**Robert D. Van Horn**

**Curriculum Vitae**

**Education**Duke University, 2008-2009, Fellow, Economics Department, Center for the History of Political Economy

University of Notre Dame, 2007, Ph.D. Economics

University of Notre Dame, 2003, M.A. Economics

Malone University, 2001, B.A. Law & Society; Liberal Arts (double major)

Malvern Brown Local Schools, 1997, High School Diploma

**Academic and Corporate Work Experience**

**Associate Professor of Economics, University of Rhode Island**,

2009-present

**Faculty Affiliate of Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies, University of Rhode**

**Island,** 2017-present

**Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Brown University,**

Spring 2014 and Summer 2015

**Postdoctoral Associate, Duke University**,

2008-2009, Department of Economics, Center for the History of Political Economy

**Assistant Professor of Economics, Holy Cross College**,

2007-2008

**Adjunct Professor of Economics, University of Notre Dame**,

Fall 2007

**Adjunct Professor for Division of the Social Sciences, Holy Cross College**,

2006-2007

**Lead Teacher, Teacher Trainer, and Instructor of LSAT, GRE, and GMAT, Kaplan**

**Test Prep, Sound Bend IN,** 2002-2005

**Instructor of LSAT and GRE, Kaplan Test Prep, Akron OH,** 2001

**Conference Organizer**  
“Symposium on the Contributions of Business to Economics,” Duke University, Center for the History of Political Economy, November 2015 (with Edward Nik-Khah)

“Building Chicago Economics,” University of Notre Dame, Department of Economics, September 2007 (with Philip Mirowski)

**Publications**

**Edited Books**

2017. *Symposium on the Contributions of Business to Economics*. In *History of Political Economy Special Issue*, 49(2). Duke University Press. (with Edward Nik Khah)

2011. *Building Chicago Economics: New Perspectives on the History of America’s Most Powerful Economics Program*. Cambridge University Press. (with Philip Mirowski, and Thomas Stapleford)

(Reviews: *Accounting History*, *Economic Record*, *History of Political Economy*, *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*)

**Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

2018. “Corporations and the Rise of Chicago Law and Economics.” *Economy and Society*. 47(3): 477-499.

See: 2020. “Corporations and the Rise of the Chicago Law and Economics Movement” *Pro-Market: The Blog of the Stigler Center at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business*. January 15. See: <https://promarket.org/corporations-and-the-rise-of-the-chicago-law-and-economics-movement/>

2017. “Capitalist Threads: Engels the Businessman and Marx’s *Capital*.” *History of Political Economy*. 49(2): 207-232. (with Tiago Mata)

See: 2020. “Engels in Manchester.” Displayed at Historisches Zentrum Wuppertal to Celebrate Its 200th Birthday (with Tiago Mata).

*[Translated into German]*

2017. “Introduction to the Symposium on the Contributions of Business to Economics.” *History of Political Economy*. 49(2): 165-176. (with Nik Khah, Edward)

2014. “Two Trajectories of Democratic Capitalism in the Postwar Chicago School.” *Cambridge Journal of Economics*. 39(5): 1443-1455. (with Ross Emmett)

2014. “Henry Simons’s Death.” *History of Political Economy*. 46(3): 525-535.

2013. “Hayek’s Unacknowledged Disciple: An Exploration of the Political and Intellectual Relationship of F. A. Hayek and Aaron Director.” *Journal of History of Economic Thought*. 35(3): 271-290.

2013. “What Would Adam Smith Have on His iPod: Uses of Music in Teaching the History of Economic Thought.” *Journal of Economic Education*. 44(1): 64-73. (with Monica Van Horn)

2012. “Inland Empire.” *Journal of Economic Methodology*. 19(3): 251-274. (with Nik Khah, Edward)

Reprinting: 2015. “Inland Empire.” *Economics Made Fun*. Eds. Emrah Aydinonat and Jack Vroment. Routledge Press. (with Nik Khah, Edward)

2011 “Chicago Neoliberalism versus Cowles Planning: Perspectives on Patents and Public Goods in Cold War Economic Thought.” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*. 47(3): 302-321. (with Matthias Klaes)

2010. “Harry Aaron Director: The Coming of Age of a Reformer Skeptic.” *History of Political Economy*. 42(4): 601-630.

2005. “The Contract Research Organization and the Commercialization of Science,” *Social Studies of Science*, 35 (4): 503-48. (with Philip Mirowski)

**Refereed Book Chapters**

2020. “Shattering Hope and Building Empire: Economics the Imperial Science at Chicago, George Stigler and Aaron Director.” in *George Stigler: Enigmatic Price Theorist of the Twentieth Century*. Ed. Craig Freeman. Palgrave Press. (with Edward Nik Khah)

2018. “’Planning’ the Free Market.” *SAGE Handbook for Neoliberalism*. (with Edward Nik Khah)

2016. “Ascendancy of Chicago Neoliberalism” *The Handbook of Neoliberalism*. Routledge. (with Edward Nik Khah)

2015. “Hayek and the Chicago School.” *Biographical Studies on F. A. Hayek*. Robert Leeson (ed.) Palgrave Press.

2011. “Intervening in Laissez-Faire Liberalism: Chicago’s Shift on Patents.” *Building Chicago Economics*. Robert Van Horn, Philip Mirowski, and Thomas Stapleford (eds).Cambridge University Press. (with Matthias Klaes)

2011. "Jacob Viner’s Critique of Chicago Neoliberalism*." Building Chicago Economics*. Robert Van Horn, Philip Mirowski, and Thomas Stapleford (eds.). Cambridge University Press.

2011. "Blueprints: An Introduction." *Building Chicago Economics*. Robert Van Horn, Philip Mirowski, and Thomas Stapleford (eds.). Cambridge University Press. (with Philip Mirowski, and Thomas Stapleford)

2010. “Neoliberalism and Chicago.” *The Elgar Companion to the Chicago School of Economics*. Ed. Ross Emmett. Edward Elgar Publishing. (with Philip Mirowski)

2010. “Aaron Director.” *The Elgar Companion to the Chicago School of Economics*. Ed. Ross Emmett. Edward Elgar Publishing.

2009. “Reinventing Monopoly and Corporations: The Roots of Chicago Law and Economics.” *The Road from Mont Pelerin*. Eds. Philip Mirowski and Dieter Plehwe. Harvard University Press.

Reprinting: 2015. “Reinventing Monopoly and Corporations: The Roots of Chicago Law and Economics.” *The Road from Mont Pelerin*. Updated Edition. Eds. Philip Mirowski and Dieter Plehwe. Harvard University Press.

2009. “The Rise of the Chicago School of Economics.” *The Road from Mont Pelerin*. Eds. Philip Mirowski and Dieter Plehwe. Harvard University Press. (with Philip Mirowski)

Reprinting: 2015. “The Rise of the Chicago School of Economics.” *The Road from Mont Pelerin*. Updated Edition. Eds. Philip Mirowski and Dieter Plehwe. Harvard University Press. (with Philip Mirowski)

**Other Journal Articles, Book Chapters, and Research Essays**

2021. “Director, Aaron.” *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*. 2nd Edition. Eds. A. **Marciano and G. B. Ramello.** Springer Science+Business Media, LLC.

2015. “Aaron Director.” *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*. 1st Edition. Eds. A. **Marciano and G. B. Ramello.** Springer Press.

2011. “Contending Perspectives in One Department.” *International Journal of Pluralism and Economic Education*. 2(1): 69-81. (with Richard McIntyre)

2011. “Chicago’s Shifting Position on Concentrations of Business Power.” *Seattle University Law Review.* 34(4): 1527-1544.

2011. “The Overlooked Harmony of Chicago and Ordoliberalism in the Immediate Post-WWII Period.” *2011 Ordoliberalism Handbook*.

**Book Reviews**

2018. Review of *Progressive Business* by Christian Christiansen in *American Historical Review*. 123(3): 964-965.

2014. Review of *Masters of the Universe* by Stedman Jones in *Journal of History of Economic Ideas*. 22(2): 165-67.

2011. Review of *The Institutionalist Movement in American Economics, 1918-1947* by Malcolm Rutherford in *EH.NET.* (with Richard McIntyre)

2009. "How Did the University of Chicago Assemble the Chicago School?" Review Essay: *The Chicago School*, by Johan van Overtveldt. *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology.*

**Work in Progress**

“Standard Oil and the Chicago School of Antitrust.” Anticipated publication venue: *Seattle Law Review*. (with Ethan Zawatsky, University of Rhode Island graduate and Air Force)

"‘Economic Freedom’ in the Heat of the Cold War: Debating the Economic Trajectories of the United States.” (with Andy Boardman University of Rhode Island graduate and Truman Scholar)

“Economic Freedom and Social Change.” Anticipated publication venue: *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Social Change.* (with Aria Mia Loberti, University of Rhode Island graduate and Fulbright Scholar)

“Aaron Director’s Legacy.” no anticipated publication venue.

**Conference Presentations**

[1] “The Antitrust Project and Chicago Law & Economics,” New York University, Neoliberalism Workshop, April 2005.

AND “The Rise of the Chicago School Economics and the Birth of Neoliberalism” New York University, Neoliberalism Workshop, April 2005. (with Philip Mirowski)

[2] “The Antitrust Project and Chicago Law & Economics,” University of Puget Sound, History of Economics Society Conference, June 2005.

AND “The Rise of the Chicago School Economics and the Birth of Neoliberalism” University of Puget Sound, History of Economics Society Conference, June 2005. (with Philip Mirowski)

[3] “The Rise of Neoliberalism at Chicago,” Boston, MA, Allied Social Science Association, January 2005.

AND “The Rise of the Chicago School Economics and the Birth of Neoliberalism” Boston, MA, Allied Social Science Association, January 2005. (with Philip Mirowski)

[4] “Chicago Neoliberalism Makes Its Legal Mark,” Grinnell College, History of Economics Society Conference, June 2006.

[5] “Chicago Neoliberalism Makes Its Legal Mark,” Paris, France, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales Conference, June 2006.

[6] “Aaron Director and the Reformulation of Classical Liberalism,” George Mason University, George Mason Summer Institute, July 2006.

[7] “The Roots of Chicago Law and Economics,” University of Notre Dame Conference on Rethinking the Chicago School, September 2007.

[8] “Two Threatened Liberals,” University of Colorado Denver, History of Economics Society Conference, June 2009.

AND “Chicago and Intellectual Property,” University of Colorado Denver, History of Economics Society Conference, June 2009.

[9] “How Market Ideology Absorbed Cold War Planning and Concentration,” University of Amsterdam, European Society for the History of Economic Thought Conference, March 2010. (with Edward Nik Khah)

[10] “Comrades in Arms,” University of Syracuse, History of Economics Society Conference, June 2010.

[11] “Chicago’s Shifting Position on Concentrations of Business Power,” University of Seattle, Berle Center Symposium, January 2011.

[12] “Inland Empire,” University of Rotterdam, Conference on “Economics Made Fun in the Face of Crisis, January 2011. (with Edward Nik Khah)

[13] “Aaron Director and the Labor Education Movement,” Duke University, History of Recent Economics Conference, April 2011.

[14] “Using Music to Teach the History of Economic Thought,” Stanford University, National Conference on Teaching Economics, June 2011. (with Monica Van Horn)

[15] Teaching the History of Economic Thought Roundtable, University of Notre Dame, History of Economics Society Conference, June 2011.

[16] “Inland Empire,” University of Notre Dame, History of Economics Society Conference, June 2011. (with Edward Nik Khah)

[17] “Aaron Director on Democracy and Economics,” Washington D.C., Southern Economics Association Conference, November 2011.

[18] “Chicago School(s) of Democratic Capitalism,” Chicago, IL, Allied Social Science Association, January 2012. (with Ross Emmett)

[19] “Aaron Director and the Labor Education Movement,” Brock University, History of Economics Society Conference, June 2012.

AND “Chicago School(s) of Democratic Capitalism,” Brock University, History of Economics Society Conference, June 2012. (with Ross Emmett)

[20] “Corporate Funding and the Rise of Chicago Law and Economics,” University of Rhode Island, Political Economy Seminar, February 2013.

[21] “Corporate Funding, Edward Levi, and the Rise of Chicago Law and Economics,” Duke University, Center for the History of Political Economy, March 2013.

[22] “From Jewish Radical and Labor Education Leader to Conservative Economist: A Biographical Sketch of the Early Life of Aaron Director,” University of Rhode Island, Humanities Festival, March 2013.

[23] “Corporate Funding, Edward Levi, and the Rise of Chicago Law and Economics,” Boston, MA, Law and Society Conference, May 2013.

[24] “Corporate Funding, Edward Levi, and the Rise of Chicago Law and Economics,” Chicago, IL, Allied Social Science Association, November 2013.

[25] “Corporate Funding, Edward Levi, and the Rise of Chicago Law and Economics,” Harvard University, Harvard Business History Seminar, October 2014.

[26] “Capitalist Threads in Marxian Political Economy,” Duke University, Center for the History of Political Economy Conference, November 2015. (with Tiago Mata)

[27] “Corporate Funding and the Rise of Chicago Law and Economics,” Duke University, History of Economics Society Conference, June 2016.

[28] “The Ties that Bond,” DePaul University, Conference on Neoliberalism, April 2017. (with Edward Nik Khah)

[29] “Aaron Director and the Emergence of New Liberal ‘Economic Freedom,’”

Duke University, Center for the History of Political Economy, September 2018.

[30] “Aaron Director,” Stanford University, The Hoover Institution, February 2019.

[31] “Aaron Director,” Duke University, Center for the History of Political Economy, April 2021. [Did not present due to COVID-19]

[32] “Aaron Director,” Duke University, Center for the History of Political Economy,

2022. [Informally scheduled]

**Research Grants**

- Center for the Humanities Grant from University of Rhode Island, 2015.

- Center for the Humanities Grant from University of Rhode Island, 2012.

- University of Rhode Island Seed Grant, 2011.

- Truman Presidential Library Research Grant, 2010.

**Noteworthy Research Accomplishments**- My work on Friedrich Engels with Tiago Mata was displayed in 2020 at the Museum of Early Industrialization in Wuppertal, Germany.

- My work on the history of economics at Chicago was extensively cited and well reviewed by Douglas Irwin in his article “The Midway and Beyond: Recent Work on Economics at Chicago” in *History of Political Economy* (2018) 50(4): 735-775.

**Courses Taught**

ECN History of Economic Thought

ECN/PSC Economics and the Law

ECN Principles of Microeconomics

ECN/NVP Nonviolent Economics

**Noteworthy Contributions to Teaching Economics:**

- He assembled syllabi and instruction materials on teaching the History of Economic Thought for Center for History of Political Economy, Duke University Economics Department, 2009-2011. He did this with Tiago Mata and Avi Cohen.

- He wrote an article in *Journal of Economic Education* on teaching the History of Economic Thought with Monica Van Horn, 2013. Gail Hoyt and Kim Marie McGoldrick discuss and cite this article in “50 years of economic instruction in the *Journal of Economic Education*” (2019).

- He taught History of Economic Thought at Brown University to graduate and undergraduate students in 2014 and 2015.

- He served as an examiner for University of Technology Sydney, Climate Justice Research Centre for Caroline Colton’s PhD thesis, *The Imitation Economy: How AT&T’s contestability doctrine transformed the neoliberal project* (2021).

**Accomplishments Beyond Academia**

Hardee’s Classic Golf Tournament, Elms Country Club, Medalist, 67(-5 par), 1996.

Perfect score on GRE Analytical Ability Section, 2000.

NAIA National Championship Team in Golf, 2000.

NAIA Academic All American, 2000 and 2001.

Qigong Teacher Certificate, The Qigong Research and Practice Center, 2017.

Black Belt, International Wushu Sanshou Dao Association, 2019.