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Education:

- BA in Economics, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1990, summa cum laude, valedictorian of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Peer-reviewed journal articles:


**Books and book chapters:**


**Thesis committees:**


Reviewer for academic journals:

Agricultural and Resource Economics Review
American Journal of Agricultural Economics
Contemporary Economic Policy
Ecological Economics
Environmental and Resource Economics
Human Dimensions of Wildlife
International Journal of Ecological Economics and Statistics
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management
Journal of Environmental Management
Journal of Environmental Planning and Management
Journal of Leisure Research
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management
Land Economics
Population and Environment
Resource and Energy Economics
Resources Policy
SAGE Open
Southern Economics Journal
Urban Studies
Water Resources Research

Selected invited conference and seminar presentations:


Breffle, W.S. 2004. Combining stated-choice and stated-frequency data with observable behavior to value NRDA compensable damages: Green Bay, PCBs, and fish consumption advisories. Presented at the American Fisheries Society annual meeting, Madison WI, August 25.


Selected funded technical reports:


Differences in Summer Mortality Due to Climate in U.S. Cities. L. Chestnut, W.S. Breffle, E. Castillo, and J.B. Smith. Prepared for the Center for Climatic Research, Department of Geography, University of Delaware. 1995.


Estimates of Willingness to Pay for Potential Changes in Risks of Mortality Due to Climate Change. L. Chestnut, W.S. Breffle, and J.B. Smith. Prepared for the Center for Climatic Research, Department of Geography, University of Delaware. 1995.


**Michigan Technological University winning grants:**


2010 – 2011, co-Primary Investigator, National Science Foundation 10-524, Water Sustainability and Climate, Humans, Hydrology, Climate Change, and Ecosystems - An Integrated Analysis of Water Resources and Ecosystem Services in the Great Lakes Basin, $150,000.


**Courses taught at Michigan Tech:**

- Principles of Economics (undergraduate)
- Environmental Economics (graduate and undergraduate)
- International Economics (undergraduate)
- Mathematical Economics (undergraduate/graduate)
- Center for Water and Society Water Colloquium – Value of Water

Mean teaching evaluation over 40 courses taught (unweighted average): 4.57 out of 5.00

**Professional affiliations and honors:**

- Finalist, campus-wide Distinguished Teaching Award, 2015
- Member of Michigan Tech Academy of Teaching Excellence, 2015
- First-ever recipient of “Props for Profs” award, Jackson Center for Teaching and Learning, 2014
- Interviewed by CBS-Detroit, Aug 14 2012 as part of the Great Lakes Technology and Innovation Report
- Finalist, Wells Fargo Teacher of the Year, School of Business and Economics, Michigan Tech, 2011
- Graduate Student Research and Creative Work Award, nominee, 1999
- Reuben A. Zubrow Graduate Fellowship Award for the Teaching of Economics, 1998-1999
- Graduate School University Fellowship, 1996-1997
- CU-Boulder Homecoming Royalty, 1990 (National Champion Colorado Buffaloes Football)
- American Economics Association (AEA)
- Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Omicron Delta Epsilon
- Mensa
Service activities:

- Faculty Advocate: MTU Early Career Management Program (2016)
- Chair, MS/BS economics committee (2014-2015, 2017-2018)
- Tenure, promotion and reappointment committee (2012-2013)
- University Senate, Senate finance sub-committee, and academic policy subcommittee (2010-2014)
- School of Business and Economics representative for Center for Water and Society Advisory Committee (2007-2010)
- Faculty research committee 2007-2010
- Cognate reviewer for campus-wide Sustainable Futures Hiring Initiative 2008-2010
- MTU faculty representative for Omicron Delta Epsilon (national economics honor society)
- Economics faculty job search committee 2009-2010

Past work experience – research and consulting:

- Consultant, Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Damage Assessment, USDOJ, 2013-2015
- Transportation Analyst, Denver Regional Council of Governments, 2007

Past work experience – teaching:

- Instructor, Natural Resource Economics, University of Colorado at Boulder, Fall 2006
- Teaching assistant, Principles of Economics, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1996-1999
- Teaching assistant, graduate Econometrics, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1992.