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Employment

Economist - Federal Trade Commission July 2008 – Present
Bureau of Economics, Consumer Protection Division

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Washington University in St. Louis 2008
M.A. in Economics, Washington University in St. Louis 2004
B.S. in Economics, Tulane University 2002

Research and Teaching Interests

Primary: Applied Microeconomics, Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics
Secondary: Econometrics, Labor and Family Economics

Working Papers

“Are People More Risk-Taking in the Presence of the Opposite Sex?” (Revise and Re-submit at *Journal of Economic Psychology*)

“Subadditivity, Patience, and Utility: The Effects of Dividing Time Intervals”

“Quasi-hyperbolic is Quasi-correct: Considerations for Modeling Temporal Discounting with the Quasi-hyperbolic Function” (with Leonard Green and Joel Myerson)

Works in Progress

“Implications of Subadditivity for the Temporal Discount Function”

“Two Wrongs Can Make a Right: Opposite Biases Can Approximate Rationality” (with John Nye)

“A Common Approach to the Gain/Loss Asymmetry, Delay-Speed Up Asymmetry, and Magnitude Effect”

“Temporal Inconsistency and the Magnitude Effect”

Teaching Experience

Instructor: Washington University in St. Louis

Behavioral Economics (self-designed course)	Spring 2008, Summer 2007
Price Theory	Summer 2006
Introduction to Political Economy: Microeconomics	Summer 2005

Teaching Assistant: Washington University in St. Louis

Introductory Microeconomics, Introductory Macroeconomics, Environmental Economics,
Current Macroeconomic Issues, Hierarchy and Organization in Economic Life, Senior
Honors Thesis Seminar

Refereeing

Journal of Experimental Analysis of Behavior, Economics Bulletin

Conference Presentations

“Subadditivity, Patience, and Utility: The Effects of Dividing Time Intervals”
Southern Economic Association 2007
Washington University in St. Louis Graduate Student Conference 2007

“Are People More Risk-Taking in the Presence of the Opposite Sex?”
Psychonomic Society 2006

Honors and Awards

Washington University in St. Louis

Dissertation Fellowship 2007
Competitive Summer Research Grant 2004-2007
Graduate Scholarship 2003-2006
Graduate Fellowship 2002-2003

Tulane University

Phi Beta Kappa 2002
Best Economics Major Award 2002
Dean’s Honor Scholarship 1998-2002

Computer Skills

Proficient in: STATA; Scientific Workplace; Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
Familiar with: SAS; Eviews; Gauss; and Limdep

Media

“Does She Make You Want to Buy Junk Bonds?” *Money* magazine, February 2008.

References

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