

Curriculum Vitae

1. Name, position, academic departments(s)

Brian G. Knight
Professor
Department of Economics

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3. Education

B.S. Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1992, Business Economics and Finance.
M.S. University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1997, Economics.
Ph.D. University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2000.
Dissertation title: Essays in Fiscal Federalism and Political Economy.

4. Professional Appointments

Economist, Division of Research and Statistics, Federal Reserve Board, 8/2000-12/2002.
Assistant Professor, Brown University, 1/2003-6/2007.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Yale University, academic year 2006-2007.
Associate Professor, Brown University, 7/2007-6/2011.
Visiting Professor of Economics, Harvard University, academic year 2014-2015.
Professor, Brown University, 7/2011-current.

5. Completed Publications

a. Chapters in Books

1. "Fiscal Institutions in U.S. States," with Arik Levinson, in Institutions, Politics and Fiscal Policy, Kluwer Academic Press, 2000.
2. "Measuring the Incidence of Endogenous Policies: Applications in Fiscal Federalism," Proceedings of the 94th Annual Conference on Taxation, 2002.
3. "Common Tax Pool Problems in Federal Systems", in Democratic Constitutional Design and Public Policy: Analysis and Evidence, MIT Press, 2006.
4. "Targeted Public Spending" in The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, 2nd edition, eds. Steven N. Durlauf and Lawrence E. Blume and. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.

b. Refereed Journal Articles

1. "Supermajority Voting Requirements for Tax Increases: Evidence from the States," *Journal of Public Economics*, 76(1), 2000, pp. 41-67.

2. "Endogenous Federal Grants and Crowd-out of State Government Spending: Theory and Evidence from the Federal Highway Aid Program," *American Economic Review*, 92(1), 2002, pp. 71-92.
3. "Parochial Interests and the Centralized Provision of Local Public Goods: Evidence from Congressional Voting on Transportation Projects", *Journal of Public Economics* 88(3), 2004, pp. 845-866.
4. "Estimating the Value of Proposal Power", *American Economic Review*, 95(5), 2005, pp. 1639-1652,
5. "Are Policy Platforms Capitalized Into Equity Prices? Evidence from the Bush / Gore 2000 Presidential Election", *Journal of Public Economics*, 90(4-5), 2006, pp. 751-773.
6. "Socially Optimal Districting: A Theoretical and Empirical Exploration" (with Stephen Coate), November 2007, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 122(4), 1409-1471.
7. "Legislative Representation, Bargaining Power, and the Distribution of Federal Funds: Evidence from the U.S. Senate", October 2008, *Economic Journal*, 118(532), 1785-1803.
8. "The Effects of School District Consolidation on Educational Cost and Quality" (with Nora Gordon), 2008, *Public Finance Review*, 36(4), 408-430.
9. "A New Look at Racial Profiling: Evidence from the Boston Police Department" (with Kate Antonovics), February 2009, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 91(1), 163-177.
10. "A Spatial Merger Estimator with an Application to School District Consolidation" (with Nora Gordon), June 2009, *Journal of Public Economics*, 93(5-6), 752-765.
11. "Pet Overpopulation: An Economic Analysis" (with Stephen Coate), 2010, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*: Vol. 10 : Iss. 1 (Advances), Article 106.
12. "Momentum and Social Learning in Presidential Primaries" (with Nathan Schiff), October 2010, *Journal of Political Economy*, 118(6), 1110-1150.
13. "Media Bias and Influence: Evidence from Newspaper Endorsements" (with Chun-Fang Chiang), July 2011, *Review of Economic Studies*, 78(3), 795-820.
14. "Government Form and Public Spending: Theory and Evidence from U.S. Cities" (with Stephen Coate), August 2011, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 3, 82-112.
15. "Partisan Control, Media Bias, and Viewer Responses: Evidence from Berlusconi's Italy", (with Ruben Durante), June 2012, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 3, pp. 451-481, lead article.

16. "Spatial Competition and Cross-border Shopping: Evidence from State Lotteries" (with Nathan Schiff), November 2012, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 4, 199-229.
17. "State Gun Policy and Cross-State Externalities: Evidence from Crime Gun Tracing", November 2013, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 5: 200-229.
18. "On the Selection of Arbitrators", with Geoffroy de Clippell and Kfir Eliaz,, November 2014, *American Economic Review*: 104(11): 3434-58.
19. "Sequential or Simultaneous Elections? An Empirical Welfare Analysis", with Patrick Hummell, August 2015, *International Economic Review*: 56(3): 851–887.
20. "Market-based Lobbying: Evidence from Advertising Spending in Italy" (with Stefano DellaVigna, Ruben Durante, and Eliana La Ferrara), January 2016, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*: 8(1): 224-256.
21. "Homophily, Group Size, and the Diffusion of Political Information in Social Networks: Evidence from Twitter" (with Yosh Halberstam), November 2016, *Journal of Public Economics*. 143: 73-88.
22. "An Econometric Evaluation of Competing Explanations for The Midterm Gap", NBER working paper 20311, forthcoming at *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.

c. Non-Refereed Journal Articles

1. "Rainy Day Funds and State Government Savings," with Arik Levinson, *National Tax Journal*, 52(3), 1999, pp. 459-72.
2. "The State and Local Sector: Problems and Prospects" with Andrea Kusko and Laura Rubin, *State Tax Notes*, 29(6), August 2003.
3. "Public Funds and Private Capital Markets: The Investment Practices and Performance of State and Local Pension Funds", with Julia Coronado and Eric Engen, *National Tax Journal*, 56(3), September 2003.

f. Book reviews

"Volatile States: Institutions, Policy, and the Performance of American State Economies", *Journal of Economic Literature* 42(2), 2004, pg. 555.

i. Work in Review

"The Limits of Propoganda: Evidence from Venezuela" (with Ana Maria Tribin), NBER working paper 22055, March 2016, revise and resubmit at the *Journal of the European Economic Association*.

"Political Budget Cycles of Prefectures in China" (with Liutang Gong, Jie Xiao and Qinghua Zhang).

"The Out-of-State Tuition Distortion" (with Nathan Schiff), NBER working paper 22996, December 2016.

j. Work in Progress

“Advertising Spending and Media Bias: Evidence from News Coverage of Car Safety Recalls” (with Graham Beattie, Ruben Durante, and Ananya Sen).

g. Invited Lectures

2003: American Economic Association (discussant); University of Florida; Public Choice Society; State Fiscal Crises: Causes, Consequences, Solutions (Urban Institute); NBER Public Economics Spring Meeting; Public Economic Theory Conference; Econometric Society; NBER Summer Institute (discussant); Constitutional Design Conference (Stockholm, Sweden); Harvard University; University of the South; University of Pennsylvania (Economics); University of Pennsylvania (Wharton); Columbia University.

2004: Warwick/IFS Public Economics Weekend; Federal Trade Commission; Duke / UNC; Boston University; Research Group on Political Institutions and Economy Policy (Harvard University); Cornell University; Econometric Society; Stanford University; Trans-Atlantic Public Economics Society Meeting (discussant); NBER Public Economics Spring Meetings.

2005: Yale University; Northwestern University; NBER Public Economics Spring Meetings (discussant); University of Virginia; University of Pennsylvania; New York University; University of Chicago; University of Connecticut.

2006: AEA meetings (discussant); Budget Policy Conference (USC); Stanford University; Harvard-MIT Joint Public Economics Seminar; UW-Madison; University of Michigan; Conference on Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations (Georgia State University); NBER Summer Institute (discussant); IIES (Stockholm University); NBER Public Economics Fall Meetings.

2007: Yale University, Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland, McGill; University of Toronto; University of Pennsylvania (Wharton); Northwestern University; NBER Political Economy Fall Meetings.

2008: NBER Neemrana Conference; American Politics Summer Conference (Yale); PIER Political Economy (University of Pennsylvania); Duke University; Georgetown; Northwestern University; Columbia University; Stanford GSB; University of California, Berkeley.

2009: Yale University American Politics Workshop; Federal Reserve Bank of Boston; Brown University.

2010: AEA meetings (Atlanta); NBER Public Economics Spring Meetings; Stanford University; Festival of Economics (Trento); Erasmus Workshop in Political Economy; Brookings Panel on Economic Activity (discussant); Wallis Institute Annual Conference on Political Economy (discussant); UT-Austin; Simon Fraser University; University of British Columbia.

2011: Harvard University; Public Choice (keynote speaker); Miami University; Princeton Conference on Political Economy; IEB (Barcelona) Fiscal Federalism

Conference (keynote speaker); NBER Political Economy; Princeton University; Clemson University; NBER Public Economics; Dartmouth College.

2012: University of Pennsylvania; University of Michigan; New Economic School (Moscow); American Politics Summer Conference (Yale); NBER Summer Institute Public Finance and Political Economy; NBER Summer Institute Political Economy (discussant); NBER Summer Institute Public Economics (discussant); University of Houston; University of Miami; Wallis Institute Annual Conference on Political Economy (discussant); National Tax Association (discussant).

2013: American Economic Association; Johns Hopkins; New York University; NBER Political Economy (discussant); UC-Berkeley; Caltech; The Political Impact of Media Conference (Princeton); London School of Economics; University of Warwick; University of Toronto.

2014: Wake Forest University; Stanford University; Cornell University; Political Institutions Conference (CIRPEE); Media and Communications Conference (Chicago Booth); Central Bank of Columbia; University of Rosario; European Economic Association; Harvard University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); National Tax Association.

2015: Rice University; Carnegie Mellon University; NBER Political Economy Spring Meetings; American Politics Summer Conference (Yale); Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; Stony Brook Political Economy Conference; NBER China Meetings (discussant); University of Texas-Austin; Northwestern University; University of Chicago Harris School; Federal Reserve Board.

2016: UW-Madison; Drexel University; NBER Education Spring Meetings; New York City Media Seminar; Guanghua School of Management Peking University; CfPE Conference (Vancouver School of Economics); NBER Public Economics Fall Meetings; Georgetown University; New York Federal Reserve Bank.

2017 (including upcoming): USC Marshall; 2nd Economics of Media Bias Workshop (keynote speaker); NBER China (discussant); NBER Political Economy (Discussant); Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF); Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M); Center for Monetary and Financial Studies (CEMFI); Workshop in Political Economy—Uppsala (keynote speaker); Singapore Management University; National University of Singapore; University of Kentucky; Washington University; University of Calgary.

6. Research Grants

b. Completed grants

"The Political Economy of School District Mergers", 2005 Salomon Award, 15,000.

"Welfare Analysis of Legislative Redistricting", National Science Foundation, with Stephen Coate, \$264,845, 2005-2009.

7. Service

(i) To the university and department

Planning Committee for MPP Program, Academic Year 2003-04.
Search Committee, Public Policy Post-Doctoral Positions, Academic Year 2004-05.
Search Committee, Economics Department, Academic Years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-2006.
Applied Microeconomics Seminar Co-organizer, Academic Year 2003-04, Fall Semester 2007-2008, Spring Semester 2010-2011, Spring Semester 2015-2016.
Public Policy Concentration Advisor, Academic Years 2003-2010.
Economics Concentration Advisor, Academic Years 2005-2006, 2007-08, 2008-2009.
Freshman Advisor, Academic Year 2004-05.
Search Committee, Assistant Professor (Research), Academic Year 2007-08.
Public Policy Self Study Committee, Academic Year 2008-09.
Admissions Committee, MPP Program, Academic Year 2008-09.
Chair's Council, Economics Department, academic years 2012-2013.and 2013-2014.
Director of Graduate Studies, Economics Department, 2010-2014.
Business Economics Concentration Advisor, Academic years 2015-16, 2016-17.
Admissions Committee, Economics PhD Program, Academic years 2015-16, 2016-17.
Tenure, Promotions and Appointments Committee (TPAC), Academic year 2015-16

(ii) To the profession

Program Committee, National Tax Association Spring Symposium, 2002.
Editorial Advisory Board, National Tax Journal, 2004-2017.
Associate Editor, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2009.
Board of Editors, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 2009-2012.
Co-Editor, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2009-2016.
Program Chair; National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation; 2012
Editorial Board, *American Economic Review*, 2013-present.
Co-organizer, NBER Public Economics, Spring 2013.

Referee for *American Economic Review*; *American Economic Journal-Public Policy*; *Economics and Politics*; *Economics Bulletin*; *Economic Inquiry*; *Economic Journal*; *Economics of Governance*; *Education Finance and Policy*; *International Tax and Public Finance*; *International Economic Review*; *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*; *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*; *Journal of Political Economy*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *Journal of Public Economic Theory*; *National Science Foundation*; *National Tax Journal*; *Public Budgeting and Finance*; *Public Finance Review*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Review of Economics and Statistics*; *Review of Economic Studies*; *Southern Economic Journal*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

8. Academic awards and honors

Distinguished teaching assistant, Spring semester 1997 and Fall semester 1997.
Anna Morris Ely Award for Distinguished Teaching, 1997.
Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in Social Sciences, 1998.
Christensen Award in Empirical Economics, 1998-1999.
Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 1999-2000.

National Tax Association's Outstanding Dissertation Award, 2001.
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2002-2008.
Faculty Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2008-current.
Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, 2009.
Best Paper Award, AEJ: Applied Economics, 2017.

9. Teaching

Public Economics (EC148), Spring 2003, enrollment of 41.
Fiscal Federalism Policy (PP170-15), Fall 2003, enrollment of 4.
Public Economics (EC148), Spring 2004, enrollment of 33.
Public Economics (EC248), Spring 2004, enrollment of 6.
Public Economics (EC148), Fall 2004, enrollment of 19.
Public Economics (EC248), Spring 2005, enrollment of 7.
Economics and Public Policy (PP170-15), Spring 2005, enrollment of 27.
Public Economics (EC148), Fall 2005, enrollment of 58.
Public Economics (EC248), Spring 2006, enrollment of 4.
Economics and Public Policy (PP201), Spring 2006, enrollment of 21.
Public Economics (EC148), Fall 2007, enrollment of 25.
Public Economics (EC2480), Spring 2008, enrollment of 5.
Economics and Public Policy (PP170-15), Spring 2008, enrollment of 6.
Economics and Public Policy (PP170-15), Spring 2009, enrollment of 14.
Public Economics (EC1480), Spring 2009, enrollment of 197.
Economics and Public Policy (PP170-15), Spring 2010, enrollment of 13.
Public Economics (EC1480), Spring 2010, enrollment of 214.
Public Economics (EC2480), Fall 2010, enrollment of 4.
Public Economics (EC2480), Fall 2011, enrollment of 5.
Public Economics (EC1480), Spring 2012, enrollment of 80.
Public Economics (EC2480), Fall 2012, enrollment of 3.
Public Economics (EC1480), Spring 2013, enrollment of 49.
Public Economics (EC2480), Fall 2013, enrollment of 7.
Public Economics (EC1480), Spring 2014, enrollment of 38.
Political Economy (EC2260), Fall of 2015, enrollment of 7.
Introduction to Econometrics (EC1620), Spring of 2016, enrollment of 142.
Political Economy (EC2260), Fall of 2016, enrollment of 5.
Introduction to Econometrics (EC1620), Spring of 2017, enrollment of 119.