

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D.	George Mason University	1994
B.A.	University of Victoria, Canada	1989

Positions

2002-current: Associate Professor of Economics, George Mason University
1999-current: Assistant Editor, *The Independent Review*
1999-current: Director of Research, The Independent Institute
2000-2002: Vice President, The Independent Institute
1998 (Summer): Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, University of Virginia
1995-1999: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Ball State University
1996 (Summer): Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, University of Virginia
1994-95: Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Virginia.

Publications

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Tabarrok, A. 1996. Term limits and political conflict. In *Legislative Term Limits: Public Choice Perspectives*, ed. B. Grofman, 237-44. Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

Papers Under Review or Working Papers

Helland, E. and A. Tabarrok. Product Liability and Moral Hazard: Evidence from General Aviation.

Klick, J. and A. Tabarrok. forthcoming. Prisons, Police and Punishment: A Review of the Literature. Handbook on the Economics of Crime. Edward Elgar.

Helland, E. and A. Tabarrok. forthcoming. Crime Data: Implications and Limitations. Handbook on the Economics of Crime. Edward Elgar.

Book Reviews

Tabarrok, A. 2000. Review of D. Friedman (2000), *Law's Order*. *Cato Journal* 20 (1): 133-135.

Tabarrok, A. 1999. Review of Privatizing Social Security edited by Martin Feldstein. *The Independent Review* 3, #4.

Tabarrok, A. 1999. Review of Barro (1997), *Determinants of Economic Growth*. *International Review of Economics and Finance*.

Tabarrok, A. 1998. Review of *Economics of the Arts: Selected Essays*. *Journal of Cultural Economics* 22:285-293.

Tabarrok, A. 1994. If You're So Rich...The Economic Approach to Epistemology (Review of Rescher, N. 1989. *Cognitive Economy*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press. *Reason Papers* 19:146-57.

Other Publications

I write regularly at www.MarginalRevolution.com, one of the most widely read blogs on the web and recommended as one of the five best economics sites by the *Wall Street Journal* and I have published many op-eds and short articles in newspapers and magazines including in the *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Globe and Mail* and elsewhere.

I was a featured speaker at the 2009 TED conference,
http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/alex_tabarrok_foresees_economic_growth.html

Recent Refereeing, Academic Honors and Fellowships

Assistant editor of *The Independent Review*.

Recent Referring for NSF, *American Law and Economics Review*, NSF, *Public Choice*, *Economics of Planning*, *American Political Science Review*, National Science Foundation, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Management Science*, *International Review of Law and Economics*, and *Planning and Markets*.

George A. and Frances Ball Foundation Research Fellowship (1996).

Resident Scholar (summer, 1995), Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green State University

Earhart Foundation, Researcher Award, 1994-95.

Snively Award, Best Graduate Student: Department of Economics, George Mason University, 1994.

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

Law and Economics

Finance

Intermediate Microeconomics

History of Economic Thought

Econometrics

Public Choice

Industrial Organization

Principles of Economics

Empirical Law and Economics

Capable of teaching a variety of other courses including standard micro courses at the undergraduate or graduate level as well as courses such as Game Theory, The Theory of Voting and Social Choice, Empirical Research Design/Labor Econometrics etc.

References

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Service

Served on the department hiring committee, 2005

Chaired department hiring committee, 2006

Served on the hiring committee for the department chair, 2008

Ran Public Choice Seminar, 2003-2006

Seminars for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute 2006, 2007, 2008

Advisor to China 1-2-1 student thesis and attended the graduate ceremony for the 2008 students in Yunnan, China. (Also met in Beijing potential GMU students.)