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## Academic Appointments

**Hood College** – Frederick, MD

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (2016)

**Wake Forest University** – Winston-Salem, NC

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (2015–2016)

**George Mason University** – Fairfax, VA

Adjunct Lecturer (Summer 2015)

Graduate Lecturer (Summer 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, George Mason University, 2015.

Dissertation: *Essays on the Institutional Analysis of Copyright and its Alternatives*

M.A. Economics, George Mason University, 2013.

B.A. Economics, University of Connecticut, 2011.

## Research

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

2016, “[Institutional Entrepreneurship, Wikipedia, and the Opportunity of the Commons](#),” *Journal of Institutional Economics* (Forthcoming)

Safner, Ryan, 2016, “[The Perils of Copyright Regulation](#),” *The Review of Austrian Economics* 29(2), 121-137

### *Under Review*

“Public Goods” or “Good for the Public?” How Political Entrepreneurship Endogenizes Public Goods  
(Revise & Resubmit Requested)

[Do Patronize Me: The Comparative Political Economy of Arts Patronage, Copyright, and Crowdfunding](#)

[Learning By Doing: Who’s Learning? Who’s Doing? and Other Production Function Myths](#) (with Santiago Gangotena)

## Working Papers

[Pirate Thy Neighbor: The Protectionist Roots of International Copyright](#)

[Does Political Entrepreneurship Follow a “Political Interest Rate?”](#)

A Structural Analysis of Regulatory Capitalism (with Julia Norgaard and Vlad Tarko)

Ideas, Institutions, Technological Progress

## Research Interests

Public goods, innovation & technological growth, and intellectual property, using the tools of game theory, new institutional economics, market process economics, and public choice

## Teaching

I have taught principles of economics (micro and macro), international economics, Austrian economics and economics for high school. My teaching evaluations, available on [ryansafner.com](http://ryansafner.com) have been among the best in my department. I am comfortable teaching large classes and I can teach a variety of courses in addition to those listed including law and economics, public choice/public finance, intermediate microeconomics and the economics of intellectual property.

### Wake Forest University

ECN 150 – Introduction to Economics (Fall 2015: 3 sections; Spring 2016: 2 sections)

ECN 271 – Special Topics: Austrian Economics (Spring 2016)

### George Mason University

ECON 403 – Austrian Economics (Summer 2015)

ECON 385 – International Economic Policy (Summer 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

ICES – High School Economics Workshops (Summer 2012, cotaught with Paul Mueller)

## Academic Presentations

2015. “Two-Tiered Entrepreneurship and the Open Source Software Movement” *Southern Economics Association* Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

2015. “Pirate Thy Neighbor: The Protectionist Roots of International Copyright” *Public Choice Society* Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

2015. “Wiki-nomics: Bringing Institutions Back into Copyright Analysis with a Case Study of Wikipedia” *Public Choice Society* Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

2014. “Crowdfunding Creative Goods, Crowding out Intellectual Property?” *Southern Economics Association* Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

2014. “Learning by Doing: Who’s Learning? Who’s Doing? and other Production Function Myths” (with Santiago Gangotena). *Southern Economics Association* Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

2014. “‘Public Goods’ or ‘Good for the Public?’ - Endogenizing Public Goods.” *Association of Private Enterprise Education* Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

2014. “A Structural Analysis of Regulatory Capitalism” (with Julia Norgaard and Vlad Tarko). *Association of Private Enterprise Education* Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

2014. “Democracy and Political Cost - A Framework for Understanding Political Entrepreneurship in an Entangled Political Economy.” *Public Choice Society* Annual Conference, Charleston, SC.

2013. “Copyright Since 1976: An Interventionism Framework.” *Southern Economic Association* Annual Conference. Tampa, FL.

2013. “Towards an Institutional View of Ideas, Copyright, and Piracy.” *Institute for Humane Studies: Symposium on Scholarship and a Free Society*. Arlington, VA.

## Professional Development

2014. *Institute for Humane Studies* and *The Liberty Fund, Inc.* Advanced Topics Seminar: City-States as an Alternative to Nation States. Arlington, VA

2013. *Institute for Humane Studies: Symposium on Scholarship and a Free Society*. Arlington, VA

2012. *Institute for Humane Studies* and *The Liberty Fund, Inc.* Advanced Topics Seminar: The Growth of Government. Arlington, VA

2012. *Institute for Humane Studies* Advanced Studies Seminar: The Challenges and Future of Liberty. Arlington, VA

2012. *Institute for Humane Studies* Workshop: Career Development Workshop. Arlington, VA

## Awards

F. A. Hayek Fund for Scholars (Institute for Humane Studies) 2015

F. A. Hayek Fund for Scholars (Institute for Humane Studies) 2014

Earhart Foundation Fellowship 2014-2015

Mercatus Center Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship 2014

Graduate Student Travel Fund Grant (George Mason University) 2014

Earhart Foundation Fellowship 2013-2014

F. A. Hayek Fund for Scholars (Institute for Humane Studies) 2013

Dunn Foundation Fellowship 2012-2013

## Professional Memberships

Association of Private Enterprise Education

Public Choice Society

Society for the Development of Austrian Economics

Southern Economic Association

American Economic Association

## Service to the Profession

Reviewer for *European Journal of Law and Economics* and *Review of Austrian Economics*

Committee member for Senior Thesis undergraduate student Adrian Martino

Faculty reviewer for *Institute for Humane Studies'* Humane Studies Fellowships

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