

James Murray | Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor of Economics – University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

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Employment History

Associate Professor

Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

July 2013 - Present

Undergraduate courses including principles and intermediate macroeconomics, business research methods, econometrics, money and banking, and monetary economics. Masters of Business Administration course on decision and research methods.

Assistant Professor

Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

August 2009 - June 2013

Assistant Professor

Dahl School of Business, Viterbo University

August 2008 - June 2009

Courses including principles of microeconomics and macroeconomics and business statistics. Masters of Business administration courses including management science and research methods.

Adjunct Instructor

Dahl School of Business, Viterbo University

Summers 2010-2011

Summer course in Masters of Business Administration course business cycle fluctuations

Adjunct Instructor

School of Adult Learning, Viterbo University

Summers 2006-2007, 2009

Summer courses in undergraduate elementary statistics

Education

Ph.D. Economics

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

August 2008

M.A. Economics

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

May 2004

M.A. Economics

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

May 2002

B.S. Economics

University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, La Crosse, WI

May 2000

Minors in Computer Science, Mathematics, and Statistics

Publications

- [1] Sloan Komissarov and James Murray. Factors that influence undergraduate information-seeking behavior and opportunities for student success. *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 42:423–429, 2016.
- [2] Pedro de Araujo and James Murray. A life insurance deterrent to risky behavior in Africa. *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 37:548–576, 2015.
- [3] Elizabeth Knowles and James Murray. Developing students thought processes for choosing appropriate statistical methods. *Journal of Education for Business*, 89:389–395, 2014.
- [4] Nicholas Herro and James Murray. Dynamics of monetary policy uncertainty and the impact on the macroeconomy. *Economics Bulletin*, 33:257–270, 2013.
- [5] James Murray. Pencasts for introductory macroeconomics. *The Journal of Economic Education*, 43(3):348–348, 2012.

- [6] Michael Hauptert and James Murray. Regime switching and wages in major league baseball under the reserve clause. *Clometrica*, 6(2):143–162, 2012.
- [7] Pedro de Araujo and James Murray. Channels for improved performance from living on campus. *American Journal of Business Education*, 3(12):57–64, 2011.
- [8] Pedro de Araujo and James Murray. Estimating the effects of dormitory living on student performance. *Economics Bulletin*, 20(1):866–878, 2010.
- [9] Glenn Knowles, James Murray, Michael Hauptert, and Keith Sherony. Shirking in major league baseball in the era of the reserve clause. *Nine: A Journal of Baseball History and Social Policy Perspectives*, 12, 2003.

Working Papers

- [1] James Murray. Regime switching in fiscal debt targets and policy functions in the united states. Working paper, August 2017.
- [2] Sara Cook, Sloan Komissarov, Brenda Murray, and James Murray. Predictors for students' understanding of writing: Instructor actions and student mindset. Working paper, August 2017.
- [3] Sara Cook, Sloan Komissarov, Brenda Murray, and James Murray. Predictors for growth mindset and sense of belonging in college students. Working paper under review. SSRN: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2981141, May 2017.

Grants Awarded to Support Research

- [1] James Murray (principal). Learning experiences in the first two years. UW-L College of Business Administration research grant, Amount: \$3000, 2017.
- [2] James Murray (principal). Identifying regime switching in adaptive expectations, its causes, and consequences. UW-L College of Business Administration research grant, Amount: \$3000, 2013.
- [3] James Murray (principal). Labor markets and adaptive expectations: Estimating a new Keynesian model with learning and unemployment. UW-L Faculty Research Grant, Amount: \$4,000, 2012.
- [4] James Murray (principal). Fiscal and expenditure multipliers when there are adaptive expectations. UW-L College of Business Administration research grant, Amount: \$3000, 2011.
- [5] James Murray (principal). Academic benefits of living on campus: A look at peer influences and utilization of university provided resources. UW-L Faculty Research Grant, Amount: \$3,511, 2011.

Grants Awarded to Support Teaching and Curriculum Development

- [1] James Murray (principal). Multidimensional approach to efficient and effective feedback. Wisconsin Teaching Scholars Grant, Amount: Approximately \$6000, 2017.
- [2] Nabamita Dutta and James Murray (co-principals). Developing students' ability to connect economic modeling to real world issues. UW-L CATL Lesson Study Grant, Amount: \$1,000, 2014.
- [3] James Murray and John Nunley (co-principals). Pencast lessons for advanced undergraduate economics courses. Kazanjian Economics Foundation grant, Amount: \$34,032, 2013.
- [4] James Murray and John Nunley (co-principals). Faculty grant development program. Amount: \$5,000, 2013.
- [5] James Murray (principal), Nabamita Dutta, Lisa Giddings, Michael Hauptert, Wahhab Khandker, and John Nunley. Integrating the economics curriculum through a unified emphasis on critical thinking and communication. UW-L Curricular Redesign Grant, Amount: \$20,000, 2012.
- [6] James Murray (principal), Taggart Brooks, Elizabeth Knowles, Bryan Kopp, and Laurie Strangman. Efficient and effective feedback: A lesson study investigating students' responses and follow-up to feedback on their writing. UW-L CATL Lesson Study Grant, Amount: \$2,500, 2012.

- [7] James Murray (principal). Online education grant for online instructor training. UW-L CATL Faculty Development Grant, Amount: \$500, 2012.
- [8] James Murray (principal). Online education grant for eco 120: Global macroeconomics. UW-L CATL Online Education Grant, Amount: \$3,000, 2011.
- [9] Glenn Knowles and James Murray (principal). Video lessons for graphical modeling strategy in principles of economics. UW-L CATL Teaching Innovation Grant, Amount: \$3,000, 2011.
- [10] Kathryn Birkeland and James Murray (co-principals). Teaching economic development in principles of macroeconomics. UW-L CATL Lesson Study Grant, Amount: \$1,000, 2011.

Instructional / Professional Training

Online Teaching Certification Course

University of Wisconsin MBA Consortium

July - August 2017

Online course on teaching online with a focus on interacting with graduate students to create an engaging learning environment

Faculty College

University of Wisconsin Office of Professional Development

June 2017

Three days of training seminars on improving teaching and learning and conducting scholarly work in the field of teaching and learning

Faculty College

University of Wisconsin Office of Professional Development

June 2016

Three days of training seminars on improving teaching and learning and conducting scholarly work in the field of teaching and learning

Advanced Online Teaching Certification Course

University of Wisconsin La Crosse

January - May 2013

Advanced online course on teaching online, with an emphasis on online course revision

Online Teaching Certification Course

University of Wisconsin La Crosse

July - August 2010

Introductory online course on teaching online

Referee Service

Invited blind peer reviewer for the following journals:

- o American Review of Political Economy (2 reviews)
- o Contemporary Economic Policy
- o Economics Bulletin (6 reviews)
- o Economic Inquiry
- o Emerging Markets, Finance, and Trade
- o Journal of Business Research
- o Journal of Economic Education (2 reviews)
- o Journal of Macroeconomics
- o Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking (2 reviews)
- o Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics

Selected University Service

General Education Assessment Committee

Member

August 2014 - present

Coordinate assessment efforts among all university general education courses and evaluate class-embedded assessment tasks

Core Course Coordinator

Coordinator for ECO 120: Global Macroeconomics

August 2012 - present

Liaison for all ECO 120 instructors to the College of Business Administration Assurance of Learning Task Force

Search Panel for College of Business Asst to the Dean

Member

August 2016 - November 2016

Search and screen for the Assistant to the Dean of the College of Business Administration

College of Business Administration Graduate Committee

Chair

January 2016 - May 2016

Member

August 2015 - December 2015

Member

August 2009 - May 2011

Evaluate curriculum and policy for the College of Business Administration (CBA) MBA program.

Economics Department Assessment Committee

Member

August 2015 - May 2016

Chair

August 2011 - May 2015

Member

August 2011 - May 2015

Coordinate assessment activities for the Department of Economics

Celebration of Student Inquiry in Economics

Undergraduate Conference Organizer

September 2012 - May 2016

Creator and organizer of a poster conference held every semester for students in several upper-level undergraduate economics classes

Search and Screen Committee for College of Business Dean

Member

October 2014 - February 2015

Search and screen for the Dean of the College of Business Administration

Library Committee

Member

August 2012 - May 2014

Advisory to library staff on collections, services, and policies

College of Business Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Member

August 2011 - May 2013

Evaluate curriculum and academic policies for the undergraduate programs in the College of Business Administration

Faculty Research Grant Mentor

Mentor

September 2012 - December 2012

Advised new mathematics faculty member on his proposal for a faculty research grant

Merit Committee

Chair

August 2012 - December 2012

Member

August 2010 - December 2010

Review tenured and tenure-track peers in the Department of Economics on contributions to teaching, research, and service.

Graduate Council

Member

August 2011 - May 2012

Evaluate and make recommendations for university graduate school policies

Search and Screen Committee for Asst Professor in Economics

Member

August 2011 - February 2012

Evaluate and make recommendations for university graduate school policies

Search and Screen Committee for Instructional Designer

Member

April 2011 - August 2011

Search and screen for Instructional Designer position for the UW-L Center for Advancing Teaching and Learning

Selected Community Service

Grandad Half Marathon Organizing Committee

Member

October 2014 - present

Work with the City of La Crosse Parks and Recreation Department and local non-profit organizations to organize the annual half marathon and 5K races

La Crosse Area YMCA Annual Campaign

Fundraiser

March 2015 - present

Raise donations among YMCA and La Crosse community members to fund the La Crosse Area YMCA charitable activities

Cathedral Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Communications Person

August 2016 - May 2017

Raise funds and organize events with fellow executive committee members of the parent teacher organization (PTO) and communicate with all parents and teachers regarding PTO activities

Mini Donut Half Marathon Organizing Committee

Member

January 2015 - September 2015

Work with local non-profit organizations to organize the annual half marathon race

Junior Achievement

Volunteer Instructor

April 2009 - June 2009

Weekly visit with an area elementary school teaching financial literacy tools

Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation

Book Buddy

September 2007 - April 2008

Weekly visit with an area elementary school to read with children

Technology Skills

Teaching tools:

- o Course management tools including Desire2Learn, Blackboard, and Oncourse CL
- o Video capture software including Jing/Snagit, ExplainEverything (iPad), Screencast-O-Matic, Livescribe Pencasts
- o Electronic classroom response systems including PollEverywhere, E-instruction CPS (Classroom Performance System), Interwrite PRS (Personal Response System)
- o Typing short-cut utilities including Breevy and TextExpander
- o Diagram software including Dia, OmniGS (iPad), Google Docs

Econometrics / Statistics: R, MatLab, Octave, Gauss, Maple, Stata, EViews, Limdep, RATS, SAS, SPSS, Statistica, GNU Scientific Libraries for C, LAPACK (Linear Algebra Package for Fortran).

Programming languages: C, C++, Java, Fortran, Perl.

Web Programming: Java, Perl, HTML, Javascript.

Operating Systems: Linux, Unix, Windows.

Other: L^AT_EX, Emacs, SQL, Unix shell programming (BASH, CSH), MS Office, LibreOffice, OpenOffice, Google Docs.

Hobbies and Interests

I am an avid runner and triathlete. I compete in many regional races, including running race distances ranging from 1 mile to 31.1 miles and sprint, international, and half-ironman triathlons. I also enjoy hiking, snowshoeing, road cycling, and fat biking.

My less active hobbies include computer programming, building and configuring computers, and learning new technology.