sessions.

Georgia State University 1/2007-12/2007

Tutor: Assisted undergraduate students with their course work as well as aided in their understanding and interpretation of the principles of economic theory.

Congressional Research Service (CRS) 9/2006-12/2006

Intern: Wrote a report on the effects of the 1996 Welfare Reform Act on noncitizens' eligibility for Medicaid.

Georgia State University 8/2002-1/2009

Graduate Research Assistant

HONORS/AWARDS

Golden Key International Honour Society Georgia State University 2008-Present

Andrew Young Fellowship Recipient Georgia State University 2004-2007

Honorable Mention Ford Foundation Predoctoral Diversity Fellowship 2004

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Black History Month Committee Duke University 1999-2001

Co-founder & Co-Chair: Chaired committee from September-May of each year. Provided Black History Month programming to the Duke Community; developed budgets; raised funds for activities and events; created, wrote, and presented proposals; and coordinated programmed events. Raised over \$40,000 to sponsor the events as well as produced a Black History Month Committee Calendar each year.

REFERENCES

Dr. Sally Wallace

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