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Date of Birth: June 29, 1972 (Atlanta, Georgia, USA)

Languages: English (mother tongue), Hungarian (advanced level).

Ph.D. Dissertation:

Capital Mobility and Sudden Stops: Consequences and Policy Options. Chair: Dr. Leonardo Auernheimer, Texas A&M University, 2003.

Fields of Specialization:

International Macroeconomics and Industrial Organization

Academic Publications:

“Inflation Targeting or Fear of Floating in Disguise: A Broader Perspective” [With Javier A. Reyes]. *Journal of Macroeconomics* 30(1), pp. 308 - 326, 2008.

“International Reserve Holdings: Interest Rates Matter!” [With Javier A. Reyes]. Forthcoming *Applied Economic Letters*.

“Southwest Airlines: An Alternative Airline Model.” *Business and Economic Studies*. Vol. 13, Number 1, (2007): 73-87.

“Inflation Targeting or Fear of Floating in Disguise: The Case of Mexico.” [With Javier A. Reyes]. *International Journal of Finance and Economics* Vol. 9, Issue 1, (2004): 49-69.

“The Intertwinement of Legal and Economic Systems in Transition,” *Rechtstheorie* 33 (2002): 299-317

Education:

Texas A&M University, Ph.D. student in Economics. Fields of Specialization: International Economics and Industrial Organization with minor field in Econometrics. (1998 to 2003). Graduated with Ph.D. in August 2003.

University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a minor of study in German, Graduated Summa Cum Laude in June 1994, Overall Grade Point Average on 4.0 scale: 3.8, Grade Point Average in Economics on 4.0 scale: 4.0.

London School of Economics and Political Science, attended the 1992 International Summer School; took two courses: Intermediate Macroeconomics and Central European Economies in Transition

Academic Achievements and Awards: Member of the UAH Honors Program (1991-1994); awarded full Presidential Scholarship (1991-1994); "Most Outstanding

Student" in Department of Economics and Finance (1992-1993); named "Honors Scholar" by Department of Economics and Finance (1992-1993); awarded Margaret Bond Economics Scholarship for Spring 1994; lifetime member of the United States National Economics and Business Honors Society (Beta Gamma Sigma); lifetime member of the United States National Foreign Language Honors Society (Phi Sigma Iota); awarded Herta Heller award by the UAH Foreign Language Department for outstanding achievement in German.

Academic Activities: Lecturer (Fall 1995, May 15 and 17, 1995) Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest and (October 1996) University of Pécs; Member of the UAH Faculty Honors Council (1992-1994); vice-president of the UAH Financial Management Association (1992-1993); member of the Student Business Council (1992-1993); President of the UAH German Club (1993-1994).

Experience:

Associate Professor of Economics and Chair in International Economics, Quinnipiac University (August 2003 to Present)

Ph.D. student, Texas A&M University (August 1998 to June 2003).

Fields of Specialization: International Macroeconomics and Industrial Organization with a minor field of study in Econometrics.

Work Responsibilities: Research Assistant to Dr. Raymond Battalio and Dr. John Van Huyck in the Economic Research Laboratory conducting economic experiments (Fall 1999 to present)

Contact: Dr. Raymond Battalio, Phone: (979) 845 - 7309, Email: rcb@econ.tamu.edu

Fellow, Institute of Current World Affairs (Hannover, NH, USA) (July 1996 to July 1998)

Responsibilities: Research fellow; research focused on the local development (economic, governmental, and societal) of Hungarians living in Hungary and Romania; analysis was economic-journalistic. Regular reports were written by myself. They were edited and published by the Institute of Current World Affairs..

Contact: Peter Bird Martin, Director of Institute, Tel: (603) 643-5548, Fax: (603) 9599, Email: icwa@valley.net

Organizational Description: The Institute funds individuals to live abroad and research topics of their own interest. Emphasis is placed on writing and language skills in addition to good analytical abilities.

Project Consultant, Hungarian Atlantic Council, Budapest, Hungary (July 1996 to 1998)

Responsibilities: advising Council on organizational structure, and planning.

Contact: His Excellency Géza Jeszenszky (Ambassador to United States, 1998-2002); e-mail: geza@jeszen.hu

Organization Description: Hungarian Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) focusing on foreign policy issues in CEE in general and Hungary in specific. Its activities include publishing foreign policy related information in Hungarian and English, arranging conferences and seminars and acting as an information source in Hungary on NATO and other integration-related issues.

Project Director, Hungarian Atlantic Council, Budapest, Hungary (January 1995 to July 1996)

Responsibilities: Developing and managing projects; organizing international conferences; furthering connections with foreign NGO and business community in Hungary; editing all English publications.

Reference: see above.

Organization Description: see above.

Lecturer, Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary (Fall Semester 1995 / 1996 School Year).

Responsibilities: Taught a one-semester class on critical thinking and writing essays and research papers; students were Hungarian freshman in the American Studies department.

Reference: Dr. Linda Thornburg (tel./ fax: 36-1 343-8760).

Organization Description: American Studies Department of the University; focuses on humanities studies with history and political science included.

Teaching Experience

Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT, USA:

Instructor (2003 to present), Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, International Economics, Game Theory and MBA Managerial Economics

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, USA:

Instructor, Money and Banking, Summer 2002

Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Spring 2002

Joint Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Fall 2001/Spring 2002.

Joint Instructor, Experimental Economics, Fall 2001

Teaching Assistant, Graduate Macroeconomic Theory III, Fall 2001

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Game Theory, Spring 1999 and 2001

Teaching Assistant, Masters Math for Economists, Fall 1998

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) Budapest, Hungary: Instructor, Critical Thinking and Research Writing, Fall 1995

Professional Economic Presentations (complete presentation list below):

"When Workers Remit, How Does Policy React? The Macroeconomic Implications of Remittances in Emerging Markets" Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society, March 26 - 29, 2008. and at the Southern Economic Association 78th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 18 – 20, 2007.

"Announcement Effects in Emerging Market Inflation Targeting Regimes." Southern Economic Association 77th Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 19 – 21, 2006.

"Can Inflation Targeting Perpetuate Current Account Deficits?" Southern Economic Association 75th Annual Meeting, Washington D.D., November 18 – 20, 2005.

"Inflation Targeting or Fear of Floating in Disguise: A Broader Perspective" Southern Economic Association 74th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 21-23, 2004.

“Inflation Targeting or Fear of Floating in Disguise: The Case of Mexico.” Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, March 14–16, 2002

“Inflation Targeting or Fear of Floating in Disguise: The Case of Mexico.” Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Meeting, Memphis, February 28–March 2, 2002

Conferences Attended and/or Organized (complete list):

“US Economic Problems and Global Trends”, Panel on Economic Performance at Tusnad Summer Open University, Tusnad, Romania, July 14 – 21, 2008.

"On The Costs and Benefits of Inflation Targeting to Join the EMU," *XXIV Economic Forum*, Krynica, Poland, September 6 - September 9, 2006..

Texas A&M University, 14th Texas Monetary Conference, College Station, TX, April 29 – 30, 2006.

Quinnipiac University, Conference on Trends in Global Business, Doing Business in the European Union: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, New Haven, CT, April 20 – 22, 2006. Presented paper on “Monetary Regimes for Joining the EMU: First Thoughts for the Visegrad Four.”

Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Il. March 14 - 16, 2002. Presented paper on "Inflation Targeting or Fear of Floating in Disguise: The Case of Mexico" coauthored with Javier A. Reyes; and Discussant on Panel for "South American Economies"

Missouri Valley Economic Association 38th Annual Meeting, Memphis, Tennessee. Feb 28 - March 2, 2002. Presented paper on "Inflation Targeting or Fear of Floating in Disguise: The Case of Mexico" coauthored with Javier A. Reyes; and Discussant on Panel for "Issues in Balance of Trade Deficits and Exchange Rates"

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and Texas A&M, "8th Texas Monetary Conference", Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, USA. April 21 –22, 2000 (Attended).

Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Dollarization: A Common Currency for the Americas? Dallas, TX, USA. March 6-7, 2000 (Attended).

Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M, "Increasing Inequality in America", Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, USA. March 13, 1999 (Attended).

Hungarian Atlantic Council, "From the Marshall Plan to the joining of NATO: Economic Conclusions", Budapest, November 3-5, 1997. Language: Hungarian (Organized & Attended)

Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Legal Philosophy Symposium, "Transition to Rule of Law", Budapest, Szeged and Pécs, Hungary, March 17-21, 1997 & 1998, Language: English (Discussant)

Deutsche Atlantische Gesellschaft and Hungarian Atlantic Council, "Peace and Stability for Europe and Beyond..", Budapest, November 15-17, 1996. Language: English and German (Organized & Attended).

The New Atlantic Initiative, Congress of Prague, Prague, Czech Republic, May 10-12, 1996. Language: English. Participated in committees on Security Policy and on Trade and Economic Policy. Congress resulted in an international declaration, The

Declaration of Prague on Atlantic Principles, to which I am a signatory. It emphasizes the need to keep Europe and the United States cooperating as strategic partners, welcomes the recently-freed nations of Central Eastern Europe into the Euro-Atlantic community, and emphasizes the need to re-found the community on the traditional liberal grounds of freedom broadly defined (Participated as delegate from HAC).

World Policy Institute and National Forum Foundation, "Central Europe and the United States: The Emerging Relationship", Budapest, November 17-19, 1995. Language: English (Discussant).

US Embassy (in Budapest) and Hungarian Atlantic Council, "American Public Opinion and U.S. Foreign Policy 1995", Budapest, September 1995. Language: English. (Organized and Discussant)

Hungarian Atlantic Council and Polish Atlantic Klub, "Security in Central and East Europe: Present and Future", Budapest, May 31 - June 2, 1995. Language: English (Organized).

The European Union Banat of Romania, "The Post-communist Press Dilemmas and The Concept of European Integration", Timisoara, Romania, May 17-19, 1995. Language: Romanian, English, French and German. (Presentation and Discussant).

Friedrich-Naumann Stiftung, "50 év béke – 5 év demokrácia" (50 years peace - 5 years democracy), Budapest, March 24 - 25 1995. Language: Hungarian and German. (Participant)

Institute for Strategic and Defence Studies, "After the OSCE Budapest Summit", Budapest, March 3, 1995. Language: English. (Participant)

Non-Academic Publications:

"Protecting Consumers By Raising Gas Prices?" [with Mark Gius and Matthew Rafferty] *CATO Regulation Magazine*, Vol.30, No. 2, Summer 2007.

"Pumping Out The Numbers." [with Mark Gius and Matthew Rafferty] *The New York Times*, April 22, 2007.

"Three Ways to Bring Down Gas Prices in Connecticut," [with Mark Gius and Matthew Rafferty] *New Haven Register*, Forum, B3, Sunday, May 6, 2007.

"Monetary Regimes for Joining the EMU: First Thoughts for the Visegrad Four." Proceedings of Conference on Trends in Global Business, Doing Business in the European Union: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, New Haven, CT, April 20 – 22, 2006.

Regular English editor of the Fidesz Economic and Foreign Policy Position Papers for 1995 and 1996.

Conference Papers from "Central and East European Security: Present and Future", Hungarian Atlantic Council, Budapest, 1995, edited by Christopher P. Ball and Dr. Alfred Reisch

"Law on the Protection of Inventions by Patents and Law on Patent Attorneys", National Office of Inventions of the Republic of Hungary, Budapest, 1995, revised by Dr. Margít Sümeghy and Christopher P. Ball.

"Political Correctness and Issues of Integration", published in Proceedings, Post-communist Press Dilemmas and The Concept of European Integration, European Union Banat of Romania, Timisoara, Romania, May 17 - 19 1995.

"Hard Times Will Remain in 1996", The Budapest Sun, January 25-31, 1996.
 "Competition is Key to the Market", The Budapest Sun, October 5-11, 1995.
 "Shock Therapy is Most Effective", The Budapest Sun, October 23-29, 1995.
 English-language editor for all English publications, lectures, papers, brochures and other written works of the Hungarian Atlantic Council.

**Newsletters, Published By The Institute of Current World Affairs (ICWA):
 (for copies see ICWA)**

"An Introduction to Szekelyudvarhely: Part One" (May, 1998)
 "An Introduction to Szekelyudvarhely: Part Two" (June, 1998)
 "Life in Block 67" (March, 1998)
 "Only One Kind of Commerce" (March, 1998)
 "Business Romanian Style" (January, 1998)
 "Decentralization or Just Local Confusion" (November, 1997)
 "Timisoara: Birthplace of the Revolution" (October, 1997)
 "Romanian Reform: The First 200 Days" (August, 1997)
 "Part II of Romanian Reform: The first 200 Days" (June, 1997)
 "Problems in Enyed" (June, 1997)
 "Easter Monday in Székelyföld" (May, 1997)
 "Historical Reconciliation: A Central European Mystery" (September 1996)
 "The Central European Mystery: A Look at the Costs and Benefits" (October, 1996)
 "The Battle Mohács" (October 1996)
 "The Day God Gave a Brain to the Romanian People: Romanian Elections-Nov.3,1996"
 (November,1996)
 "Part II: The Day God Gave a Brain to the Romanian People" (December, 1996)

Non-Academic Invited Lectures:

"Out of the Frying Pan and Into the Fire: Hungary's Transition from Goulash Communism to EU Membership", Colloquium on "Russia and Its Neighbors: A Post Communist Perspective", Panel on "Out from Russia's Shadow", Institute of Current World Affairs, June 4-6, 2004
 "Making Bacon Out of a Dog: Hungary and Romania ", Colloquium on "Russia and Its Neighbors: A Post Communist Perspective", Panel on "Communist Legacy", Institute of Current World Affairs, June 4-6, 2004
 "The Growth of Civic Culture in Hungary and Issues of Integration", The United States Embassy in Hungary, for the NATO Tour Group from Belgium, lecture given with Dr. Enikő Bollobás, Spring 1995.
 "Wealth in the United States", Two-part lecture at the ELTE University of Budapest in the Department of American Studies, May 15 & 17, 1995.
 "Explaining Modern Behavioral Patterns: A look at Hungary's Economic History", For English-speaking students in the MBA program at the University of Pécs, Hungary, October, 1996.
 "History of the Hungarian Economy: 1945 - Present", Two-hour lecture for western business executives in Hungary. Organized by Excellence Kft., Czirák, Hungary. Lecture given regularly 1996-1998.

Other Activities: Grant advisor to the Pro Minoritate Foundation (Budapest, 1995 - 1997); studied Hungarian language at ELTE University (Budapest, 1995 / 96); taught free women's self-defense and rape prevention classes for the United Way (1993-1994) and Hospice Nursing Organization (1999, 2003); enjoy reading and writing as well as playing blues and jazz guitar (at home for fun).