

# James Murray | Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor of Economics – University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

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## Employment History

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### Associate Professor

*Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse*

*July 2014 - 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

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### 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

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- [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.

## Grants Awarded to Support Research

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- [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

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- [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.

## Referee Service

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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

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### 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

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### Cathedral Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Communications Director

August 2015

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

### 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

### 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

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### Teaching tools:

- Course management tools including Desire2Learn, Blackboard, and Oncourse CL
- Video capture software including Jing/Snagit, ExplainEverything (iPad), Screencast-O-Matic, Livescribe Pencasts
- Electronic classroom response systems including PollEverywhere, E-instruction CPS (Classroom Performance System), Interwrite PRS (Personal Response System)
- Typing short-cut utilities including Breevy and TextExpander
- 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Emacs, SQL, Unix shell programming (BASH, CSH), MS Office, LibreOffice, OpenOffice, Google Docs.

## Hobbies and Interests

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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.