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⤵ **EMPLOYMENT**      **Research Professor**      2016- present  
Department of Entrepreneurship, Baylor University

**Assistant Professor of Economics**      2013- 2016  
Oxford College of Emory University

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⤵ **INTERESTS**      > Applied Microeconomics > New Institutional Economics > Entrepreneurship  
> Mental Health & Well-being > Economics of Education > Pedagogy

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⤵ **EDUCATION**      **Ph.D., Economics**      May 2013  
University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida  
> concentration in Business Administration & Statistics

**M.A., Economics**      August 2008  
University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida  
**B.S., Economics** (*magna cum laude*)      May 2006  
> minors in Philosophy and Mathematics  
Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana

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⤵ **RESEARCH**      **Published Papers**  
(student co-authors in **bold**)

- (with Toke Aidt and Daniel Bennett) "Institutions and Well-being" **European Journal of Political Economy** (forthcoming)

- (with Milena Nikolova) "Does Joining the EU Make You Happy? Evidence from Bulgaria and Romania" **Journal of Happiness Studies** (forthcoming)

- (with Jeniffer McGee) "Relative Verbal Intelligence and Happiness" **Intelligence** 2016, 59: 1-7.

- (with Daniel Bennett) "Give Me Liberty and Give Me Control: Economic Freedom, Control Perceptions, and the Paradox of Choice" **European Journal of Political Economy** (forthcoming)

- (with Daniel Bennett) "On the Ambiguous Economic Freedom-Inequality Relationship" **Empirical Economics**. 2016. doi:10.1007/s00181-016-1131-3

- (with Rauf Salahodjaev) "Cultural Values, Pathogens, and the Origins of Economic Institutions" *Kyklos* (forthcoming)
- (with Daniel Bennett) "Economic Freedom and Happiness Inequality - Friends or Foes?" *Contemporary Economic Policy*. 2016. doi:10.1111/coep.12190
- (with Daniel Bennett) "Economic Freedom and Emotional Well-being." *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*. 2016 (forthcoming)
- (with Daniel Bennett) "Factor Endowments, the Rule of Law, and Structural Inequality: Testing the Engerman-Sokoloff Hypothesis" *Journal of Institutional Economics* 2016: 1-23
- "Does Other People's Education Make Us Less Happy?" *Economics of Education Review* 51 (1) 2016: 176-191
- (with Rauf Salahodjaev) "The Role of Intelligence in the Distribution of National Happiness" *Intelligence* 56 (1) 2016: 38-45
- (with **Pavel Rusakov**) "Education and Happiness: An Alternative Hypothesis" *Applied Economics Letters*. 2015
- "Living with Mom and Dad and Loving It...or Are You?" *Journal of Economic Psychology*. 51(1) December 2015: 199-209
- (with **Ainslee Burns**) "Intergenerational Mobility and Subjective Well-being— Evidence from the General Social Survey." *Journal of Behavioral & Experimental Economics*. 53 (1) 2014: 82-96
- "Economic Freedom and Quality of Life – Evidence from the OECD's Better Life Index." *Journal of Private Enterprise*. 29 (3) 2014: 97-117.
- "Using Experiments and Media to Introduce Game Theory into the Principles Classroom." *Journal of Private Enterprise*. 29 (2) 2014: 149-160.
- (with Josh Hall, John Pulito, and Ben vanMetre). "Economic Freedom and Entrepreneurship: New Evidence from the States." *American Journal of Entrepreneurship*. 6(1) 2013: 85-99

### **Book Chapters**

- "Economic Freedom & Subjective Well-being," in *Economic Behavior, Economic Freedom, and Entrepreneurship*. Edited by Richard Cebula, Joshua Hall, Franklin Mixon, and James Payne, editors. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015: 178-193.

### **Working Papers** (under review)

- (with Milena Nikolova) "Saving Habits and Subjective Well-being?"
- (with Rauf Salahodjaev) "Are More Individualistic Societies More Democratic - Evidence from a New Instrument."

- (with Tabitha Cummings) "Are Selfish People Happier? Evidence from Panel Data"
- (with Daniel Bennett) "Rising Income Inequality and Economic Growth—Are Americans Better Off? Evidence from Subjective Well-Being Data."
- (with Rauf Salahodjaev) "Individualism-Collectivism and Income Inequality"

## TEACHING

### **OXFORD COLLEGE OF EMORY UNIVERSITY, 2013-present**

- > awarded the William H. Fox Award for Emerging Excellence (2016)

#### **The Economics of Happiness** | web: <http://happy.borisnikolaev.com>

- > Honors seminar with a study abroad component to Costa Rica
- > Overall Rating 4.8/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

#### **Principles of Macroeconomics**

- > Overall Rating 4.9/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

#### **Principles of Microeconomics** | web: <http://micro.borisnikolaev.com>

- > Overall Rating 4.5/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

#### **Intermediate Microeconomics**

- > Overall Rating 4.5/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

#### **Oxford College Research Scholars**

- > Overall Rating 5/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, 2008-2012**

- > awarded the Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching (2010)

#### **Principles of Microeconomics**

- > Overall Rating 4.7/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

#### **History of Economic Thought** | web: <http://hope.borisnikolaev.com>

- > Overall Rating 4.5/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

#### **Intermediate Price Theory**

- > Overall Rating 4.4/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

#### **Mathematical Economics** (Master's level)

- > Overall Rating 4.7/5 (1=poor and 5=excellent)

## AWARDS

**Oxford College Honors**, Oxford College of Emory University, 2016

**William H. Fox Award for Emerging Excellence**, Emory University, 2015-16

**Dissertation Completion Fellowship**, USF Graduate School, 2012-13

**The Humane Studies Fellowship**, Institute for Humane Studies, 2012-13

**Research Excellence Award**, USF Graduate School, 2013

**Hayek Fund for Scholars**, Institute for Humane Studies, 2012

**APEE Young Scholar's Award**, Association of Private Enterprise, 2012

**The Provost Award for Outstanding Teaching**, University of South Florida, 2010

**NEH Summer Grant**, Center for History of Political Economy, Duke University, 2010

**Travel Grants**, USF Graduate S&P Council, 2010-13

**Graduate Fellowship**, Department of Economics, USF, 2006-07

Multicultural Affairs Scholar Award, Manchester College, 2005  
Eli Lilly Imaginary Grant, Manchester College, 2004  
Outstanding Academic Scholarship, Manchester College, 2002  
International Scholarship, Manchester College, 2001-05

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➤ GRANTS

Institutions & Entrepreneurship, John F. Baugh Center (\$72,500), 2016-18  
Institutions & Well-being (with Daniel Bennett), Patrick Henry College (\$61,500), 2014-16  
Faculty Development Grant, Oxford College of Emory University (\$2,897), 2015  
Faculty Development Grant, Oxford College of Emory University (\$2,181), 2014  
Faculty Development Grant, Oxford College of Emory University (\$1,492), 2013

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➤ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

New Directions in Well-Being Research, Brookings Institution (2016)  
Institute for Pedagogy in the Liberal Arts, Oxford College (summer 2014)  
Equality & Public Policy, Ohio University (2013)  
Creative Teaching Ideas for Your Basic Economics Course, Gus A. Stavros Center for Economic Education, University of South Florida (2013)  
Spontaneous Order and Experimental Economics, Liberty Fund (2012)  
Public Policy and Economic Freedom, Liberty Fund (2012)  
Liberty & the Art of Teaching, George Mason University (2012)  
Scholarship & a Free Society, Towson University (2012)  
Teaching the History of Political Economy, Duke University (2010)  
Instructional Workshop for Teaching Excellence, USF (2010)

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➤ SERVICE

Strategic Planning Committee, Oxford College, Member (2015-2016)  
Sustainability Committee, Oxford College, Committee Member (2014-2016)  
Honor's Council, Oxford College, Faculty Representative (2014-2016)  
Oxford Studies, Oxford College of Emory University, Grader (2014-2016)  
Freshman Seminar, Oxford College of Emory, Co-Facilitator (2014-2016)  
Students for Liberty, Oxford College of Emory University, Adviser (2014-2016)  
Economics Scholars Society, USF, Graduate Student Adviser (2010-13)  
Undergraduate Thesis Committee (Michael Metalone), USF (2012)

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➤ DISCUSSANT

Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (2017, 2014, 2013), Southern Economic Association (2016, 2013, 2012), Equality & Public Policy (2013), Association of Private Enterprise and Education (2014, 2013)

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➤ REFEREE

Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, World Development, European Journal of Political Economy, IZA World of Labor, Journal of Happiness Studies, Journal of Regional Finance and Policy, Journal of Economics and Finance Education, The Independent Review, Journal of Private Enterprise, Applied Research on Quality of Life, Journal of Biosocial Science

- **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**
- The Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (2017)
  - Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (2016)
  - The Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas (2015)
  - The European Public Choice Society Meeting, Groningen, Netherlands (2015)
  - Academic and Business Research Institute, Honolulu, Hawaii (2014)
  - The Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, Nevada (2014)
  - Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina (2014)
  - The Association of Private Enterprise Education, Maui, Hawaii (2013)
  - Global Governance and Sustainable Communities, Tampa, Florida (2013)
  - USF Graduate Research Symposium, Tampa, Florida (2013)
  - > Best poster award in social sciences
  - Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (2012)
  - Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (2012)
  - > Southern Economic Association Graduate Student Award
  - Scholarship & a Free Society, Towson University (2012)
  - USF Department of Economics Seminar Series, University of South Florida (2010)
  - Economics Scholars Society Guest Speaker, University of South Florida (2010)
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- **SOFTWARE**
- Acrobat • Premiere • Illustrator • InDesign • Lightroom • Photoshop
  - Word • Excel • Powerpoint • Access • Visio • Project
  - Open Office • FileZilla • InfranView • GIMP • Audacity • Virtual Dub • TexMaker
  - HTML • CSS • PHP • Flash • Javascript (basic) • XML • LaTeX
  - Stata (main) • Matlab • SPSS • SAS (basic)
  - Drupal • Joomla • Wordpress • Magento
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- **MEMBERSHIPS**
- American Economic Association, Public Choice Society, European Public Choice Society, Southern Economic Association, Western Economic Association, Association of Private Enterprise and Education