

# Emily C. Skarbek

San Jose State University  
Department of Economics  
One Washington Square  
San Jose, California 95192-0114

Phone: (408) 924-5416  
Office: 131 Dudley Moorhead Hall  
Email: EmilySkarbek@gmail.com  
Homepage: [www.EmilySkarbek.com](http://www.EmilySkarbek.com)

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, George Mason University, 2009.  
M.A. Economics, George Mason University, 2006.  
B.B.A. Economics, Loyola University New Orleans, 2003.

## Employment

Assistant Professor of Economics, San Jose State University, August 2009–present.  
The Independent Institute, Director of the Center on Entrepreneurial Innovation, January 2010–present.

## Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy, Urban Economics, Development Economics

## Research

### *Journal Articles*

“Sweatshops and Non-Monetary Compensation: Evidence from El Salvador”(with D. Skarbek, B. Skarbek, E. Skarbek). Forthcoming, American Journal of Economics and Sociology.

“From Promiscuity to Commitment: Peter J. Boettke’s Approach to Mentoring ‘Mainline’ Economists” 2011. Journal of Private Enterprise 26(1) 143-152.

“Coordinating the Reconstruction of Haiti” 2010. Journal of International Peace Operations 6(2) 25-27.

“The Context of Context: The Evolution of F.A. Hayek’s Epistemic Turn in Economics and Politics” (with P. Boettke and N. Snow). 2010. Advances in Austrian Economics Volume 13.

“The Political Economy of Urban Reconstruction, Development, and Planning.” 2009. Erasmus Journal of Philosophy and Economics 2(1) 148-151.

“Remittances and Reputations of Hawala Money Transfer Systems: Self-Enforcing Exchange on an International Scale.” 2008. Journal of Private Enterprise 24(1) 95-117.

“The Economics of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge” with W. Block. 2007. Energy and Environment 18(1) 74-85.

### ***Book Chapters***

“Earth, Wind, and Fire! Federalism and Incentives in Natural Disaster Response” (with A. Kashdan) in After Katrina: The Political Economy of Disaster and Community Rebound, eds. Emily Chamlee-Wright and Virgil H. Storr.

### ***Articles in Progress***

“Associations and Order in The Culture and Political Economy of Recovery” (with P. Green), Review Essay, Under Review, 2011

“The Entrepreneur as Expert” Under Review, 2011.

“The Misguided Foundations and Unintended Consequences of Mixed-Income Development Policy” 2011

“The Chicago Relief and Aid Society: Voluntary Associations and Natural Disaster Reconstruction” 2011.

“Financing the Rebirth of a City: Charitable Giving After the Chicago Fire of 1871” 2011.

“The Chicago Fire of 1871: An Empirical Analysis of Housing Investment” (with D. Macaulay), 2010.

### ***Peer Reviewed Policy Papers***

“Housing Voucher Choice Program - More Than Just Lagniappe for New Orleans” Mercatus Policy Series #13, August 2007.

“The Housing Voucher Choice Program” Mercatus On Policy 2007.

### **Field Research**

Crisis and Response in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina, Global Prosperity Initiative

Ninth Ward, New Orleans, LA March 2007

St. Bernard Parish, New Orleans, LA June 2007

Ninth Ward, New Orleans, LA March 2006

Researcher at the Ethnographic Methodology Workshop, Beloit College, March 2006

Researcher with Professor Emily Chamlee-Wright, Beloit College, 2006 - 2007

### **Teaching**

#### ***San Jose State University***

Graduate Workshop in Public Policy Analysis, 2011

Public Choice Economics, 2010, 2011

Labor Economics, 2009, 2010, 2011.

Principles of Microeconomics, 2009-2010

#### ***George Mason University***

Intermediate Microeconomics, 2008.

Economics Problems and Public Policy, 2007.

## Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

Don Lavoie Memorial Award, Distinguished Graduate Student Paper, 2008.

Dissertation Fellow, Mercatus Center, 2008.

Summer Fellow, Global Prosperity Initiative, 2006, 2007, 2008.

Graduate Fellow, Mercatus Center, 2006, 2007.

F. A. Hayek Scholar, George Mason University, 2005.

## References

Peter Boettke  
George Mason University  
Department of Economics  
4400 University Ave  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
Email: pboettke@gmu.edu

Peter Leeson  
George Mason University  
Department of Economics  
4400 University Ave  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
Email: pleeson@gmu.edu

Richard E. Wagner  
George Mason University  
Department of Economics  
4400 University Ave  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030  
Email: rwagner@gmu.edu

Virgil H. Storr  
Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center  
George Mason University  
3301 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 450  
Arlington, VA 22201  
Email: vstorr@gmu.edu

Last updated: June 20, 2011