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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Duke University, 1989

Areas of specialization:

Industrial Organization, International Trade, and Public Choice.

M.A., Economics, Duke University, 1986.

B.A., Economics and Spanish. Guilford College, Greensboro, NC, 1978.

Facultad de Filosofia y Letras, Universidad de Sevilla, Spain, 1976-77

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND SERVICE

Florida Chamber of Commerce Council of Business Economists 2017 - present

Director, then Senior Research Fellow, Studer Community Institute, 2014 - 2016

Florida Chamber of Commerce Econometrics Council, 2009 - 2016

Florida TaxWatch Council of Economic Advisors, 2008 - present

Advisor to Florida Senate Select Committee on Florida's Economy, 2008 - 2010

Florida Governor's Council of Economic Advisors, 2001 - 2006

Gabor Company, UWF Faculty Member of the Year, 2002

President, Gulf Coast Economics Club, 2000 - 2002

Director, Association for University Business and Economic Research (AUBER), 1999 - 2001

E.W. Hopkins Summer Research Award, 1996

Florida Teaching Incentive Program Award, 1997, 1994

UWF MBA Association Outstanding Graduate Program Instructor, 1994-95

UWF Student Government Association Distinguished Teaching Award, 1994

UWF Summer Research Award, 1993, 1990

UWF Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching and Advising Award, 1993

UWF Task Force on Undergraduate Education, Curriculum Development Award, 1992

UWF College of Business, Dyson Faculty Excellence Award, 1991

Carnegie Foundation, for study of economic sanctions, 4/86-11/87

Center for International Political Economy, Duke University, Summer, 1987.

EXPERIENCE

TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC.

Economic Advisor 12/17 - present

Advise and support the Board of Directors of Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc. as it evaluates funding requests, makes funding decisions, and monitors program performance for the \$1.5 billion dollar fund intended to grow and diversify Florida counties disproportionately affected by the BP oil spill. Position reports to Executive Director.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

Associate Professor 8/95 - 12/17

Dept of Marketing, Supply Chain Logistics, and Economics

Pensacola, Florida 32514

Assistant Professor 8/89 - 8/95

Teaching responsibilities include undergraduate and graduate courses in economics and business.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

Associate Vice President for Research and Economic Opportunity. 7/15 - 12/16

Advise university administration on economic issues, serve in University President's Cabinet. Direct UWF Office of Economic Development and Engagement. Position reports to University Provost.

THE FLORIDA SENATE Senior Policy Advisor for Economic Affairs

Suite 409, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 7/12 - 5/14

Advise Florida Senate on all issues related to economic affairs, including bill drafting, program analysis,

development and administration of economic development incentives, and other issues as needed. Oversight of and liaison with associated Senate committee staff directors. Position housed in Senate President's Office and reports to Chief of Staff of Florida Senate.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

Executive Director, Office of Economic Development and Engagement 1/11 – 12/16
Pensacola, FL 32514-5752

Direct activities of economic development office, including development of community partnerships and programmatic activities related to economic development. Oversee activities of Haas Center and Florida Small Business Development Center Network. Administer economic development funding programs. Position reports to University Provost.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development Director 8/98 – 3/03, 8/04 – 1/11
Pensacola, FL 32514-5752 Interim Director 8/97 - 8/98

Direct activities of research center providing socioeconomic and demographic data and research studies. These include economic impact studies, regional economic research reports, labor market studies and economic forecasting, as well as survey research, marketing research and other business-related topics.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO Visiting Lecturer

Greensboro, NC 8/1/88 - 8/89

DUKE UNIVERSITY Research/Teaching Assistant

Durham, NC 8/84 - 8/89

RESEARCH TRIANGLE INSTITUTE Assistant Economist

Research Triangle Park, NC 10/79 - 8/84

Duties included assisting in all phases of various funded research projects, including data collection and analysis, report writing, proposal preparation and project management. On-site courses in use of microcomputers for public budgeting taught in Spanish to municipal officials from Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Peru.

PUBLICATIONS

Chakraborty, K. & Harper, R. K. (2017). Measuring the Impact of Socio-economic Factors on School Efficiency in Australia. *Atlantic Economic Journal*, 45 (2), 163-179, doi: DOI 10.1007/s11293-017-9542-x.

Chakraborty, K. & Harper, R. K. (2017). Dynamic Productivity Analysis and the Effect of Firm-Specific and Macroeconomic Characteristics on Productivity: An Application to the Insurance Industry. *International Journal of Applied Economics*, 14 (2), 37-55.

Rick Harper. "The Impact of Florida's Minimum Wage Law on Employment in the Hospitality Industry." The James Madison Institute, February, 2012.

Adler, Kenneth, Rick Harper, and Bob Hoyt. "Bridging the Gap," *Medical Economics*, December 17, 2010. [Electronic health exchanges could eliminate the silos of information and improve care]

Richard K. Harper and Richard Hawkins. "Hurricanes and the Local Sales Tax Base: Evidence from the 2004 Florida Hurricanes," *State Tax Notes*. Vol 40, No 5, 2006 [Changes in sales tax collections]

Richard K. Harper, R. Hawkins, G. Martin, R. Sjolander. "Price Effects Around a Sales Tax Holiday," *Public Budgeting and Finance*. Vol 23, No 4, 2003, pp 108 – 113 [Who wins from sales tax holidays]

Richard K. Harper and Alfred Cuzan. "Economic Systems," in Hillman, Richard, ed., *Understanding Contemporary Latin America*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 3rd ed. 2005. [Description of Latin American economic structure and issues]

Feinberg, Robert and Richard K. Harper. "Regime Effects of EU Market Integration Policies on the UK Financial Sector," *Review of Industrial Organization*. Vol 15, No 4, pp 357-365, 1999. [European share price response to banking market integration]

Harper, Richard K. and William Huth. "Japanese Equity Market Response to Administered Protection Decisions," *Managerial and Decision Economics*. Vol. 18, pp 11-26, 1997. [Effects on Japanese stock prices of being named as a respondent in a US antidumping case]

Harper, Richard K. and Stephen Adams. "CERCLA and Deep Pockets: Market Response to the Superfund Program," *Contemporary Policy Issues*. January 1996. [Stock price effects on businesses potentially liable at Superfund sites]

Richard K. Harper, Richard Sjolander and Snorri Gislason. "Using Export to Win! in International Business," in Karakaya, Fahri, ed. *Utilizing Information Technology in International Business*, Haworth Press, 1995. [Evaluation of simulation software for use in teaching international business]

Arguea, Nestor and Richard K. Harper. "Linkages in U.S. and World Sugar Futures Contracts". *Managerial Finance*. Vol 20, No 2, 1994. [Statistical study of sugar futures markets]

Harper, Richard K. "Intellectual Property and Unfair Trade: Market Response to ITC Decisions," *International Journal of the Economics of Business*. Vol 1, No 3: 343-353, 1994. [Wealth effects of International Trade Commission Decisions on intellectual property rights]

Arguea, Nestor, and Richard K. Harper. "Industry Definition and Less Than Fair Value Pricing: An Analysis of ITC Practice," *Journal of Economic Integration*. Vol 6, No 1: 1994. [Case study of International trade Commission practice, using commuter aircraft industry]

Harper, Richard K. and Ronald F. Bush. "Evaluation of Computer Based Information Sources for International Business," *Journal of Teaching in International Business* Vol 4, No 2-3., 1994. [Comparison of computer alternatives in the classroom]

Harper, Richard K. and John Aldrich. "The Political Economy of Sugar Legislation," *Public Choice*, v. 70: 299-314, 1991. [Study of sugar voting in the U.S. Senate, 1962-1987]

Harper, Richard K. *Sugar: Market Structure and Performance*. Fuqua School of Business, Background note # 1950, 1990. [Development/performance of world and U.S. sugar markets]

Harper, Richard K. "Problems in Political Economy." Syllabus and related course materials included in Tower, Edward, ed. *Public Choice, Political Economy, Law and War*. Volume 20, pages 70-76, Eno River Press, Durham, NC, 1990.

RESEARCH MONOGRAPHS AND ARTICLES (Includes those projects completed while at UWF Haas Center. Subsequent client-specific monographs available upon request, subject to possible confidentiality constraints.)

Rick Harper, Phyllis K. Pooley, Michael Schiebe. *Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis*. Commissioned by Enterprise Florida. January 2011.

Rick Harper. *Economic Impact of a Statutory Teaching Hospital in Escambia County, Florida*. Prepared for Sacred Heart Health System. December 2009.

Rick Harper. *Economic Impact of a Proposed Community Park*. August 2009.

Rick Harper. *Project Odyssey: Training the Astronaut in Everyone*. July 2008.

Rick Harper. *Real Estate Lending and Market Risk*. Prepared for Beach Community Bank. June 2008.

Cassady, J., Harper, R. (2008, May). *Defense Spending Drives Technology-Intensive Clusters Across Florida*. *The Northwest Florida Economy*, Spring 2008.

Rick Harper, Phyllis K. Pooley, Michael Schiebe. *Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis*. Commissioned by Enterprise Florida. January 2008.

Harper, R. (2007, October). *The Economic Outlook: Slowing Growth for the Nation, Special Risks for Florida*. *The Northwest Florida Economy*, Fall 2007.

Rick Harper, Rod Lewis, Ash Morgan, Melissa Neal, Phyllis Pooley. *Pinellas County, Florida Feasibility Study and Gap Analysis for Centers of Excellence Career Technical High Schools*. Prepared for WorkNet Pinellas and the Pinellas Education Foundation. September 2007.

Harper, R., Morgan, A., Neal, M., Pooley, P. (2007, August). *Needs Assessment of Career-Technical Education in Florida*. *The Northwest Florida Economy*, Summer 2007.

Rick Harper. *Economic Impact of Military Personnel Realignment in Okaloosa County*. Commissioned by Economic Development Council Okaloosa County, Florida. August 2007.

Rick Harper. *Needs Assessment Report: Financial and Professional Services*. Prepared for Employ Florida Banner Center of Excellence. July 2007.

Rick Harper. Needs Assessment Report: Career-technical Education. Prepared for Employ Florida Banner Center of Excellence. July 2007.

Rick Harper. Economic Impact of the 2006 NCAA Division II National Championships Festival on the Pensacola MSA. Prepared for Intercollegiate Athletic Department, University of West Florida. April 2007.

Tolbert Ennis, Rick Harper, Angela Loiselle, Phyllis K. Pooley, Michael Scheibe, Jennifer Whitfield. Okaloosa County School District Customer Satisfaction Survey. Commissioned by Okaloosa County School District. January 2007.

Harper, R. (2007, January). Department of Community Affairs: Sustainable Emerald Coast. The Northwest Florida Economy, Winter 2007.

Rick Harper and Ash Morgan. Measuring the Value-added of the CHOICE Institutes. Commissioned by Okaloosa County School District. August 2006.

Rick Harper. Economic Impact of the 2005 BRAC Relocations for Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton Counties. Prepared for Science Applications International Corporation. August 2006.

Rick Harper, Ash Morgan, Carrie Morgan. Workforce Region II Gap Analysis. June 2006.

Harper, R. (2006, April). Impact of Freezing Development on Perdido Key. The Northwest Florida Economy, Spring 2006.

Rick Harper, Ash Morgan, Carrie Morgan. Demand for Workforce Housing in Northwest Florida. Prepared for Florida's Great Northwest. March 2006.

Tolbert Ennis, Rick Harper, Angela Loiselle, Phyllis K. Pooley, Michael Scheibe, Susan Shaw, Jennifer Whitfield. Okaloosa County School District Customer Satisfaction Survey. Commissioned by Okaloosa County School District. February 2006.

Rick Harper, Ash Morgan, Carrie Morgan. Economic Analysis of the Contribution of Choctawhatchee Bay to Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Commissioned by Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance. December 2005.

Rick Harper. Economic Impact of the 2005 BRAC Relocations in Okaloosa County. Prepared for Economic Development Council Okaloosa County, Florida. November 2005.

Rick Harper and Phyllis Pooley. Economic Impact of a Large Boat Marina. Commissioned by Economic Development Council Okaloosa County, Florida. November 2005.

Harper, R. (2005, October). The Economic Impact of Ivan: One Year Out. The Northwest Florida Economy, Fall 2005.

Harper, R. (2005, October). Okaloosa County School District Parent Satisfaction Survey. The Northwest Florida Economy, Fall 2005.

Woodrow W. Cushing and Rick Harper. Economic Impact Reactivation NAS Cecil Field. Commissioned by Enterprise Florida, Inc. September 2005.

Harper, R. (2005, July). BRAC Hits Pensacola. The Northwest Florida Economy, Summer 2005.

Tolbert Ennis, Rick Harper, Matthew Mirkowski, Phyllis K. Pooley, Michael Scheibe, Susan A. Shaw. Okaloosa County School District Customer Satisfaction Survey. Commissioned by Okaloosa County School District. May 2005.

Rick Harper and Phyllis Pooley. Economic Impact of Proposed Community Park. Prepared for Dr. John Cavanaugh, President, University of West Florida. February 2005.

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Harper, R., and Neal, M. (2003, October). Economic Impact of Tourism to Beaches of South Walton/Walton County. The Northwest Florida Economy, Fall 2003.

Rick Harper, William L. Huth, Shannon Ogletree, Christine Pierce, Phyllis Pooley, Don Pulley. Department of Defense Florida Expenditures and Economic Impact Analysis for the Fiscal Year Ending 2002. Prepared for Enterprise Florida, Inc. September 2003.

Rick Harper. Supply Gaps and Surpluses in the Defense-Related Aviation/Aerospace Cluster in Okaloosa County. Prepared for Economic Development Council Okaloosa County, Florida. September 2003.

Harper, R. (2003, July). Reading New Metro Area Definitions Affect Northwest Florida. The Northwest Florida Economy, Summer 2003.

Harper, R. (2002, October). Reading Tea Leaves Economic Uncertainty Abounds. The Northwest Florida Economy, Fall 2002.

Stephen J. Conroy and Rick Harper. Downtown Improvement Board Project: Summary of Findings. Prepared for Downtown Improvement Board. September 2000.

Rick Harper. An Evaluation of the CSL Study of the Economic and Fiscal Impact of a Proposed Pensacola Beach Convention Center. Prepared for Santa Rosa Island Authority. June 2000.

Raymond Grant, Rick Harper, Guy Livingston. Economic Impact Study: Proposed Real Estate Development in Perdido Key. Commissioned by Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce. March 2000.

Rick Harper and Chris Pierce. Relocation/Productivity Survey Results CIGNA Corporation. Prepared for Mr. Tony Marchese, CIGNA Corporation. January 2000.

Rick Harper, Guy Livingston, Chris Pierce. Economic Impact Study Okaloosa County Conference Center. Commissioned by Dr. Dianne Barlar, University of West Florida. December 1999.

Kristine M. Artiles, Rick Harper, Kelly J. Mershon, Christine K. Smith. Economic Impact of Military Activity in the I-10 Technology Corridor. Prepared for Economic Development Council Okaloosa County, Florida. July 1999.

Richard K. Harper, Kelly J. Mershon, Christine K. Smith. Economic Effects of Technology Initiatives and Activities in Okaloosa County. Prepared for Economic Development Council Okaloosa County, Florida. March 1999.

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