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Employment History

Professor

Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

July 2020 - present

People Scientist

Part-time data science contractor, Indeed

February 2024 - present

Associate Dean

College of Business Administration, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

January 2019 - June 2020

Associate Professor

Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

July 2014 - July 2020

Assistant Professor

Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

August 2009 - June 2013

Assistant Professor

Dahl School of Business, Viterbo University

August 2008 - June 2009

Adjunct Instructor

Dahl School of Business, Viterbo University

Summers 2010-2011

Summer course in Masters of Business Administration course business cycle fluctuations

Adjunct Instructor

School of Adult Learning, Viterbo University

Summers 2006-2007, 2009

Summer courses in undergraduate elementary statistics

Education

Ph.D. Economics

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

August 2008

Dissertation: Three Essays in Adaptive Expectations in Macroeconomics

M.A. Economics

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

May 2004

M.A. Economics

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

May 2002

B.S. Economics

University of Wisconsin - La Crosse, La Crosse, WI

May 2000

Minors in Computer Science, Mathematics, and Statistics

Publications

14. James M. Murray. Fiscal policy reactions and impact over the labor income distribution. *Economic Analysis and Policy*, 83:701–718, 2024.
13. Peter Haried and James M. Murray. Digital collectibles: Exploring non-fungible tokens (nfts) through twitter messages. *Journal of International Technology and Information Management*, 32:59–79, 2023.

12. Yamin Ahmad and James M. Murray. Implications for determinacy for average inflation targeting. *Economics Bulletin*, 43:510–517, 2023.
11. James M. Murray, Sloan Komissarov, Sara Cook, and Brenda Murray. Predictors for growth mindset and sense of belonging in college students. *Journal of Pedagogical Sociology and Psychology*, 4:65–85, 2022.
10. James M. Murray. Econocast.net: Pencasts to supplement the undergraduate economics curriculum. *The Journal of Economic Education*, 49(2):222, 2018.
9. Sloan Komissarov and James M. Murray. Factors that influence undergraduate information-seeking behavior and opportunities for student success. *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 42:423–429, 2016.
8. Pedro de Araujo and James M. Murray. A life insurance deterrent to risky behavior in Africa. *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 37:548–576, 2015.
7. Elizabeth Knowles and James M. Murray. Developing students thought processes for choosing appropriate statistical methods. *Journal of Education for Business*, 89:389–395, 2014.
6. Nicholas Herro and James M. Murray. Dynamics of monetary policy uncertainty and the impact on the macroeconomy. *Economics Bulletin*, 33:257–270, 2013.
5. James M. Murray. Pencasts for introductory macroeconomics. *The Journal of Economic Education*, 43(3):348, 2012.
4. Michael Hauptert and James M. Murray. Regime switching and wages in major league baseball under the reserve clause. *Cliometrica*, 6(2):143–162, 2012.
3. Pedro de Araujo and James M. Murray. Channels for improved performance from living on campus. *American Journal of Business Education*, 3(12):57–64, 2011.
2. Pedro de Araujo and James M. Murray. Estimating the effects of dormitory living on student performance. *Economics Bulletin*, 20(1):866–878, 2010.
1. Glenn Knowles, James M. Murray, Michael Hauptert, and Keith Sherony. Shirking in major league baseball in the era of the reserve clause. *Nine: A Journal of Baseball History and Social Policy Perspectives*, 12, 2003.

Working Papers

1. James M. Murray. Scholar spotlights! a curricular intervention to enhance students' perceptions of relevance and belonging in principles of macroeconomics. Under review, 2024.

Grants Awarded to Support Research

6. James M. Murray (principal). Fiscal policy reactions and impact over the labor income distribution in the united states. UWL College of Business Administration research grant, Amount: \$3000, 2023.
5. James M. Murray (principal). Learning experiences in the first two years. UWL College of Business Administration research grant, Amount: \$3000, 2017.
4. James M. Murray (principal). Identifying regime switching in adaptive expectations, its causes, and consequences. UWL College of Business Administration research grant, Amount: \$3000, 2013.
3. James M. Murray (principal). Labor markets and adaptive expectations: Estimating a new Keynesian model with learning and unemployment. UW-L Faculty Research Grant, Amount: \$4,000, 2012.
2. James M. Murray (principal). Fiscal and expenditure multipliers when there are adaptive expectations. UW-L College of Business Administration research grant, Amount: \$3000, 2011.
1. James M. Murray (principal). Academic benefits of living on campus: A look at peer influences and utilization of university provided resources. UW-L Faculty Research Grant, Amount: \$3,511, 2011.

Grants Awarded to Support Teaching and Curriculum Development

11. James M. Murray (principal). Diversifying principles of macroeconomics: Enhancing relevance, sense of belonging, and growth mindset. UWL CATL Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant, Amount: \$1,500, 2022.
10. Mary Hamman, Laurie Miller, Brenda Murray, and James M. Murray (co-principals). Sustainable strategies for systematic community engagement and assessment of student learning in a redesigned business analytics course. UWL Curricular Redesign Grant, Amount: \$17,778, 2018.
9. Nabamita Dutta and James M. Murray (co-principals). Developing students' ability to connect economic modeling to real world issues. UWL CATL Lesson Study Grant, Amount: \$1,000, 2014.
8. James M. Murray and John M. Nunley (co-principals). Pencast lessons for advanced undergraduate economics courses. Kazanjian Economics Foundation grant, Amount: \$34,032, 2013.
7. James M. Murray and John M. Nunley (co-principals). Faculty grant development program. Amount: \$5,000, 2013.
6. James M. Murray (principal), Nabamita Dutta, Lisa Giddings, Michael Hauptert, Wahhab Khandker, and John M. Nunley. Integrating the economics curriculum through a unified emphasis on critical thinking and communication. UWL Curricular Redesign Grant, Amount: \$20,000, 2012.
5. James M. Murray (principal), Taggart J. Brooks, Elizabeth Knowles, Bryan Kopp, and Laurie Strangman. Efficient and effective feedback: A lesson study investigating students' responses and follow-up to feedback on their writing. UWL CATL Lesson Study Grant, Amount: \$2,500, 2012.
4. James M. Murray (principal). Online education grant for online instructor training. UWL CATL Faculty Development Grant, Amount: \$500, 2012.
3. James M. Murray (principal). Online education grant for eco 120: Global macroeconomics. UWL CATL Online Education Grant, Amount: \$3,000, 2011.
2. Glenn Knowles and James M. Murray (principal). Video lessons for graphical modeling strategy in principles of economics. UWL CATL Teaching Innovation Grant, Amount: \$3,000, 2011.
1. Kathryn Birkeland and James M. Murray (co-principals). Teaching economic development in principles of macroeconomics. UWL CATL Lesson Study Grant, Amount: \$1,000, 2011.

Referee Service

Invited blind peer reviewer for the following journals:

- American Economist (2 reviews)
- American Review of Political Economy (4 reviews)
- Contemporary Economic Policy
- Economics Bulletin (8 reviews)
- Economic Inquiry
- Economic Modeling
- Emerging Markets, Finance, and Trade
- Journal of Business Research
- Journal of Economics
- Journal of Economic Education (2 reviews)
- Journal of Economics and Finance Education
- Journal of Macroeconomics
- Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking (2 reviews)
- International Economics
- Labour Economics
- Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics

Selected University Service

Economics Promotion, Retention, and Tenure Committee

Chair August 2023 - May 2024

Member August 2021 - May 2023

Chair August 2020 - May 2021

Chair August 2016 - December 2018

Member August 2015 - May 2016

Annual review of tenured and tenure-track faculty in the Department of Economics for decisions of retention, tenure, and promotion.

Economics IAS Review Committee

Chair August 2023 - May 2024

Chair August 2020 - May 2021

Chair August 2016 - December 2018

Annual review of Instructional Academic Staff in the Department of Economics.

University Instructional Academic Staff Promotion Committee

Chair August 2022 - May 2024

Member August 2021 - May 2022

Consultant August 2019 - May 2020

University-level committee to review and decide upon promotion portfolios for instructional academic staff across the university applying for promotion.

Merit Committee

Chair August 2023 - May 2024

Member August 2022 - December 2022

Member August 2012 - December 2012

Member August 2010 - December 2010

Review tenured and tenure-track peers in the Department of Economics on contributions to teaching, research, and service.

Search and Screen Committee for CASSH Associate Dean

Chair February 2023 - April 2023

Internal search for a fixed-term Associate Dean for the UWL College of Social Sciences and Humanities (CASSH)

CBA Assurance of Learning Committee

Member August 2023 - May 2024

Oversee and report on assessment of student learning in the College of Business Administration

CBA Curriculum Committee

Member August 2022 - May 2023

Review and make decisions on College of Business Administration curriculum.

Search and Screen Committee for Assistant Professor in Economics

Chair August 2021 - February 2022

Reviewed applications and interviewed candidates for an Assistant Professor of Economics

Economics Department Assessment Committee

Member August 2020 - May 2022

Chair August 2015 - May 2016

Member August 2011 - May 2015

Coordinate assessment activities for the Department of Economics

Economics Department Curriculum Committee

Member August 2020 - May 2022

Manage curriculum decisions for the Department of Economics

UW MBA Consortium Standards Committee

Member

January 2019 - May 2022

Review and make decisions on curriculum, instructor standards, and assessment practices.

University Equity Liaison Academic Subcommittee

Member

January 2019 - May 2022

Reviewed annual diversity, equity, and inclusion reports submitted by academic departments.

Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee

Member

August 2018 - December 2018

Work with student leaders to make recommendations for allocating student fee revenues for student-led campus programs

Search and Screen for College of Business Administration Associate Dean

Chair

May 2018 - November 2018

Reviewed applications and interviewed candidates for the Associate Dean of the College of Business Administration

General Education Assessment Committee

Chair

August 2017 - May 2018

Coordinate assessment efforts among all university general education courses and evaluate class-embedded assessment tasks

College of Business Administration Graduate Committee

Chair

August 2017 - May 2018

Member

August 2016 - December 2016

Chair

Jan 2016 - May 2016

Member

August 2015 - December 2015

Member

August 2009 - May 2011

Evaluate curriculum and policy for the College of Business Administration (CBA) MBA program.

General Education Assessment Committee

Member

August 2014 - May 2017

Coordinate assessment efforts among all university general education courses and evaluate class-embedded assessment tasks

Core Course Coordinator

Coordinator for ECO 120: Global Macroeconomics

August 2012 - May 2017

Liaison for all ECO 120 instructors to the College of Business Administration Assurance of Learning Task Force

Search Panel for College of Business Asst to the Dean

Member

August 2016 - November 2016

Search and screen for the Dean of the College of Business Administration

Celebration of Student Inquiry in Economics

Undergraduate Conference Organizer

September 2012 - May 2016

Creator and organizer of a poster conference held every semester for students in several upper-level undergraduate economics classes

Search and Screen Committee for College of Business Administration Dean

Member

October 2014 - February 2015

Reviewed applications and interviewed candidates for the Dean of the College of Business Administration

Library Committee

Member

August 2012 - May 2014

Advisory to library staff on collections, services, and policies

College of Business Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Member

August 2011 - May 2013

Evaluate curriculum and academic policies for the undergraduate programs in the College of Business Administration

Faculty Research Grant Mentor

Mentor

September 2012 - December 2012

Advised new mathematics faculty member on his proposal for a faculty research grant

Graduate Council

Member

August 2011 - May 2012

Evaluate and make recommendations for university graduate school policies

Search and Screen Committee for Assistant Professor in Economics

Member

August 2011 - February 2012

Reviewed applications and interviewed candidates for Assistant Professor of Economics

Search and Screen Committee for Instructional Designer

Member

April 2011 - August 2011

Search and screen for Instructional Designer position for the UW-L Center for Advancing Teaching and Learning

Community Organizations and Community Service

Rotary of La Crosse-After Hours

Member

December 2022 - Present

Race Director, Ugly Sweater 5K

January 2022 - December 2022

Board of Directors

June 2021 - December 2022

Member

November 2019 - June 2021

Rotary After Hours gathers leaders to make an impact on our community and helps build lifelong relationships. The club is comprised professionals from a wide range of industries dedicated to make the world a better place.

La Crosse Marathon Organizing Committee

Member

October 2014 - present

Work with local government and non-profit organizations to organize the annual marathon, half marathon and 5K races

La Crosse Area YMCA Annual Campaign

Fundraiser

March 2015 - March 2018

Raise donations among YMCA and La Crosse community members to fund the La Crosse Area YMCA charitable activities

Cathedral Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

Communication Facilitator

August 2015 - May 2017

Raise funds and organize events with fellow executive committee members of the parent teacher organization (PTO) and communicate with all parents and teachers regarding PTO activities

Mini Donut Half Marathon Organizing Committee

Member

January 2015 - September 2015

Work with local non-profit organizations to organize the annual half marathon race

Junior Achievement

Volunteer Instructor

April 2009 - June 2009

Weekly visit with an area elementary school teaching financial literacy tools

Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation

Book Buddy

September 2007 - April 2008

Weekly visit with an area elementary school to read with children

Technology Skills

Administration tools: PeopleSoft (UWL - Wings), PeopleAdmin, Digital Measures

Communication Tools: WebEx, Zoom, Google Meet, MS Teams, Skype

Teaching tools:

- Course management tools including Canvas and Desire2Learn
- Video capture software including OBS, ExplainEverything (iPad), Screencastify, Screencast-O-Matic, Live-scribe Pencasts

Econometrics / Statistics: R, MatLab, Octave, Gauss, SPSS, GNU Scientific Libraries for C (GSL)

Programming languages: C, C++

Web Programming: HTML, JavaScript

Operating Systems: Linux, Unix, Mac OS, Windows

Other: L^AT_EX, Quarto, Markdown, VS Code, Unix shell programming (BASH, CSH)

References

Specific references available upon request. Off-list reference contacts are welcome. All are welcome to contact anyone I have ever worked with.

UWL Department of Economics current faculty and staff:

<https://www.uwlax.edu/economics/our-people/>

UWL College of Business Deans Office current leadership and staff:

<https://www.uwlax.edu/cba/our-people/>