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Curriculum Vitae

1 Personal Information

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2 Academic Qualifications

B.A. (Hons., Economics and Mathematics) Mount Allison University, 1991.

M.A. (Economics) University of British Columbia, 1992.

Ph.D. (Economics) University of British Columbia, 1996.

3 Employment

July 2017–: Head, Department of Economics, Mount Allison University, Canada.

July 2009–: Professor of Economics, Mount Allison University, Canada.

January 2003– December 2012: Canada Research Chair in Canadian Public Policy, Mount Allison University, Canada.

January 2003–June 2009: Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Mount Allison University, Canada.

August 2001–December 2002: Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Mount Allison University, Canada.

September 2000–February 2002: Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, Royal Holloway, University of London, U. K.

October 1996–August 2000: Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Essex, U. K.

4 Awards

The Herbert and Leota Tucker Teaching Award, Mount Allison 2009.

The Imasco Paul Paré Medal for balance in research, teaching and service, Mount Allison 2009.

Paul Paré Award of Excellence, Mount Allison 2007.

5 Research

5.1 *Main Research Interests*

Optimal Taxation, Fiscal Federalism, Local Taxation, Income Maintenance.

5.2 *Publications in Journals*

1. Craig Brett and Joris Pinkse (1997) Those Taxes are All Over the Map! A Test for Spatial Independence of Municipal Tax Rates in British Columbia, *International Regional Science Review* 20: 131–151.
2. Craig Brett (1998) Who Should Be on Workfare? The Use of Work Requirements as Part of the Optimal Tax Mix, *Oxford Economic Papers* 50: 607–622.
3. Craig Brett (1998) Tax Reform and Collective Family Decision–Making, *Journal of Public Economics* 70: 425–440.
4. Craig Brett and Michael Keen (2000) Political Uncertainty and the Earmarking of Environmental Taxes, *Journal of Public Economics* 75: 315–340.
5. Charles Blackorby and Craig Brett (2000) ‘Fiscal Federalism Revisited, *Journal of Economic Theory* 95: 300–317.
6. Craig Brett and Joris Pinkse (2000) The Determinants of Municipal Tax Rates in British Columbia, *Canadian Journal of Economics* 33: 695–714.
7. J.N. Pretty, C. Brett, T.L. Dobbs, D. Gee, R.E. Hine, C.F. Mason, J.I.L. Morison, H. Raven, M.D. Rayment and G. van der Bijl (2000) An Assessment of the Total External Costs of UK Agriculture, *Agricultural Systems* 65: 113–136.
8. Jules Pretty, Craig Brett, David Gee, Rachel Hine, Chris Mason, James Morison, Matthew Rayment, Gert van der Bijl and Thomas Dobbs (2001) Policy Challenges and Priorities for Internalising the Externalities of Modern Agriculture, *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management* 44: 263–283.
9. Joris Pinkse, Margaret Slade and Craig Brett (2002) Spatial Price Competition: A Semi-Parametric Approach, *Econometrica* 70: 1111–1153.
10. Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2003) Financing Education Using Optimal Redistributive Taxation, *Journal of Public Economics* 87: 2549–2569.
11. Charles Blackorby and Craig Brett (2004) Production Efficiency and the Direct-Indirect Tax Mix, *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 6: 165–180.
12. Craig Brett (2005) Bunching, Time Constraints and Workfare, *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 7: 93–105.
13. Craig Brett (2006) Some Marginalist Intuition Concerning the Optimal Commodity Tax Problem, *Journal of Economic Education* 37: 459–469.
14. Charles Blackorby, Craig Brett and Ana Cebreiro (2007) Nonlinear Taxes for Spatially Mobile Workers, *International Journal of Economic Theory* 3: 59–76.

15. Craig Brett (2007) Optimal Nonlinear Taxes for Families, *International Tax and Public Finance* 14: 225–261.
16. Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2008) Public Good Provision and the Comparative Statics of Optimal Nonlinear Income Taxation, *International Economic Review* 49: 255–290.
17. Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2008) The Impact of Changing Skill Levels on Optimal Nonlinear Income Taxes, *Journal of Public Economics* 92: 1765–1771.
18. Craig Brett and Christina Tardif (2008) The Grants are Falling! The Grants are Falling! How Municipal Governments Changed Taxes in Response to Provincial Support in New Brunswick, 1983–2003, *Canadian Public Policy* 34: 441–456.
19. Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2011) How Optimal Nonlinear Taxes Change When the Distribution of the Population Changes, *Journal of Public Economics*, 95: 1239–1247.
20. Craig Brett (2012) The Effects of Population Aging on Optimal Redistributive Taxes in an Overlapping Generations Model, *International Tax and Public Finance*, 19: 777–799.
21. Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2013) Comparative Statics of Optimal Nonlinear Income Taxation with a Publicly Provided Input and a Nonlinear Production Technology, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, 15: 519–546.
22. Felix Bierbrauer, Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2013) Strategic Nonlinear Income Tax Competition with Perfect Labor Mobility, *Games and Economic Behavior* 82: 292–311.
23. Craig Brett and Laurence Jacquet (2015) Workforce or Workfare? The Optimal Use of Work Requirements when Labor is Supplied along the Extensive Margin, *Canadian Journal of Economics* 48:1855–1882.
24. Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2016) Voting Over Selfishly Optimal Nonlinear Income Tax Schedules with a Minimum-utility Constraint, *Journal of Mathematical Economics* 67:18–31, doi:10.1016/j.jmateco.2016.09.001.
25. Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2017) Voting Over Selfishly Optimal Nonlinear Income Tax Schedules, *Games and Economic Behavior* 101: 172–188, doi:10.1016/j.geb.2016.02.008.
26. Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2017) Reducing the Dimensionality of a Selfishly Optimal Nonlinear Income Tax Problem, *Economic Theory Bulletin* 6:157–169, doi:10.1007/s40505-017-0131-6.
27. Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2019) Optimal Nonlinear Taxation of Income and Savings Without Commitment, *Journal of Public Economic Theory* 21:5–43, doi:10.1111/jpet.12328.
28. Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2019), Majority Rule and Selfishly Optimal Nonlinear Income Tax Schedules with Discrete Skill Levels, *Social Choice and Welfare*, forthcoming, doi: 10.1007/s00355-019-01188-4

5.3 Book Chapters

1. Craig Brett (2003) Demographic Trends and Implications for Public Policy. In: Royal Commission on Renewing and Strengthening Our Place in Canada, *Our Place in Canada*:

Research Volume 4, St. John's: Office of the Queen's Printer, 57–87.

2. Charles Blackorby and Craig Brett (2007) The Pareto Optima of Finite-Horizon OLG Models. In: Fare, Rolf, Shawna Grosskopf and Daniel Primont (eds.), *Aggregation, Efficiency, and Measurement*, Berlin: Springer, 1–30.
3. Craig Brett (2014) Intergenerational Fiscal Policy Issues: Options and Challenges for New Brunswick, In: Richard Saillant and David Campbell (eds.) *Shale Gas in New Brunswick: Towards a Better Understanding*, Moncton: Canadian Institute for Research on Public Policy and Administration, 163–191.
4. Craig Brett and John A. Weymark (2019) Matthews-Moore Single- and Double-Crossing. In: Jean-François Laslier, Hervé Moulin, M. Remzi Sanver, and William S. Zwicker, W.S. (eds.) *The Future of Economic Design: The Continuing Development of a Field as Envisioned by Its Researchers*, Studies in Economic Design Series, Springer. Forthcoming.

5.4 Book Reviews

1. Craig Brett (2008) 'Keith Banting and Will Kymlicka : Multiculturalism and the Welfare State (Oxford University Press, 2006), *Canadian Public Policy* 34: 396–397.

5.5 Invited Presentations

1. Local Government in a Federal Canada. Workshop on Local Public Finance in Federal Countries, organized by the Urban Public Economics Review, Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 29 October 2004.
2. On Municipal Equalization Schemes. Presentation to the Municipal Financing Committee of the Association francophone des municipalités du Nouveau-Brunswick, Dieppe, 10 April 2008.
3. Redesigning Property Taxation and Municipal Financing. Symposium on Renewing Local Governance in Atlantic Canada, Moncton, 10 June 2008.
4. Will Globalization Kill the Canadian Welfare State? George F. Stanley Lecture in Canadian Studies, Mount Allison University, 15 January 2014.
5. Climate Change: A Problem with Too Many Solutions, Earth Day Symposium, French Consulate, Moncton, 22 April 2015.
6. Using the Mirrlees Model to (Try to) Understand Personal Income Taxation in Atlantic Canada. Graham Lecture, Atlantic Canadian Economics Association, Fredericton, 13 October 2018.

5.6 Opinion-Editorial Columns

1. 'Rating Ottawa on Education,' Saint John Telegraph Journal, 10 September 2007, A7.
2. 'Health Care Financing Needs Adjustment,' Saint John Telegraph Journal, 17 September 2007, A7.

3. 'Tax reform: Compare apples to apples,' Saint John Telegraph Journal, 25 June 2008, A7.
4. 'Ontario becomes a have-not,' Saint John Telegraph-Journal, November 6, 2008, A5.
5. 'An economist says, "Thanks, but no thanks",' Saint John Telegraph-Journal, March 19, 2009, A7.
6. 'Buy Now and Pay Later Isn't Budgeting,' Saint John Telegraph-Journal, November 13, 2009, A9.
7. 'On budget day, beware of bargains,' Saint John Telegraph-Journal, December 1, 2009, A7.
8. 'N.B.'s choice: big or small?' Saint John Telegraph-Journal, December 12, 2009, A11.
9. 'The struggles of a have-not player,' Saint John Telegraph-Journal, March 27, 2010, A11
10. 'Eliminating the deficit won't be easy,' Saint John Telegraph-Journal, September 4, 2010, A13.
11. 'Talking taxes: the dirty word in N.B. politics,' NB Election Analysis Series, cbc.ca, September 21, 2010.
12. 'BSI: Budget Scene Investigation,' Fredericton Daily Gleaner, March 30, 2012, D3.
13. 'Equal is never perfect,' Saint John Telegraph-Journal, August 11, 2012, A.12.
14. 'Who sets public policy,' Saint John Telegraph-Journal, October 25, 2012, A.11
15. 'Budget: Get the message straight,' Saint John Telegraph-Journal, March 16, 2013, A.13.
16. 'A budget that is Dickensian in nature,' Saint John Telegraph-Journal, February 7, 2014, A.9.

5.7 Other Completed Work

1. Craig Brett and Frank Strain (2005) Nine Theses on Equalization. Submission to the Government of Canada Expert Panel on Equalization and Territorial Formula Financing, June.
2. Craig Brett and Frank Strain (2005) An Evaluation of the Costs and Benefits of Liming as Mitigation Against Acidification. Report submitted to Environment Canada, March.

5.8 Research in Progress

1. 'Probabilistic Voting over Income Taxes with Worker Mobility'.
2. 'Optimal Nonlinear Income Taxes with General-Equilibrium Wage Determination' (with Laurence Jacquet).

5.9 Recent Working Papers

1. Robin Boadway, Craig Brett, and Laurence Jacquet (2015) Optimal Nonlinear Income Taxes with Compensation, University of Cergy-Pontoise THEMA Working Paper 2015-15.

5.10 Older Working Papers and Self-Archived Manuscripts

1. Craig Brett (1998) Collective Family Decision Making, Temporary Inefficiency and Gender-Specific Transfers.
2. Charles Blackorby and Craig Brett (1999) Tax Harmonization and Pareto-Efficiency, University of British Columbia *DP* 99-26.
3. Charles Blackorby and Craig Brett (2000) Capital Taxation in a Simple Finite-Horizon OLG Model, University of British Columbia *DP* 00-11.
4. Craig Brett (2003) A Note on Nonlinear Taxation in an Overlapping Generations Model.

5.11 Grants Received

Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Canadian Public Policy, Mount Allison University. 2003–2007. Renewed 2008–2012.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Award (principal investigator, with John Weymark) to study extensions to the theory of optimal income taxation. 2008–2011.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Award (sole investigator) to study local government decisions in New Brunswick. 2004–2007.

Canada Foundation for Innovation Award to establish a research laboratory in spatial econometrics. 2003.

Purdy Crawford Teaching Center Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant, Mount Allison University. 2006.

Bell Foundation Award for New Faculty, Mount Allison University. 2003.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Award (collaborator, with Charles Blackorby) to study the optimal tax mix in an overlapping generations framework. 1997–2000, renewed for 2001–2004.

6 Teaching

6.1 Courses

Graduate: Econometrics, Environmental Economics, Microeconomics, Public Economics

Advanced Undergraduate: Canadian Federalism, Classical Economics, Econometrics, Environmental Economics, Mathematical Economics, Microeconomic Theory, Normative Economics, Public Economics, Simulation and Modeling, Strategy and Uncertainty

Undergraduate: Canadian Studies, Differential Equations, Discrete Mathematics, Microeconomics, Precalculus, Principles of Economics (Micro), Quantitative Methods in Economics, Statistics

Supervision: Undergraduate (approx. 50 students), Masters (approx. 10 students), PhD (1 committee chair, 4 committee memberships).

6.2 Teaching-Related Presentations

Please, Do Not Leave the Students How You Found Them. Herbert and Leota Tucker Lecture, Mount Allison, September 2009.

Knee-deep in numbers. Mount Allison Series on ‘Bullshit’ and Information Literacy, February 2006.

Questions, Everyone? Using question portfolios to keep in touch with students. 12th Dalhousie Conference on University Teaching and Learning, April 2008.

7 Service

7.1 Professional Service

July 2018: Member, Organizing Committee, Washington University Tax Theory Conference, St. Louis.

November 2016: Chair, Scientific Committee, Canadian Public Economics Group, Montreal.

October 2016: Chair, Scientific Committee, Atlantic Canadian Economics Association, Sackville.

January 2015–: Member of the Editorial Board, FinanzArchiv.

November 2014: Chair, Scientific Committee, Canadian Public Economics Group, Ottawa.

June 2014: Organizing Committee, Cologne Tax Theory Conference.

November 2012: Co-chair, Scientific Committee, Canadian Public Economics Group, Montreal.

June 2012: Conference Organizing Committee, Here and Now: The Demographic Challenges to Canadian Public Policies, Moncton.

May 2012: Organizing Committee, Vanderbilt Tax Theory Conference, Nashville.

March 2011, External Reviewer, Department of Economics, Bishop’s University, Lennoxville.

September 2008–March 2010: Member, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Committee 7 (Economics).

July 2007–September 2009: Book Review Editor, Canadian Public Policy.

January 2007–April 2014: Member of the Editorial Board, Social Choice and Welfare.

May 2006, May 2007: Organizer of the Canadian Public Economics Group meetings, Montreal and Halifax.

May 2005–May 2008: Member of the Executive Council, Canadian Economic Association.

September 2003–Present: Member of the Editorial Board, Urban Public Economics Review.

July 1999–June 2002: Editorial Advisor, Canadian Journal of Economics

February 1998: Co-organizer, the Essex–IFS–Warwick Public Economics Weekend.

Referee for: *L'Actualité Économique*, *American Economics Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *American Economic Review*, *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Canadian Public Policy*, *Economic Journal*, *Economica*, *European Economic Review*, *FinanzArchiv*, *IMF Staff Papers*, *International Economic Review*, *International Review of Economics and Finance*, *International Tax and Public Finance*, *Journal of Canadian Studies*, *Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Labour Economics*, *Mathematical Social Sciences*, *Public Finance Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Regional Science*, *Regional Studies*, *Review of Development Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics of the Household*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Urban Economic Review*.

External reviewer for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada) on both Standard Research Grant and Canada Research Chair applications.

7.2 *Research Support*

July 2008 – June 2011: Research and Creative Activities Committee, Mount Allison University.

July 2003–June 2006: Research Ethics Board, Mount Allison. Chair July 2005–June 2006.

May 2003–June 2008: Editorial Committee for *The Campus Scholar*, Mount Allison.

January 2001–April 2001: Research Assessment Exercise Liaison, Department of Economics, Royal Holloway.

September 2000–April 2001: Coordinator of the external seminar series for the Department of Economics, Royal Holloway.

January 1998–June 1998: Coordinator of the external seminar series for the Department of Economics, Essex.

October 1996–December 1997, October 1998–December 1998: Coordinator of the internal workshop series for the Department of Economics, Essex.

7.3 *Teaching Support*

July 2013–June 2015: Admissions and Readmissions Committee, Mount Allison.

July 2005–June 2007: Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning, Mount Allison.

September 2000–July 2001: Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Economics, Royal Holloway.

December 1997–August 2000: Centre for Environment and Society, Management Committee for the Masters of the Environment degree scheme, Essex.

February 1997–August 2000: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Economics, Essex.

7.4 University Governance

July 2016 – : Secretary of Senate, Mount Allison.

January 2010–December 2013: Regent, Mount Allison.

October 2008–June 2011 and July 2014–June 2015 : Committee on Committees, Mount Allison.

September 2005–June 2007, September 2008–June 2015: University Senator, Mount Allison

July 2005–June 2007: Honorary Degrees Committee, Mount Allison

July 2005–June 2007: Steering Committee, Mount Allison Centre for Canadian Studies.

December 2004: Search Committee, Mount Allison University Football Coach.

April 2003–June 2006: Academic Judicial Appeals Committee, Mount Allison.

October 2000–July 2001: Faculty Board, History and Social Sciences Faculty, Royal Holloway.

8 Further Affiliations

March 2011–: Member, American Economic Association.

September 2007–: Member, International Institute of Public Finance.

February 2000–March 2004: Research Affiliate, CEPR, London.

September 1998–December 2002 and June 2004–: Member, Canadian Economic Association.