

# KURT C. SCHAEFER

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Economics (Econometrics, Economic Development), University of Michigan, 1984  
M.A., Economics, University of Michigan, 1982  
B.A., (summa cum laude), Bradley University, 1980  
M. Div., Calvin Theological Seminary, expected May 2012 (Approximately two-thirds completed)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Professor of economics, Calvin College, 1993-present (associate professor 1990-92, assistant professor 1987-90). Teaching responsibilities have included economic theory, econometrics, senior seminar in history of economic thought, and interim courses in the economic systems of the ancient Near East, the American business system (team-taught with an accountant), apologetics, the economics of gender and race, computer modeling of dynamic systems (team-taught with a chemist) and formal decision-making algorithms (team-taught with a mathematician/ computer scientist).

Founding director, Calvin College Comenius Scholars Program, 2006—2009. A seminar course in non-profit leadership, accompanied by supervised internship placements in local non-profit organizations. Supported by a \$250,000 grant from the McGregor Fund.

Director, Calvin Center for Social Research, 2004-2007. One of the college's eleven research centers. Funded primarily by grant-funded and contract research.

Director, Calvin College Third World Studies Program, 1995-1997

Founding director, Calvin College Semester in Hungary, fall 1994. Director fall 1996, fall 1998.

Director, Calvin College Semester in Britain, spring 2001.

Expert legal testimony on behalf of The Westinghouse Corporation (December, 1992--January, 1993) and The Cessna Corporation (September--November, 1993), national producers of commercial heating systems (2000) and industrial ladders (2002), a trucking firm (2003), a physical abuse victim (2005) and a farm implement producer (2010-11).

Assistant to the Provost, 1992-1993, Calvin College. Duties included obtaining grant funding for a theology seminar for new faculty members (\$1 million), developing proposals for the college's first endowed chairs, developing the college's initial "first-year experience" course, launching the college honors program and college grants office, establishing summer-employment and royalties/ commissions guidelines, revising the faculty handbook to establish grievance procedures.

Participant, Christian College Coalition "Russian M.B.A. Initiative," 1991-92 (two summers). Twelve faculty from around the country collaborated with 50 Russian colleagues to author monographs and establish M.B.A.-level courses in 27 Russian universities.

Visiting Research Fellow (A.W. Mellon Foundation), The University of Chicago, July 1987, to conduct research on the economies of the ancient near east.

Assistant Professor of Economics, 1985-87, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York.

Visiting Research Fellow (A.W. Mellon Foundation), The University of Chicago, December 1984, to conduct research on the impact of private voluntary organizations on the economic development of less developed countries.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, 1984-85, Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois.

Teaching assistant, 1981-4, University of Michigan, for undergraduate economics courses and graduate courses in economic development of the Middle East and economic demography. Joint appointment with the Department of Economics and the English Composition Board.

## ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

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Robin C. Linstromberg Award in the History of Economic Thought, Bradley University, 1980

Denzil Austin Award in Economic Theory, Bradley University, 1980

Block Scholar, Bradley University, 1976-1980

Aid Association for Lutherans All-College Scholar, 1976-1980

Fine Arts Scholarship, Bradley University, 1976-1980

*Summa cum laude* Bachelor of Arts, Bradley University, 1980

Recipient, Christian Scholars Award (with John Mason, Gordon College), 1991

The Calvin Lectureship, 2002-3

Gordon College Franz Lecturer, 2003

Bradley University Thorsen Lecturer, 2007.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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Member, American Economics Association

Member, Association of Christian Economists.

Secretary/Treasurer and webmaster, Association of Christian Economists, 2003-2011.

Managing editor, *Faith and Economics*, 2003-2011.

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Refereed academic articles, book chapters and books:*

“Adolescent Alcohol Use, Peer and Neighborhood Effects, and Unobserved Factors” (with Laura De Haan and Tina Boljevac), *Faith and Economics*, 57, 2011.

“Rural Community Characteristics, Economic Hardship, and Peer and Parental Influences in Early Adolescent Alcohol Use” (with Laura De Haan and Tina Boljevac), *The Journal of Early Adolescence*, 30:5, October 2010, 629-650.

“American Poverty Policy” in *Faithful Imagination in the Academy*, Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2008.

"Monte Carlo Appraisals of Gravity Model Specifications" (with Michael A. Anderson and Michael J. Ferrantino), *Global Economy Journal*: 8:1, 2008, Article 2.

“Benchmarking Scholarship in Economics,” *Faith and Economics*, 47/48, 2006, 87-95.

- "Contract Theory, Distributive Justice, and the Hebrew Sabbatical," Faith and Economics, 45, 2005, 1-19.
- "Reverse Regression and Orthogonal Regression in Employment Discrimination Analysis," (with Michelle L. Visser) Journal of Forensic Economics, 16:3, 2004, 283-298.
- "Evangelicals, Welfare Reform, and Care for the Poor," in A Public Faith: Evangelicals and Civic Engagement, Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003.
- Response to Paul Heyne, "On Making Judgments," in Economics & Religion, Paul Oslington, ed., Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd., 2002
- "A.F.D.C. and Births to Unwed Women," (with Sarah Kampfer and Thomas Vander Veen) Labour Economics, 9 (2002), 801-813.
- "The Privatizing of Compassion: A Critical Engagement with Marvin Olasky," Chapter Five in Christian Responses to Poverty in America: Toward a Just and Caring Society, ed. David P. Gushee, Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1999.
- The Uses and Misuses of Data and Models: The Mathematization of the Human Sciences (with W. James Bradley). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 1998.
- "An Analytic Model of Emergency Food Provision," Food Policy, 20:4, August 1995, 315-321.
- "Creation, Fall, and What?" Faculty Dialogue, Spring, 1993.
- "A Portfolio Model for Evaluating Risk in Economic Development Projects, with an Application to Agriculture in Niger," Journal of Agricultural Economics (Aberdeen, Scotland, U.K.), 43:3, September 1992, 412-423.
- "The Bible, the State, and the Economy: A Framework for Analysis," with John Mason, Gordon College, Christian Scholars Review XX: 1, 45-64 (September, 1990). (Recipient of Christian Scholars' Award for year's best article)

*Other academic articles, book chapters and books:*

- "The Loss of Happiness in Market Democracies" reviewed in Faith and Economics, 41, Spring 2003, 27-29.
- Christian Perspectives on Economic Justice monograph, written for the Crossroads/Evangelicals for Social Action monograph series, 1998.
- "What's Wrong with this Picture? Churches and Microenterprise Development Projects," Regeneration Quarterly, 2:2, Spring 1996.
- Response (with Amy L. Sherman) to Between Two Paradigms: Evangelicals and Development (Cornell University opinion survey), Stewardship Journal, June 1994.
- "A Framework for Relating Communities," in The World Economy After the Cold War: A Symposium, published by The Institute on Religion and Democracy, April, 1991.
- Instructors' manual monograph for Russian teachers of Managerial Economics to accompany K.K. Seo's Managerial Economics, Seventh Edition (Irwin), 1993.
- Review of States or Markets? Neoliberalism and the Development Policy Debate (Eds. Christopher Colclough and James Manor, Oxford) for Stewardship Journal, January 1993.
- Review of the National Survey of Evangelicals on Christian Relief and Development, Stewardship Journal, Summer 1992.
- Commentary on the Oxford Declaration, Association of Christian Economists' Bulletin, Spring 1990.
- A review of the work of Alan Storkey for the Association of Christian Economists' Bulletin, Fall/Winter 1988.
- Dissertation: A Portfolio Model of Mixed Farming in Less Developed Countries, with an Application to Project Evaluation in Southeast Niger. April, 1984. Committee Chair: Richard C. Porter

WORK IN PROGRESS

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- A study of international-trade price-dispersion models (with Michael Anderson and Stephen Smith.) Currently under review at Review of World Economics (Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv).
- A book chapter for a volume on the use of metaphor in teaching, and another on the place of traditional Christian practices in teaching, under contract with Eerdmans Publishers. Both chapters completed and awaiting publication.

A study applying Hotelling spatial modeling to the dynamics of religious congregations and denominations. Part of a project funded by the Lilly Foundation.

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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College committee-chair appointments: Off-Campus Programs, two dean searches, Assessment and Institutional Research Task Force. Other college committee assignments: Faculty Senate (two terms), Secretary of Faculty Senate (2009-2011), Planning and Priorities, Educational Policy, Strategic Planning, Governance, Core Curriculum Semester-Hours Conversion, Graduate Studies, College Pricing task force, Honors Program, Writing Program, International Strategic Planning, Student Mandatory Allocations, Grants Management. Seminars in Christian Scholarship Board, Center for Social Research Board. Social Science Division research and scholarship mentor. Division academically-based service learning mentor.

Conferences organized and convened: North American Oxford Conference on Christian Faith and Economics, Calvin College, September 1992. Fieldstead Foundation conference for Christian Relief and Development executives and practitioners, San Jose, Costa Rica, January 1994. Conference for Christian graduate students and university faculty, co-sponsored by Inter-Varsity, Calvin College, November 1993

Several dozen conference and seminar presentations. About a dozen pre-publication book and article referee assignments. One external review of a Christian college economics-and-business department.

Church responsibilities: Elder, Church of the Servant, 1997—2000, 2009-2011. Secretary for pastoral search committee, 2001. Trombonist and accordionist in worship services. Sunday morning Bible-study leader, 2001-2002. Cadet leader, 1995-1999. Lay member of The Fellowship of Saint Augustine, Saint Augustine's House Lutheran Monastery, Oxford, Michigan.

Trombonist, Calvin Alumni Orchestra (2004-2008), Calvin College Trombone Choir (1992-1999). Docent, Grand Rapids Art Museum (1996).