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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 2006
Dissertation: "Essays on Volunteering"
Advisors: William N. Evans, Robert Schwab, Katharine Abraham
- M.A. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 2002
- B.A. Economics and Mathematics (Computer Science option), St. Mary's College of Maryland, 1999,
Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Altruism, volunteer behavior, charitable giving, economics of education, public finance, labor economics, applied microeconomics

EMPLOYMENT

Professor	Samford University August 2019 – present
	Margaret G. Bush Distinguished Professor, August 2022 - present Medical Properties Trust Fellow, August 2019 - present
Brock Scholars Program Coordinator	Samford University August 2013 – present
Associate Professor	Samford University August 2014 - 2019
Assistant Professor	Samford University August 2009 – July 2014
Courtesy Appointment	University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health Scholar, Lister Hill Center for Health Policy 2010 – 2015
Assistant Professor	University of Alabama at Birmingham August 2006 – May 2009 Scholar, Lister Hill Center for Health Policy, School of Public Health, UAB.
Visiting Instructor	St. Mary's College of Maryland August 2005 – May 2006

PUBLICATIONS

- Hagues, R., & McCarty, S. H. (in press, 2022). Examining policies towards adolescent pregnancies across Africa: What is the relationship between religion and education policy? *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work*.
- Hagues, Rachel, and McCarty, S. (2022) The Consequences of Forcing Pregnant Girls Out of School: a Study Focused on Tanzania. *Journal of Human Rights and Social Work*, DOI: 10.1007/s41134-021-00186-w.
- Kalenkoski, Charlene, and McCarty, S. (2020/2021) In or Out or Somewhere in Between? The Determinants of Gradual Retirement. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, DOI 10.1007/s10834-020-09734-4.
- Thornton, J, Stokes, C, and McCarty, S. (2019) An Evangelical Anomaly: Religious Observance and Intertemporal Choice. *Religion and Education*, 46:4, 401-433, DOI: 10.1080/15507394.2019.1643216
- McCarty, S. Helms (2018). Formation: A Symposium on Living as a Christian in Economics. *Faith & Economics*, 71, 25-61 (53-56).
- McCarty, S. Helms, Angner, E., Scott, B., and Culver, S. (2018). Mandated Volunteering: An Experimental Approach. *Applied Economics*, 50(27), 2992-3006. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2017.1414931>
- McCarty, S. Helms, Diette, T., and Holloway, B. How Low Can You Go? An Investigation into Matching Gifts in Fundraising. (2018). *Review of Behavioral Economics*, 55, 23-27.
- McCarty, S. Helms (2017). Review of Finding Time: The Economics of Work-Life Conflict by Heather Boushey. *Faith & Economics*, 69, 99-104.
- Thornton, J., McCarty, S. Helms, and Stokes, C. (2017). Divine Restraint: An experimental analysis of religious preference and intertemporal discounting. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 67, 99-110. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.socec.2016.12.002>
- Yerkes, R., Bates, L., McCarty, S. (2016). "Implications of Tax Provision and Subsidy on Municipal Bond Yields," *Journal of Investment*, 25(4), 51-63.
- Helms McCarty, S., Diette, T., & Holloway, B. (2015). Acquiring New Donors: A Field Experiment Using Bonus Trigger Incentives. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, doi: 10.1177/0899764015583120.
- Helms, S. & McKenzie, T. (2014). Gender Differences in Formal and Informal Volunteering in Germany. *Voluntas*, 25(4), 887-904. doi: 10.1007/s11266-013-9378-1. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11266-013-9378-1>
- Helms, S. & Diette, T. (2014). Trading the Television for a Textbook? High School Exit Exams and Student Behavior. *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, 14 (3), 1015-1036. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/bejeap-2012-0052>.
- Helms, S. (2013). Involuntary Volunteerism: The Impact of Mandated Service in Public Schools. *Economics of Education Review*, 36, 295-310.
- Helms, S., Scott, B., & Thornton, J. (2013). New Evidence on Charitable Gift Restrictions. *Applied Economics Letters*, 20 (17), 1521-1526.
- Thornton, J. & Helms, S. (2013). Afterlife Incentives in Charitable Giving. *Applied Economics*, 45(19), 2779-2791.

Diette, T. & Helms, S. (2013). Sweat the Small Stuff: The Effect of Small Incentive Changes on Participation in Service-Learning. *International Review of Economic Education*, 12, 20-32.

Helms, S. & Thornton, J. (2012). The Influence of Religiosity on Charitable Behavior: A COPPS Investigation. *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 41, 373-383.

Helms, S., Scott, B., & Thornton, J. (2011). Choosing to give more: experimental evidence on restricted gifts and charitable behaviour. *Applied Economics Letters*, 19 (8), 745-748.

Abraham, K., Helms, S., & Presser, S. (2009). How Social Processes Distort Measurement: The Effects of Survey Nonresponse on Inferences about Volunteer Work in the United States. *American Journal of Sociology*, 114(4), 1129-1165.

[Also National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper, W14076]

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Attitudes toward immigration and refugee policy: A global study, joint with Rachel Hagues, second round, 2022.

Volunteerism and Crowding Out in the Public Goods Game, joint with Brian Scott, mimeo, Samford University, 2022.

WORKING PAPERS

How divided are we? Educational attainment and COVID worry within political parties, joint with Jonathan Davis and Rachel Hagues (both at Samford University)

Wasting the Summer Away? Student Time Use as an Explanation for Summer Learning Loss, joint with Timothy Diette (Washington & Lee University), mimeo, Samford University, 2022.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Isolation behavior in COVID times, joint with Jonathan Davis and Rachel Hagues (both at Samford University)

Women in economics, joint with Charlene Kalenkoski (James Madison University)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Why the Charitable Deduction Matters, Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, *Advance Magazine*, Spring 2021.

How Individuals Begin Volunteering, Fact Sheet, Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement, January 2005

Youth Volunteering in the United States: 2002 and 2003, Fact Sheet, Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement, August 2004.

Time Spent in Volunteer Activity: 2002 and 2003, Fact Sheet, Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement, July 2004.

PRESENTATIONS

Hood College, Political Science Seminar: 2022

Virginia Military Institute and Washington & Lee University Joint Economics Seminar: 2022

Troy University Economics Seminar: 2020

Southern Economic Association Annual Conference: 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2008, 2007, 2006.
University of Alabama at Huntsville: 2014, 2011.
Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture: 2014, 2011, 2010.
American Economic Association: 2014, 2012, 2009.
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Activity: 2013, 2011, 2007.
Academy of Financial Services: 2013
Ohio University Economics Lecture Series: 2013.
Covenant College Economics Lecture Series: 2013.
Samford University Brown Bag: 2012, 2007 (2).
Washington & Lee University Research Seminar: 2011.
International Perspectives in Time Use Research: 2011.
Academy of Economics and Finance: 2011.
Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting: 2010.
UAB School of Public Health Works in Progress Seminar Series: 2010, 2008.
American Time Use Research Conference: 2009.
Economic Science Association World Meeting: 2008, 2007.
International Association of Time Use Research Annual Meeting: 2007.
Institute for Studies of Labor Topic Week, "Nonmarket Time in Economics," Bonn, Germany: 2007.

TEACHING

Samford University

Principles of Microeconomics *
Public Finance and Public Policy *
Econometrics *
Principles of Macroeconomics
Economics of Competitive Strategy (MBA)
Foundations of Economics (MBA)
Economics of Religion (honors seminar course)
Behavioral Economics (honors seminar course)
Behavioral Economics and Behavioral Health (honors seminar course)
** current assignment*

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Applied Microeconomic Analysis (MBA)
Principles of Microeconomics

St. Mary's College of Maryland

Introduction to Economics
Intermediate Macroeconomics
Intermediate Microeconomics

University of Maryland

Public Finance and Fiscal Federalism
Principle of Microeconomics
Teaching Assistant, Principles of Microeconomics

GRANT FUNDING

Hull Grant, Samford University, 2020-2021, for joint work Rachel Hagues, on *Teen Childbearing and Policy in Africa*.

Faculty Development Grant, Samford University, 2020-2021, for joint work Rachel Hagues, on *Teen Childbearing and Policy in Africa*.

Diversity Grant, Samford University, 2018-2020, in support of a networking event sponsored by the Finance and Economics Women student group.

Diversity Grant, Samford University, 2017-2018, for joint work with Joy Buchanan and Anna-Leigh Stone, on *Female Role Models in Economics*.

Faculty Development Grant, Samford University, 2013 – 2014, for joint work with Chuck Stokes and Jeremy Thornton, on *Religion and decision-making*.

Faculty Innovative Technology Grant, Samford University, 2012-2013, to fund the purchase of Stata Statistical Package licenses for the student computer lab in the School of Business.

Faculty Development Grant, Samford University, 2010 – 2011, for joint work with Jeremy Thornton, on *Choosing to give more: experimental evidence on restricted gifts and charitable behaviour*.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Service Award, Brock School of Business, Samford University, 2021, 2019.

Outstanding Scholarship Award, Brock School of Business, Samford University, 2014.

Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Brock School of Business, Samford University, 2013.

Beta Gamma Sigma Professor of the Year, UAB, 2009.

UAB ADVANCE start-up grant, funded by the National Science Foundation (SBE-0245090), University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2006-2008.

Beta Gamma Sigma, faculty induction, 2008.

Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, Spring 2003.

Teaching Award, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, Spring 2002, Fall 2002.

Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, Spring 2001.

Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland, 1999-2005.

Economics Faculty Award, Department of Economics, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 1999.

Phi Beta Kappa, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 1999.

Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership Honor Society), St. Mary's College of Maryland, 1999.

Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honor Society), St. Mary's College of Maryland, 1998.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Course creation:

- Behavioral Economics and Behavioral Health seminar course
- Behavioral Economics seminar course
- Economics of Religion seminar course
- Public Finance and Public Policy course for Samford University.

Attended Cengage's 6th Annual Teaching Economics Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, October 2010.

Completed the Harvey Brightman Master-Teacher Program, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board Member, 2018 – present, *International Review of Economic Education*.

Member

- American Economic Association
- Southern Economic Association
- Economic Science Association (2007-2010, 2018)
- Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Activity
- Association of Christian Economists
- Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture
- Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession

Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (2010-2011)

Reviewer

Applied Economics, DeGruyter Berkeley Electronic Journal of Applied Economic Analysis, Economic Letters, Faith and Economics, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Review of Economic Education, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Business Ethics, Journal of Economics, Journal of Economics and Finance, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Socio-Economics, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Public Affairs Quarterly, Regional and Urban Economics, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Southern Economic Journal, Lister Hill Center for Health Policy Research Grant Proposals (2009, 2010, 2013).

Session Co-Organizer and Co-Chair

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2008, 2012, 2014, 2015)

Session Moderator

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2012, 2014, 2015).

Academy of Economics and Finance Annual Meeting (2011).

Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture Annual Meeting (2010, 2011).

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Activity (2007, 2011).

Southeastern Health Economics Study Group Conference (2008).

Paper discussant

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2006, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018)

Academy of Economics and Finance Annual Meeting (2011).

Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture Annual Meeting (2010)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Faculty Senate Secretary, Samford University, 2022-2023.

Scholarship and Awards Committee, Brock School of Business at Samford University, 2017 – present.

Undergraduate Education Process Committee, Brock School of Business at Samford University

Member, 2012 – 2018.

Chair, 2018 – present.

Finance and Economics Women, Faculty sponsor, Samford University, 2018 – present.

Economics Faculty Search Committee, Brock School of Business at Samford University, 2011 – 2012, 2016 – 2017, and 2020 – 2021.

Data Analytics Faculty Search Committee Chair, Brock School of Business at Samford University, 2020 – 2021.

Brock School of Business Dean Search Committee, 2010 – 2011, and 2020 – 2021.

Mathematics Faculty Search Committee, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Samford University, 2020.

Association of Christian Economists

Treasurer, 2015 – 2020.

Secretary, 2015 – 2019.

Executive Board, 2011 – 2015.

College of Health Sciences Healthcare Administration Faculty Search, 2018-2019.

Faculty Senate, Samford University, 2015 – 2018.

Economic Outlook Presentation:

Institute of Management Accountants Continuing Education Monthly Meeting, Birmingham Chapter, March 2009-2019.

Alabama Title Company Webinar for Real Estate Professionals, 2019.

Financial Executives International Monthly Meeting, 2009, 2018.

Institute of Management Accountants Continuing Education Monthly Meeting, South Birmingham Chapter, March 2016, 2017.

Birmingham Business Journal Economic Forecast Panel, 2012.

Associate Professor Leadership Development Program, Samford University, 2017 – 2018.

Finance Faculty Search, Brock School of Business at Samford University, 2015 – 2016.

Faculty Mentor, Samford University New Faculty Mentoring Program, 2012 – 2015.

Faculty Development Committee, 2009 – 2012.

Finance, Economics, and Quantitative Methods Departmental Chair Search Committee, UAB, Fall 2008

Faculty Advisor, Omicron Delta Epsilon, UAB, 2008 – 2009.

Faculty Advisor, Reformed University Fellowship, UAB, 2008 – 2009.

School of Business and Departmental representative, prospective student recruiting and information days, UAB, 2006 – 2008.

Press Interviews:

Television interview, January 18, 2013, *CBS 42*. 'Your paycheck just took a hit.' Served as expert for report on expiration of FICA tax benefit.

Journal interview, June 1, 2012, *Birmingham Business Journal*, 'Midyear Economic Outlook.' Served as expert.

Newspaper interview, May 3, 2012, *The Birmingham News*, 'Alabama jobless rate drops at top.' Served as expert.

Newspaper interview, March 29, 2012, *The Birmingham News*, 'State income growth ranks 49th in nation.' Served as expert.

2011: NPR interview, Spoke to WBHM about food insecurity in Alabama.

2011: Media interview, Birmingham Business Journal, spoke about Medicaid benefits in Jefferson County.

Television interview, March 26, 2009, *ABC 33/40*. Served as expert for report on unemployment.

Television interview, October 13, 2008, *ABC 33/40*. Served as expert for report on gasoline prices.

Newspaper interview, August 22, 2009, 'Metro unemployment drops to 9.9% in July.' *The Birmingham News*. Served as expert for article about unemployment,

Newspaper interview, 2008, 'Mtn. Brook on impact list Magazine predicts economic hit; experts disagree.' *The Birmingham News*. Served as expert for article on the local economy.

Newspaper interview, November 7, 2006, '63 percent of students receive financial aid, tuition continues to rise.' *Kaleidoscope*, the UAB student paper. Served as expert about higher education, financial aid, and tuition costs.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Research Assistant	Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning & Engagement, University of Maryland School of Public Policy June 2004 – September 2004.
Graduate Fellow	Academy for Educational Development, Washington, D.C. June 2001 – October 2001.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: USA