

James M. Murray, Ph.D. | Curriculum Vitae

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Employment History

Professor

Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse *July 2020 - 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

- [1] Sloan Komissarov and James Murray. Factors that influence undergraduate information-seeking behavior and opportunities for student success. *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 42:423–429, 2016.
- [2] Pedro de Araujo and James Murray. A life insurance deterrent to risky behavior in Africa. *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 37:548–576, 2015.

- [3] Elizabeth Knowles and James Murray. Developing students thought processes for choosing appropriate statistical methods. *Journal of Education for Business*, 89:389–395, 2014.
- [4] Nicholas Herro and James Murray. Dynamics of monetary policy uncertainty and the impact on the macroeconomy. *Economics Bulletin*, 33:257–270, 2013.
- [5] James Murray. Pencasts for introductory macroeconomics. *The Journal of Economic Education*, 43(3):348–348, 2012.
- [6] Michael Hauptert and James Murray. Regime switching and wages in major league baseball under the reserve clause. *Clometrica*, 6(2):143–162, 2012.
- [7] Pedro de Araujo and James Murray. Channels for improved performance from living on campus. *American Journal of Business Education*, 3(12):57–64, 2011.
- [8] Pedro de Araujo and James Murray. Estimating the effects of dormitory living on student performance. *Economics Bulletin*, 20(1):866–878, 2010.
- [9] Glenn Knowles, James 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] Sara Cook, Sloan Komissarov, Brenda Murray, and James Murray. Predictors for growth mindset and sense of belonging in college students. Revise / resubmit, 2019.
- [2] Sara Cook, Sloan Komissarov, Brenda Murray, and James Murray. Predictors for students' understanding of writing: instructor actions and student mindset. Under review, 2018.

Grants Awarded to Support Research

- [1] James Murray (principal). Learning experiences in the first two years. UW-L College of Business Administration research grant, Amount: \$3000, 2017.
- [2] James Murray (principal). Identifying regime switching in adaptive expectations, its causes, and consequences. UW-L College of Business Administration research grant, Amount: \$3000, 2013.
- [3] James 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.
- [4] James Murray (principal). Fiscal and expenditure multipliers when there are adaptive expectations. UW-L College of Business Administration research grant, Amount: \$3000, 2011.
- [5] James 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

- [1] Mary Hamman, Laurie Miller, Brenda Murray, and James 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.
- [2] Nabamita Dutta and James Murray (co-principals). Developing students' ability to connect economic modeling to real world issues. UWL CATL Lesson Study Grant, Amount: \$1,000, 2014.
- [3] James Murray and John Nunley (co-principals). Pencast lessons for advanced undergraduate economics courses. Kazanjian Economics Foundation grant, Amount: \$34,032, 2013.

- [4] James Murray and John Nunley (co-principals). Faculty grant development program. Amount: \$5,000, 2013.
- [5] James Murray (principal), Nabamita Dutta, Lisa Giddings, Michael Hauptert, Wahhab Khandker, and John Nunley. Integrating the economics curriculum through a unified emphasis on critical thinking and communication. UW-L Curricular Redesign Grant, Amount: \$20,000, 2012.
- [6] James Murray (principal), Taggart 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. UW-L CATL Lesson Study Grant, Amount: \$2,500, 2012.
- [7] James Murray (principal). Online education grant for online instructor training. UW-L CATL Faculty Development Grant, Amount: \$500, 2012.
- [8] James Murray (principal). Online education grant for eco 120: Global macroeconomics. UW-L CATL Online Education Grant, Amount: \$3,000, 2011.
- [9] Glenn Knowles and James Murray (principal). Video lessons for graphical modeling strategy in principles of economics. UW-L CATL Teaching Innovation Grant, Amount: \$3,000, 2011.
- [10] Kathryn Birkeland and James Murray (co-principals). Teaching economic development in principles of macroeconomics. UW-L CATL Lesson Study Grant, Amount: \$1,000, 2011.

Referee Service

Invited blind peer reviewer for the following journals:

- o American Review of Political Economy (2 reviews)
- o Contemporary Economic Policy
- o Economics Bulletin (6 reviews)
- o Economic Inquiry
- o Emerging Markets, Finance, and Trade
- o Journal of Business Research
- o Journal of Economic Education (2 reviews)
- o Journal of Macroeconomics
- o Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking (2 reviews)
- o Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics

Selected University Service

Promotion, Retention, and Tenure Committee

Chair

August 2016 - December 2018

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

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 Dean of the College of Business Administration

Promotion, Retention, and Tenure Committee

Member August 2015 - May 2016
Annual review of probationary tenure-track faculty in the Department of Economics for decisions of retention, tenure, and promotion.

Economics Department Assessment Committee

Member August 2015 - May 2016
Chair August 2015 - May 2016
Member August 2011 - May 2015
Coordinate assessment activities for the Department of Economics

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

Merit Committee

Chair 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.

Graduate Council

Member August 2011 - May 2012
Evaluate and make recommendations for university graduate school policies

Search and Screen Committee for Asst 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 2019 - present

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.

Grandad Half Marathon Organizing Committee

Member

October 2014 - present

Work with the City of La Crosse Parks and Recreation Department and local non-profit organizations to organize the annual 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, Blackboard Collaborate Ultra, Zoom, Google Meet, Skype

Teaching tools:

- o Course management tools including Canvas and Desire2Learn
- o Video capture software including ExplainEverything (iPad), Screencastify, Screencast-O-Matic, Livescribe Pencasts
- o Typing short-cut utilities including Breevy and TextExpander
- o Diagram software including Dia, OmniGS (iPad), Google Drive Draw

Econometrics / Statistics: R, MatLab, Octave, Gauss, Stata, EViews, Limdep, RATS, SPSS, Statistica, GNU Scientific Libraries for C, LAPACK (Linear Algebra Package for Fortran)

Programming languages: C, C++, Java, Fortran, Python

Web Programming: Java, HTML, JavaScript

Operating Systems: Linux, Unix, Mac OS, Windows

Other: L^AT_EX, Markdown, Emacs, SQL, Unix shell programming (BASH, CSH), MS Office, Office365, LibreOffice, OpenOffice, WPS Office, Google Docs