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PERSONAL

Married with three children, born 2004, 2005 and 2007.

EDUCATION

University of Washington	Ph.D. in Economics	2009
	M.A. in Economics	2008

Dissertation Supervisor: Yoram Barzel

Oregon State University	B.S. in General Science	1994
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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Seattle University	Adjunct Instructor	2009
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University of Washington	Instructor	2007-2009
	Ph.D. student	2005-2009

PRIVATE SECTOR

Amazon.com, 1995 to 2001. I joined the company as its 7th employee, and served in a variety of roles as it grew into a complex, international organization. By many measures, it was one of the fastest growing businesses in American history. From 1995 to 1998, my principal focus was to implement projects to scale the business. From 1998 to 2000, I worked exclusively in technical capacities. In the course of my career, I managed projects, negotiated with vendors, interviewed candidates and supervised employees.

RESEARCH

“Transaction Costs, Legal Regimes and Divorce” (with Michael J. Hansen)

“Diminishing Transaction Costs in Unilateral Divorce States”

“Asymmetric Payoffs and the State’s Choice of Marriage Contract”

“The Cooption of Revolutionary Movements into Criminal States”

PRESENTATIONS

2010: AEA Annual Meeting

2009: AEA Annual Meeting
Pacific Conference for Development Economics
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

2008: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

TEACHING

Intermediate Macroeconomics (UW ECON 301)
Intermediate Microeconomics (UW ECON 300)
Business Statistics (Seattle University ECON 260)
Introduction to Macroeconomics (TA—UW ECON 201)
Introduction to Microeconomics (TA—UW ECON 200)

AWARDS

Grover and Creta Ensley Fellowship in Economic Policy (2009), U. of Washington Economics
Langton Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching (2008), U. of Washington Economics

COMMUNITY

Social Venture Partners Seattle, 1998 to present. Member of a philanthropic partnership that supports non-profit ventures in the Puget Sound region. Currently serve on the Board of Directors (2009-2012). Previously served on the Portfolio Grant Committee (2003-2006) and K-12 Education Grant Committees (1999, 2003).

Amara Parenting and Adoption Services, Board of Directors (2003-2006).

Hanlon Foundation, 1999 to present. Created and manage a small family foundation, focused on financing education-related projects in the Pacific Northwest.

COMMENTARY

- “Schools won’t improve till leaders do,” *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, June 7th, 2005.
- “Why I give,” published online by Social Edge. Featured as part of the “Thought Leaders on The Edge” series, September 21st, 2004.
- “Bubble’s aftermath, not outsourcing, keeps jobs down,” *Puget Sound Business Journal*, March 19th, 2004.

- “Purity, beauty and ease: the way of life in Costa Rica,” *The Seattle Times*, February 1st, 2004.
- “The challenges in improving K-12 education,” *The Seattle Times*, January 2nd, 2004.
- “Globalization allows societies to express cultural strengths,” *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, November 28th, 2003.
- “Currency warfare isn't the answer to China challenge,” *Puget Sound Business Journal*, October 17th, 2003. The *San Antonio Business Journal* republished this piece on November 21st, 2003.
- “Newsweek's schools ranking distracts from meaningful qualities,” *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, June 10th, 2003.
- “Expensing creates a more accurate financial picture,” *Puget Sound Business Journal*, May 16th, 2003.
- “Our economic hole is deeper than some people think,” *Puget Sound Business Journal*, February 14th, 2003.

REFERENCES

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