

## Current Projects

The bulk of my current work falls into three book-length projects, one edited and two authored. The edited book is titled *James M. Buchanan: A Theorist of Political Economy and Social Philosophy*, to be published by Palgrave Macmillan as the third volume in its series *Remaking Economics: Eminent Post-War Economists*. This volume will contain around 50 essays and is scheduled for completion in late 2018.

My second book project is currently titled *Ecological Macro Theory: Emergence, Institutions, and Economic Process*. Its analytical point of departure is a paper titled "A Macro Economy as an Emergent Ecology of plans," which I published in 2012 in the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. The book takes the tack that so-called macro variables are not objects of choice but rather are emergent resultants of micro-level interactions. This book is being developed in conjunction with teaching market process theory during spring semesters.

My third book project is tentatively titled *The Public Policy Shell Game: Entangled Political Economy at Work*. This book is being developed in conjunction with teaching public choice during fall semesters. It works with the same bi-planar theoretical architecture as the macro book uses, only it elaborates on the theme that creative human systems have emergent features that are impervious to control through so-called "policy." In other words, all policy measures are instruments for changing patterns of micro interaction inside an economic system and are not instruments for recreating those systems. While those systems do recreate themselves through time, such recreation is emergent and not the province of some act of policy.

During my teaching and dissertation supervision, I also create a continuing parade of academic papers that are spun off from the courses and book projects. Hence, the general contours of these forthcoming books can be discerned from my recent writings, mostly co-authored with students.