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-  **EMPLOYMENT**
- Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship** 2018 - present  
Department of Entrepreneurship, Baylor University
  - Research Professor** 2016 - 2018  
Department of Entrepreneurship, Baylor University
  - Assistant Professor of Economics** 2013 - 2016  
Department of Economics, Oxford College of Emory University
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-  **INTERESTS**
- > Entrepreneurship > Applied Microeconomics > New Institutional Economics >  
> Mental Health & Well-being > Public Policy > Economics of Education
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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**
- Solomon, B., **Nikolaev, B.**, and Shepherd, D. (2021) "Does Educational Attainment Promote Job Satisfaction? The Bittersweet Trade-offs Between Job Resources, Demands, and Stress" *Journal of Applied Psychology* (forthcoming)
  - Bennett, D. and **Nikolaev, B.** (2021) "Historical Prevalence of Infectious Diseases, Economic Institutions, and Global Entrepreneurship." *Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice*, 45(1), 145-174.
  - Nikolova, M. and **Nikolaev, B.** (2021) "Family Matters: Parental Unemployment in Early Childhood and Subjective Well-being over the Life Course." *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, (181) 312-331.

- Bennett, D. and **Nikolaev, B.** (2020) "Individualism, Pro-Market Institutions, and National Innovation." *Small Business Economics* (forthcoming)
- Nikolova, M. and **Nikolaev, B.** (2020) "The Psychological and Health Costs of Losing Self-Employment" *Small Business Economics* (forthcoming)
- **Nikolaev, B.**, Boudreaux, C. and Wood, M. (2020) "Entrepreneurship and Subjective Well-being: The Mediating Role of Psychological Functioning ." *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*, 44(3), 557-586.
- **Nikolaev, B.**, Shir, N. and Wiklund, J. (2020) "Dispositional Positive and Negative Affect and Self-Employment Transitions: The Mediating Role of Job Satisfaction ." *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*, 44(3), 451-474.
- **Nikolaev, B.** and Bennett, D. (2020) "Rising Income Inequality and Economic Growth: Are Americans Better Off? Evidence from Subjective Well-being Data" *Journal of Private Enterprise* , 35(3), 63-92.
- Wiklund, J., **Nikolaev, B.**, Foo, MD, Shir, N. and Bradley, S. (2019) "Entrepreneurship and Well-being: Past, Present and Future." *Journal of Business Venturing* 34 (4), 579-588.
- Boudreaux, C. , **Nikolaev, B.**, and Klein, P. (2019) "Socio-cognitive traits and entrepreneurship: The moderating role of economic institutions" *Journal of Business Venturing* 34(1): 178-196.
- Boudreaux, C., and **Nikolaev, B.** (2019) "Capital is not enough: Opportunity Entrepreneurship and Formal Institutions." *Small Business Economics* 53(1): 709-738.
- Shir, N., **Nikolaev, B.**, and Wincent, J. (2019) "Entrepreneurship and Well-being: The Role of Psychological Autonomy, Competence, and Relatedness." *Journal of Business Venturing* 34(5): 105857
- **Nikolaev, B.** and Maldonado Bautista, I. (2019) "Personality Traits and Income Attainment of Self-Employed People--Accounting for Model Uncertainty." *Journal of Business Venturing Insights*. 11: e0011
- **Nikolaev, B.** and Wood, M. (2018) "Cascading Ripples: Contagion Effects of Entrepreneurial Activity on Self-Employment Attitudes and Choices in Regional Cohorts." *Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal*, 12 (4), 455-481.
- **Nikolaev, B.**, Boudreaux, C. and Palich, L. (2018) "Cross-Country Determinants of Opportunity and Necessity-Motivated Entrepreneurship: Accounting for Model Uncertainty" *Journal of Small Business Management* (56-51): 243-280.
- Boudreaux, C., and **Nikolaev, B.**, and Holcombe, R. (2018) "Corruption and Non-Productive Entrepreneurship" *Small Business Economics*, 51 (1), 181-202
- **Nikolaev, B.**, Boudreaux, C., and Salahodjaev, R. (2017) "Are More Collectivist Societies More Equal? Evidence from the Parasite-Stress Theory of Values. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, (138C): 30-49

- **Nikolaev, B.**, and Salahodjaev, R. (2017) "Historical Prevalence of Infectious Diseases, Cultural Values, and the Origins of Economic Institutions" *Kyklos*, (70): 97-128
- Bennett, D. and **Nikolaev, B.** (2017) "Economic Freedom and Happiness Inequality - Friends or Foes?" *Contemporary Economic Policy*. 35, 373-393
- Bennett, D., **Nikolaev, B.**, and Aidt, T. "Institutions and Well-being" *European Journal of Political Economy*, 2016 (45): 1-10
- **Nikolaev, B.** "Does Higher Education Increase Hedonic and Eudaimonic Well-being?" *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 2016: 1-27
- **Nikolaev, B.** and Bennett, D. "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
- **Nikolaev, B.** "Does Other People's Education Make Us Less Happy?" *Economics of Education Review* 51 (1) 2016: 176-191
- Bennett, D. and **Nikolaev, B.** "Factor Endowments, the Rule of Law, and Structural Inequality: Testing the Engerman-Sokoloff Hypothesis" *Journal of Institutional Economics* 2016: 1-23
- Bennett, D. and **Nikolaev, B.** "On the Ambiguous Economic Freedom-Inequality Relationship" *Empirical Economics*. 2016: 1-31
- Nikolova, M. and **Nikolaev, B.** "Does Joining the EU Make You Happy? Evidence from Bulgaria and Romania" *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 2016 (45): 1-31
- **Nikolaev, B.** and McGee, J. "Relative Verbal Intelligence and Happiness" *Intelligence* 2016, 59: 1-7.
- **Nikolaev, B.** and Bennett, D. "Economic Freedom and Emotional Well-being." *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*. 2016
- **Nikolaev, B.**, and Salahodjaev, R. "The Role of Intelligence in the Distribution of National Happiness" *Intelligence* 56 (1) 2016: 38-45
- **Nikolaev, B.**, and Rusakov, P. "Education and Happiness: An Alternative Hypothesis" *Applied Economics Letters*. 2015. doi: 10.1080/13504851.2015.1111982
- **Nikolaev, B.** "Living with Mom and Dad and Loving It...or Are You?" *Journal of Economic Psychology*. 51(1) December 2015: 199-209
- **Nikolaev, B.** and Burns, A. "Intergenerational Mobility and Subjective Well-being—Evidence from the General Social Survey." *Journal of Behavioral & Experimental Economics*. 53 (1) 2014: 82-96
- **Nikolaev, B.** "Economic Freedom and Quality of Life – Evidence from the OECD's

Better Life Index." *Journal of Private Enterprise*. 29 (3) 2014: 97-117

- **Nikolaev, B.** "Using Experiments and Media to Introduce Game Theory into the Principles Classroom." *Journal of Private Enterprise*. 29 (2) 2014: 149-160

- Hall, J., **Nikolaev, B.**, Pulito, J. and vanMetre, B. "Economic Freedom and Entrepreneurship: New Evidence from the States." *American Journal of Entrepreneurship*. 6(1) 2013: 85-99

### **Book Chapters**

- **Nikolaev, B.** "*The Economics of Entrepreneurship*" O' Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, 2020.

- Bennett, D., and **Nikolaev, B.** "*Economic Freedom, Public Policy and Entrepreneurship*," in *Economic Freedom of the World Report*. Edited by James Gwartney, Robert Lawson and Josh Hall (forthcoming).

- Boudreaux, C., and **Nikolaev, B.** "*Exploring gender differences in entrepreneurship: how the regulatory environment mitigates differences in early-stage growth aspirations*," in *High-growth Women's Entrepreneurship*. Edited by Amanda Bullough, Diana Hechavarria, Candida Brush and Linda Edelman (forthcoming).

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

- Bennett, D., **Nikolaev, B.**, Aidt, T. *Instituciones y Bienstar, in Instituciones y Desarrollo: El Circulo Virtuoso*, Mexico: Comercio Exterior Bancomext, Numero 11, Fall 2017 (with Daniel Bennett & Toke Aidt)

- **Nikolaev, B.** "*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.

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## EDITORIAL

**Guest Co-Editor, *Journal of Business Venturing*, 2016-18**  
(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-  
- *Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice*, 2016-

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➤ **TEACHING**

**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, 2017-**

**Entrepreneurship: Living & Learning** | web: <http://ent3301.myportfolio.com>  
> Overall Rating 5.4 (1=poor and 6=excellent)

**Starting and Managing a Business** | web: <http://ent3315.myportfolio.com>  
> N/A

**Accelerated Ventures Capstone**  
> Overall Rating 5.1 (1=poor and 6=excellent)

**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)

➤ **AWARDS**

- Habicht Early Career Research Award, Baylor University, 2021
- Research Excellence Award, Baylor University, 2019
- Outstanding Reviewer Award, European Journal of Political Economy, 2017

- 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 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** **McLane Scholars Reading Group**, Baylor University, Program Director (2018-)  
**Baugh Center Event Co-Organizer**, Baylor University, Co-Facilitator (2016-18)  
**McLane Scholars Reading Group**, Baylor University, Co-Facilitator (2016-2018)  
**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)

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➤ **REFEREE** (over 40 reviews) **Journal of Business Venturing**, **Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice**, **Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal**, **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, **World Development**, **Journal of Entrepreneurship in Public Policy**, **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**

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➤ **PRESENTATIONS** **Babson Research Conference**, Boston, Massachusetts (2019)  
**The Association of Private Enterprise Education**, Paradise Island, Bahamas (2019)  
**TFE-Forth Worth** (invited talk), Forth Worth, Texas (2018)  
**TFE-San Angelo** (invited talk), San Angelo, Texas (2018)  
**CYFAIR-Houston** (invited talk), Houston, Texas (2018)  
**Southern Methodist University** (invited talk), Dallas, Texas (2018)  
**Babson Research Conference**, Waterford, Ireland (2018)  
**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)

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① **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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① **MEMBERSHIPS** Academy of Management, BCERC, American Economic Association, Public Choice  
Society, European Public Choice Society, Southern Economic Association, Association  
of Private Enterprise and Education