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Education

PhD, Northwestern University, 1994.
Area of Study: Economics

MA, Northwestern University, 1990.
Area of Study: Economics

BA, University of Colorado, 1985.
Area of Study: Economics

Professional Academic Experience

Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Northern Colorado. (2015 - Present).

Professor Emerita of Economics, University of Northern Colorado. (2011 - Present).

Innovation @ UNC, Project Manager, University of Northern Colorado. (2014 - 2015).

IDEA Director, University of Northern Colorado. (2013 - 2015).

Blogger, Balance in the Force: Bringing Balance to Economics and Politics. (2012 - 2013).

Professor, University of Northern Colorado. (2009 - 2011).

Associate Professor, University of Northern Colorado. (2003 - 2009).

Assistant Professor, University of Northern Colorado. (2000 - 2003).

Assistant Professor, Oregon State University. (1994 - 2000).

Lecturer, Northwestern University. (1991 - 1994).

Research Assistant, Northwestern University. (1991 - 1992).

Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University. (1989 - 1991).

Lecturer, Loyola University of Chicago. (1990).

RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE WORKS

Publications

Juried

Journal Article

- Aske, D., Connolly, L., Corman, R. (2013). Accessibility or accountability? The rhetoric and reality of no child left behind. *Journal of Economics and Economic Education Research*, 14(3), 107.
- Thomas, D. F., Gaede, D., Jurin, R., Connolly, L. (2008). Understanding The Link Between Business Organizations And Construction Of Community Sense Of Place: The Place Based Network Model. *Community Development: Journal of Community Development Society*, Vol 39., p 32 45..
- Connolly, L., Marston, C. (2005). Welfare Reform, Earnings, and Income: New Evidence from the Survey of Program Dynamics. *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 23(4), 493–512.. DOI: 10.1093/cep/byi037
- Connolly, L. S., Davis, E. E., Weber, B. A. (2003). Local Labor Market Conditions and the Jobless Rural Poor: Does Job Growth Improve Employment Outcomes? *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 28(3), 503-518.
- Connolly, L. (2002). The Effect of State Welfare Waivers on the Family Earnings and Incomes of AFDC Recipients, 1993-1995. *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community*, 23(1/2), 151-175.
- Connolly, L., Ziliak, J. P., Figlio, D. N., Davis, E. E. (2000). The Decline in AFDC Caseloads: Welfare Reform or the Economy? *Journal of Human Resources*, 35(3), 570-586.
- Connolly, L. (1999). Interrelationships Among Public Assistance Expenditures: An Empirical Analysis of the Welfare System. *Public Finance Review*, 24(4), 396-417.
- Connolly, L. (1997). Does External Funding of Academic Research Crowd Out Institutional Support? *The Journal of Public Economics*, 64(3), 389-406.

Book Chapter

- Connolly, L., Piven, F. F., Acker, J., Hallock, M., Morgen, S. (2002). The Effect of Welfare Reform on the Incomes and Earnings of Low-Income Families: Evidence from the Current Population Survey. *Work, Welfare and Politics: Confronting Poverty in the Wake of Welfare Reform* (pp. Ch. 9 145-153). Eugene, Oregon: University of Oregon Press.

Conference (Full Paper) Proceeding

- Aske, D., Connolly, L., Corman, R. (2012). Accessibility or Accountability? The Rhetoric and Reality of No Child Left Behind. *Proceedings of the Allied Academies, Academy of Economics and Economic Education* (2nd ed., vol. 15, pp. 1).
- Connolly, L., Segal, L. M. (1997). *Commercial Activity and Taxation in the Nonprofit Sector* (pp. 145-152). 1996 Proceedings of the 89th Annual Conference on Taxation National Tax Association.

Monograph

- Connolly, L. (1995). Impacts of the Minimum Wage. *Perspectives on Emerging Public Issues*. Oregon State University Extension Service.

Non-juried

Monograph

Connolly, L., Corman, R. R. (2008). *The Economic Impact of North Colorado Medical Center*. Greeley, Colorado: University of Northern Colorado.

Connolly, L., Corman, R., Graham, P. E. (2006). *UNC Economic Impact Analysis*. Greeley, Colorado: University of Northern Colorado.

Connolly, L. (1996). *Those Left Behind: The Working Poor in Oregon*. Western Wire, Western Rural Development Center, Oregon State University.

Professional Presentations

Invited

Non-juried

Connolly, L., "Forum on the Impact of Budget Cuts on Higher Education in Colorado," Colorado WINS. (February 2010).

Connolly, L., United Way of Weld County Kick-off Breakfast, "The Impact of Donations and Volunteering on the Economy." (September 2003).

Connolly, L., "Minimum Wage Legislation and the Working Poor," California State University-Fullerton, Department of Economics. (February 2000).

Not Invited

Juried

Connolly, L., Corman, R., Aske, D., Annual Meetings of the Western Social Science Association, "The Rhetoric and Reality of No Child Left Behind: An Agent-Based Model," Reno, Nevada. (April 2010).

Connolly, L., Corman, R., Aske, D., Annual Meetings of the American Education Finance Association, "Accessibility or Accountability? The Rhetoric and Reality of No Child Left Behind," Richmond, Virginia. (March 2010).

Corman, R. (Author & Presenter), Aske, D. (Author), Connolly, L. (Author & Presenter), Fourth International Social Science Research Conference, "Accessibility or Accountability? The Rhetoric and Reality of No Child Left Behind," Nashville, Tennessee. (December 2009).

Corman, R. (Author), Jurin, R. (Author & Presenter), Gaede, D. (Author), Thomas, D. F. (Author), Connolly, L. (Author), Socioscientific Committee of the 5th World Environmental Education Congress (5WEEC), "Avoiding exploited communities - Business place-building builds sustainable communities." (May 10, 2009).

Corman, R., Aske, D., Connolly, L., Annual Meetings of the Western Social Science Association, "Student 'Skimming' Across Public Schools in the Denver Metropolitan Region: Empirical Evidence Using an Agent-based Approach," Albuquerque, New Mexico. (March 2009).

Connolly, L., Annual Meetings of the Southwestern Economics Association, "A Thousand Points of Light: The Impact of Welfare Reform on Nonprofit Provision of Social Services," Albuquerque, New Mexico. (March 2007).

Connolly, L., Annual Meetings of the Western Economic Association, "A Thousand Points of Light: The Impact of Welfare Reform on Nonprofit Provision of Social Services," San Diego, California. (July 2006).

Marston, C., Connolly, L., Annual Meetings of the Western Economic Association, "Welfare Reform, Earnings, and Incomes: New Evidence from the Survey of Program Dynamics," Denver, Colorado. (July 2003).

Marston, C., Connolly, L., Joint Center for Poverty Research 2001-2002 HHS and Census Research Development Grants Conference, "The Economic Well-Being of Children and Families After Welfare Reform," Washington, D.C. (September 2002).

Marston, C., Connolly, L., Annual Meetings of the Midwest Economics Association, "The Economic Well-Being of Children and Families After Welfare Reform," Chicago, Illinois. (March 2002).

Marston, C., Connolly, L., North American Meetings of the Econometric Society, "The Economic Well-Being of Children and Families After Welfare Reform," Atlanta, Georgia. (January 2002).

Connolly, L., Davis, E. E., Weber, B. A., "Local Labor Market Conditions and the Jobless Rural Poor: Does Job Growth Improve Employment Outcomes?," Palm Springs, California. (February 2001).

Connolly, L., Rural Dimensions of Welfare Reform: A Research Conference on Poverty, Welfare, and Food Assistance, sponsored by the Joint Center for Poverty Research, "The Effect of Welfare Reform on the Incomes and Earnings of Welfare Recipients: Evidence from the Current Population Survey," Northwestern University/University of Chicago, Washington DC. (May 2000).

Connolly, L., Conference on Work, Welfare, and Politics, "The Effect of Welfare Reform on the Incomes and Earnings of Welfare Recipients: Evidence from the Current Population Survey," University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. (February 2000).

Non-juried

Corman, R., Jurin, R., Gaede, D., Thomas, D. F., Connolly, L., Research Interest Group Presentation and Luncheon, "Place Building and Leadership Initiative." (September 2008).

Marston, C., Connolly, L., Economics Department Seminar, "Welfare Reform, Earnings and Incomes: New Evidence from the Survey of Program Dynamics," University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. (April 2003).

Connolly, L., Nonprofit Day Breakfast, "Nonprofit Organizations," University of Northern Colorado. (March 2001).

Connolly, L., "Not-for-Profit: Theory and Practice," Department of Economics, Department of Sociology, and Monfort College of Business, University of Northern Colorado. (November 2000).

GRANTS

Funded

Corman, R., Connolly, L., "Social Responsibility and Place Building: A Complex Adaptive Systems Approach," Sponsored by SPARC Research Enhancement Award Program, \$22,253.00. (June 2008 - October 2008).

Corman, R., Connolly, L., "The Economic Impact of North Colorado Medical Center," Sponsored by NCMC Foundation, \$25,000.00. (July 2008).

Corman, R., Alexander, J. F., Connolly, L., Graham, P. E., Schmidt, C. G., "University of Northern Colorado Economic Impact Analysis: Phases I, II, and III," Sponsored by UNC Office of the President, \$152,000.00. (2005 - 2007).

Connolly, L., "A Thousand Points of Light: The Impact of Welfare Reform on Nonprofit Provision of Social Services," Sponsored by University of Northern Colorado, Sponsored Programs and Academic Research Center, \$4,500.00. (May 2006 - August 2006).

Connolly, L., "Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to use Technology," Sponsored by University of Northern Colorado, Department of Educational Technology, \$500.00. (August 2002 - December 2002).

Connolly, L. S. (Co-Principal), Marston, C. (Co-Principal), "The Economic Well-Being of Children and Families After Welfare Reform," Sponsored by Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research, \$30,000.00. (July 2001).

Connolly, L., "Workshop Fellowship," Sponsored by Creating Career Opportunities for Female Economists, National Science Foundation and the Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession. (January 1998).

Connolly, L., "The Impact of Welfare Reform: An Empirical Examination," Sponsored by Oregon State University, College of Liberal Arts, \$2,780.00. (1995).

Not Funded

Corman, R., Connolly, L., Gaede, D., Matchett, N., Jurin, R., Thomas, D. F., "The Role Of Organizations as Place Builders in Community Well-Being," Sponsored by National Science Foundation, \$576,532.00. (September 2009).

Corman, R., Marston, C., Connolly, L., "Proposal submitted to perform an economic impact study of the proposed the "Colorado Housing Trust Fund." (2002).

TEACHING

Teaching Experience

University of Northern Colorado

Courses Taught:

ECON 203, Principles of Macroeconomics, 4 courses. 3.00 credit hours.

ECON 205, Principles of Microeconomics, 1 course. 3.00 credit hours.

ECON 304, Economics of Gender, 1 course. 3.00 credit hours.

ECON 305, Intermediate Microeconomics, 2 courses. 3.00 credit hours.

ECON 341, Public Finance, 4 courses. 3.00 credit hours.

ECON 350, Application of Mathematics to Economics, 2 courses. 3.00 credit hours.

ECON 422, Directed Study, 16 courses. 3.00 credit hours.

ECON 452, Econometrics, 5 courses. 3.00 credit hours.

ECON 492, Internship in Economics, 3 courses. 2.00 credit hours.

ENST 291, Sustainability and Capitalism, 2 courses. 3.00 credit hours.

HON 451, Senior Honors Research Thesis, 1 course. 1.00 credit hours.

SERVICE

University Service

. Conducted review session for Econ portion of ETS exam for Monfort College of Business.
(October 2005 - Present).

Vice-President, HSS member of UNC Faculty Senate. (2009 - 2011).

Vice-President, Faculty Senate Welfare Committee. (2008 - 2011).

Committee Member, Faculty Senate Welfare Committee. (July 2005 - May 2011).

University Senate Service, HSS member of UNC Faculty Senate. (July 2005 - May 2011).

President, UNC Chapter of AAUP. (May 2005 - May 2011).

Committee Member, UNC Chapter of AAUP. (March 2003 - May 2011).

Secretary, HSS member of UNC Faculty Senate. (2008 - 2009).

Committee Member, Search committee for Special Assistant to the President for Diversity.
(November 2009).

Organizing Member, UNC Campus Climate Dialogue Group. (March 2007 - May 2008).

Committee Chair, University of Northern Colorado Salary Equity Committee. (August 2006 - May 2008).

AA/EO Coordinator. Search Committee for Realizing Our Community Coordinator. (January 2008).

Committee Member, Search committee for Special Assistant to the President for Diversity.
(January 2008).

Task Force Member, UNC Economic Impact Task Force. (January 2005 - December 2006).

Conducted review session for Econ portion of ETS exam for Monfort College of Business.
(October 2006).

Interim President, UNC Chapter of AAUP. (December 2004 - May 2005).

Professional Speaker, Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity. (March 2005).

Vice President, UNC Chapter of AAUP. (May 2004 - December 2004).

Membership Officer, UNC Chapter of AAUP. (May 2003 - May 2004).

Committee Member, Organizing committee for Community Seminar. (December 2000 - March 2001).

Workshop Organizer, Seminar on Nonprofit Organizations, joint with Dept. of Sociology and Monfort College of Business. (September 2000 - November 2000).

College Service

HSS Banner Bearer. (2008 - Present).

Economics representative at Fall Convocation. (August 2006 - Present).

Economics representative at Honors Convocation. (April 2006 - Present).

Committee Member, Hiring committee for Arts and Sciences Network Technician. (October 2001 - Present).

Economics Department representative at "Welcome Freshmen Program" sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Cultural Centers, CHE, and CUMBRES. (August 2001 - Present).

Economics Department representative at Honors Convocation. (May 2001 - Present).

A&S/HSS support person for users of SAS software. (October 2000 - May 2011).

Deputy Marshall, Economics representative at Undergraduate Commencements. (2002 - 2009).

Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Coordinator for College of Arts and Sciences. (September 2001 - May 2005).

Department Service

Wrote a follow-up proposal for funding from Information Technology to refurbish Econ Dept student computer lab. (January 2001 - Present).

Wrote a proposal for funding from Information Technology to refurbish Econ Dept student computer lab. (December 2000 - Present).

Initiated process to obtain online database, EconLit, through Michener Library. (Database made available March 2001. (November 2000 - Present).

Committee Chair, Program Area Coordinator/Department Chair, University of Northern Colorado, Economics Department. (July 2005 - May 2011).

Departmental Library Liaison. (August 2001 - May 2010).

Committee Chair, Economics Faculty Search Committee. (August 2008 - April 2009).

Departmental Assessment Coordinator. (April 2002 - July 2005).

Recording secretary for department meetings. (August 2001 - July 2005).

Committee Chair, Committee to better develop internships in Economics. (August 2001 - April 2002).

Department representative at Discover UNC. (January 2002).

Professional Service

Reviewer, Journal Article, Review of Economics and Statistics. (December 1998 - Present).

Officer, President/Elect/Past, American Association of University Professors, Colorado. (November 2008 - November 2011).

Committee Member, American Association of University Professors- Colorado Executive Council, Colorado. (May 2005 - May 2011).

Officer, Vice President, American Association of University Professors-Colorado Legislative Affairs, Colorado. (May 2007 - October 2008).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Social Science Journal. (March 2008).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Contemporary Economic Problems. (January 2008).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Southern Economic Journal. (September 2006).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Southern Economic Journal. (September 2005).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Journal of Applied Economics. (August 2004).

Reviewer, Grant Proposal, National Science Foundation. (April 2003).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Review of Economics and Statistics. (November 2001).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Journal of Human Resources. (March 2001).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Journal of Human Resources. (September 2000).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Southern Economic Journal. (August 1999).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Journal of Public Economics. (November 1998).

Public/Community Service

Offices held: President; Vice President; Secretary; Strategic Planning Committee Chair; Fundraising Committee Co-chair; Facilities Committee Chair; Governance Committee Chair; Raffle Committee Chair, Greeley Transitional House, Board of Directors. (August 2001 - Present).

Guest Speaker, "Amy Oliver" show, KFKA radio. (May 2005).

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES ATTENDED

Continuing Education Program, "Complex Systems in the Social Sciences," Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. (July 2009).

Sabbatical Leave/Exploratory Research, "The Effects of Public Policy on Nonprofit Provision of Social Services." (2007).

AWARDS AND HONORS

Other

UNC Graduate Faculty with Doctoral Research Endorsement., University of Northern Colorado. (December 2011).

UNC Teacher Education Faculty, University of Northern Colorado. (May 2011).

Scholarship/Research

Distinguished Research Award, Academy of Economics and Economic Education. (2013).

Research Affiliate, Northwestern University/University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research. (October 2001).

Nominated for: Dissertation Award, National Tax Association. (1995).

University Graduate Tuition Scholarship, Northwestern University. (1992).

Service

Faculty Service Award, Faculty Senate, University of Northern Colorado. (2011).

Excellence in Advising and Service Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Northern Colorado. (November 2007).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences. (2015 - Present).

Delta Sigma Pi Business and Economics Fraternity. (2006 - Present).

American Association of University Professors. (2003 - Present).

Association of University Technology Managers. (2013 - 2015).

American Economic Association. (1994 - 2011).

Committee for the Status of Women in the Economics Profession. (1994 - 2011).

Western Economic Association International. (1994 - 2011).

Econometric Society. (2006 - 2007).