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Education

Ph.D.	George Mason University	1994
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Positions

I am currently the *Bartley J. Madden Chair in Economics at the Mercatus Center* and Professor of Economics at George Mason University.

2012-current: Co-founder, *Marginal Revolution University*
2011-current: Director, Center for Study of Public Choice, GMU
2013-current: Senior Fellow, *The Independent Institute*
2011-current: Associate Editor: *The International Review of Law and Economics*
2002-current: Professor of Economics, George Mason University.
1999-current: Assistant Editor, *The Independent Review*
1999-2013: 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

Books and Monographs

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Working Papers/Research in Progress

Goldschlag, N. and A. Tabarrok. Is Regulation to Blame for the Decline in American Entrepreneurship?

Goldschlag, N and A. Tabarrok. Patents Lawsuits and R&D Investment.

(others)

Selected Other Publications

I was a featured speaker at the 2009 TED conference in a talk that has been watched hundreds of thousands of times.

http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/alex_tabarrok_foresees_economic_growth.html

I write regularly at 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*.

I have published many op-eds and short articles in newspapers and magazines including in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and elsewhere. A short selection of these follows.

Tabarrok, A., & Rajagopalan, S. 2015, March 16. Designing Private Cities, Open to All. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/17/opinion/designing-private-cities-open-to-all.html>

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Academic Honors, Editorships, Recent Refereeing, and Fellowships

- Bartley J. Madden Chair in Economics at the Mercatus Center
- Editorial Board: *Constitutional Political Economy*
- Associate Editor: *The International Review of Law and Economics*
- Assistant Editor: *The Independent Review*
- *Presidential Nominating Committee: The Southern Economic Association*
- Advisor: LifeSharers: Organ Donor Network
- Advisory Board: *The Dialectics: Journal of Leadership, Politics, and Society*
- *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.*
- *Recent Referring for American Economic Review, Public Choice, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Legal Studies, American Law and Economics Review, National Science Foundation.*

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

Law and Economics

Finance

Intermediate Microeconomics

History of Economic Thought

Econometrics

Development Economics

Public Choice

Industrial Organization

Principles of Economics

Empirical Law and Economics

Principles of Microeconomics

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

Director, Center for Study of Public Choice

Chair of the Senior Hiring Committee, 2012

Southern Economic Association, Presidential Nominating Committee

Keynote speaker for the GMU Mid-Atlantic United Nations, 2011

Public Choice Outreach, 2011

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.)