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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

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

⤵ **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

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

- (with Matt Wood) "Cascading Ripples: Contagion Effects of Entrepreneurial Activity on Self-Employment Attitudes and Choices in Regional Cohorts." **Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal** (forthcoming)
- (with Christopher Boudreaux and Les Palich) "Cross-Country Determinants of Opportunity and Necessity-Motivated Entrepreneurship: Accounting for Model Uncertainty" **Journal of Small Business Management** (forthcoming)
- (with Christopher Boudreaux and Randy Holcombe) "Corruption and Non-Productive Entrepreneurship" **Small Business Economics** (forthcoming)
- (with Peter Klein and Christopher Boudreaux) "Entrepreneurial Traits, Formal Institutions and the Motivation to Engage in Entrepreneurial Action." **Academy of Management Best Paper Proceedings**, 2017

- (with Christopher Boudreaux and **Rauf Salahodjaev**) "Are More Collectivist Societies More Equal? Evidence from the Parasite–Stress Theory of Values. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2017 (138C): 30–49
- (with **Rauf Salahodjaev**) "Historical Prevalence of Infectious Diseases, Cultural Values, and the Origins of Economic Institutions" *Kyklos*, 2017 (70): 97–128
- (with Daniel Bennett) "Economic Freedom and Happiness Inequality – Friends or Foes?" *Contemporary Economic Policy*. 2017 (35): 373–393
- (with Toke Aidt and Daniel Bennett) "Institutions and Well-being" *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2016 (45): 1–10
- "Does Higher Education Increase Hedonic and Eudaimonic Well-being?" *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 2016: 1–27
- (with Daniel Bennett) "Give Me Liberty and Give Me Control: Economic Freedom, Control Perceptions, and the Paradox of Choice" *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2016 (45): 39–52
- "Does Other People's Education Make Us Less Happy?" *Economics of Education Review* 51 (1) 2016: 176–191
- (with Daniel Bennett) "Factor Endowments, the Rule of Law, and Structural Inequality: Testing the Engerman-Sokoloff Hypothesis" *Journal of Institutional Economics* 2016: 1–23
- (with Daniel Bennett) "On the Ambiguous Economic Freedom–Inequality Relationship" *Empirical Economics*. 2016: 1–31
- (with Milena Nikolova) "Does Joining the EU Make You Happy? Evidence from Bulgaria and Romania" *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 2016 (45): 1–31
- (with Jeniffer McGee) "Relative Verbal Intelligence and Happiness" *Intelligence* 2016, 59: 1–7.
- (with Daniel Bennett) "Economic Freedom and Emotional Well-being." *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*. 2016
- (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. doi: 10.1080/13504851.2015.1111982
- "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

Papers under Review

- (with Nadav Shir and Joakim Wincent) "Entrepreneurship and Well-being: The Role of Psychological Autonomy, Competence, and Relatedness." (2nd round in *Journal of Business Venturing*)

- (with Johan Wiklund, Carol Graham, Steve Bradley, and Nadav Shir) "Entrepreneurship & Well-being." (editorial at the *Journal of Business Venturing*)

- (with Peter Klein and Christopher Boudreaux) "Opportunity and necessity entrepreneurship: The interaction of individual traits and institutional context" (1st round at the *Journal of Business Venturing*)

- (with Steve Bradley and Christopher Boudreaux) "Income Inequality and New Venture Survival" (reject and resubmit at *Journal of Business Venturing*)

- (with Milena Nikolova) "Family Matters: Parental Unemployment in Early Childhood and Subjective Well-being over the Life Course." (under review in *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*)

- (with Nadav Shir and Johan Wiklund) "When You Ain't Got Nothin' to Lose: Affect and Entrepreneurial Entry." (under review in *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*)

- (with Christopher Boudreaux) "Capital is not enough: The role of formal institutions in the relationship between capital and opportunity-motivated entrepreneurship" (under review in *Small Business Economics*)

Working Papers

- (with Nadav Shir and Joakim Wincent) "Measuring Entrepreneurial Well-being." (in preparation for submission to *Journal of Business Venturing*)

- (with Dean Shepherd, Brittany Solomon, and Steve Bradley) "Education as a Path to Job Satisfaction? Not So Fast: An Intrinsic Perspective Of Education, Self-Employment, and Gender in Understanding Job Satisfaction"

Book Chapters

- "*The Economics of Happiness*" O' Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, 2017.

- "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.

➤ EDITORIAL

Guest Co-Editor, Journal of Business Venturing, 2016-17
(with Johan Wiklund, Carol Graham, Steve Bradley, and Nadav Shir)
Special Issue: "Entrepreneurship and Well-being"

Guest Co-Editor, European Journal of Political Economy, 2014-16
(with Toke Aidt & Daniel Bennett)
Special Issue: "Institutions & Well-being"

Editorial Board of Review, Journal of Business Venturing, 2016-

➤ TEACHING

OXFORD COLLEGE OF EMORY UNIVERSITY, 2013-2016

- > awarded the William H. Fox Award for Emerging Excellence (2016)
- > awarded Oxford College Honors for Excellence in Teaching (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)
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➤ AWARDS

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

William H. Fox Award for Emerging Excellence, Emory University, 2016

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

GRANTS

Future Directions in Entrepreneurship & Well-being Research,
- Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship, Baylor University (\$72,500), 2016-17
Evolution of Well-being during Venture Creation (with Nadav Shir),
- Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship, Baylor University (\$7,000), 2017-18
Institutions & Well-being (with Daniel Bennett)
- Emory University (\$61,500), 2014-16
Research Grants, Oxford College of Emory University (\$10,000), 2013-16
Teaching Grants, Oxford College of Emory University (\$15,000), 2013-16
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

WORKSHOPS

(co-organizer) **Well-Being & Entrepreneurship**, Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship & Free Enterprise (2017)
(co-organizer) **The Baugh-Ratio Colloquium for Young Social Scientists**, Baugh Center for Entrepreneurship & Free Enterprise (2017)
New Directions in Well-Being Research, Brookings Institution (2016)
Institute for Pedagogy in the Liberal Arts, Oxford College (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)

SERVICE

Baugh Center Event Co-Organizer, Baylor University, Co-Facilitator (2016-18)
McLane Scholars Reading Group, Baylor University, Co-Facilitator (2016-18)
Strategic Planning Committee, Oxford College, Member (2015-2016)
Sustainability Committee, Oxford College, Committee Member (2014-2016)
Honors 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)

➤ **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)

➤ **REFEREE** Journal of Business Venturing, Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, World Development, European Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Behavioral & Experimental Economics, IZA World of Labor, Journal of Happiness Studies, Journal of Regional Analysis 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

➤ **PRESENTATIONS** Southern Methodist University (invited talk), Dallas, Texas (2017)
Academy of Management Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia (2017)
Babson Research Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (2017)
The Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (2017)
North Dakota State University (invited talk), Fargo, North Dakota (2017)
Research Institute of Industrial Economics (invited talk), Stockholm (2016)
Southern Economic Association, Washington DC (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)

➤ **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)

➤ **MEMBERSHIPS** Academy of Management, BCERC, American Economic Association, Public Choice Society, European Public Choice Society, Southern Economic Association, Association of Private Enterprise and Education