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CONTACT INFORMATION

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POSITIONS HELD

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (Aug 2016-Present)

Department of Economics, University of Louisville

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics May 2016

Clemson University

Dissertation Topic: "Essays on Mandated Vertical Restraints"

Committee: Matthew Lewis (Chair), F. Andrew Hanssen, Daniel Miller, Charles Thomas

M.A. in Economics December 2011

Clemson University

B.S. in Economics May 2010

Magna Cum Laude

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

Minor in Statistics

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Industrial Organization (Primary field), Regulation and Antitrust Policy, Applied Microeconomics

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING

Impact of Mandated Exclusive Territories in the US Brewing Industry: Evidence from scanner level data (accepted, International Journal of Industrial Organization)

This paper examines the effect on prices, quantities, and number of brands of beer the enactment of mandated exclusive territories had. Using scanner data from a large number of chain grocery stores, I find that craft beer prices increased, brands and quantities decreased. The findings are consistent with the laws causing an increase in costs of distribution and reducing competition.

WORKING PAPERS

Trouble Brewing? Impact of Mandated Vertical Restraints on Craft Brewery Entry (Revisions requested, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy)

This paper empirically estimates how U.S. craft brewers' entry and production decisions responded to beer franchise laws and prohibitions on vertical integration between brewing and wholesaling activities. I find these regulations significantly decreased entry and production growth, consistent with encouraging opportunism from wholesalers and inhibiting the growth of smaller firms in the industry.

The Strategic Impacts of Voluntary vs. Mandated Vertical Restraints (under review)

It has been shown that manufacturers can employ exclusive contracts and vertical restraints to prevent entry in markets where upstream entrants require downstream accommodation. I show that if downstream product investment is important and encouraged by the restraint, this behavior is not credible. Additionally, publicly mandated vertical restraints could prevent this anti-competitive behavior, but if mandates reduce downstream product investment, mandates could have the opposite effect and decrease entry.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Exclusive Territories and Efficiency: Evidence from the brewing industry (preliminary draft available upon request)

Product Quality Perceptions and Entrepreneurial Failure (with Jose Fernandez and Stephan Gohmann)

Ridesharing, Moral Hazards, and Alcohol Consumption (with Keith Teltser and Conor Lennon)

Resale Price Maintenance: Evidence from US Beer Industry (with Adeel Faheem and Philip Gayle)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Trouble Brewing? Brewer and Wholesaler Laws Restrict Craft Breweries, Mercatus on Policy, September 2016

REFEREE SERVICE

Economic Inquiry

Journal of Applied Economics and Policy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Louisville

Econometrics I

Business Statistics

Introductory Microeconomics

Industrial Organization

Game Theory (Spring 2019)

Clemson University

Managerial Economics

Intermediate Microeconomics

Introductory Microeconomics

Clemson University, Teaching Assistant

Advanced Econometrics (Masters Level), Dr. Babur De Los Santos

Price Theory (PhD Level), Dr. Dan Wood

Applied Mathematical Economics (PhD Level), Dr. Scott Templeton

Advanced Economics and Applications (PhD Level), Dr. Kevin Tsui

Introductory Macroeconomics, Dr. Scott Baier

Introductory Microeconomics, Dr. F. Andrew Hanssen

Introductory Microeconomics, Dr. Charles Thomas

Clemson University, Other

Economic Theory Comprehensive Exam Review (PhD Level)

AWARDS AND HONORS

2017-18 Faculty Favorite Nominee, University of Louisville

Thomas C. and Irene W. Graham Scholarship 2015-2016

Francis M. & Herman N. Hipp Fellowship 2011-2016

Hugh Macaulay Award for Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year (2013)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

AAEA Annual Meeting, August 2018

Western Kentucky University, December 2017

Federal Communications Commission, February 2016

Institute for Policy Integrity, January 2016

Analysis Group, January 2016

Wofford College, November 2015

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Southern Economics Association, November 2018

AAEA Annual Meeting, August 2018

International Industrial Organization Conference, April 2018

Association of Private Enterprise Education Meeting, April 2018

Public Choice Society, March 2018

Southern Economics Association, November 2017

Kentucky Economics Association, October 2017

Beeronomics, July 2017

Association of Private Enterprise Education Meeting, April 2017

Public Choice Society, March 2017

Southern Economics Association, November 2016

Southern Economics Association, Graduate Student Invited Session, November 2015

Beeronomics, September 2015

South Carolina Applied Micro Day (SCAM'D), May 2015