

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Economics	May 2000	West Virginia University
M.A.	Economics	August 1995	West Virginia University
B.A.	Business Administration	August 1987	Houghton (NY) College

TEACHING FIELDS

Primary: Macroeconomics, Quantitative Methods, Research Methods
Secondary: Principles of Economics, Public Economics

COURSES TAUGHT

Ongoing

Economic Themes & Topics, Principles of Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Econometrics, Senior Research Project

Other Courses

Principles of Macroeconomics (last taught in Fall 2001), Monetary Economics (last taught in Fall 2007)

EMPLOYMENT

8/06 – Present Associate Professor of Economics Hope (MI) College

Responsible for the undergraduate teaching of microeconomics at the introductory level, macroeconomics at the intermediate level, monetary economics, and econometrics. Supervise economics senior research projects.

8/06 – 5/07 Visiting Associate Professor of Economics American University of Armenia

As a Fulbright Scholar, prepared and led courses in microeconomics and macroeconomics for master's degree students in both the School of Business and Management and the School of Political Science and International Affairs.

8/00 – 7/06 Assistant Professor of Economics Hope (MI) College

Responsible for the undergraduate teaching of microeconomics at the introductory level, macroeconomics at the intermediate level, monetary economics, and econometrics.

8/99 – 5/00 Lecturing Fellow West Virginia University

Taught large (approximately 220 students) lecture classes of Principles of Macroeconomics and Principles of Microeconomics. Supervised teaching assistants.

1/99 – 5/99 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics Houghton (NY) College

Taught Principles of Macroeconomics, Public Finance, and Computer Applications and Issues.

GRANTS, HONORS, & FELLOWSHIPS

- 06/08 – 08/08 "Estimating the Demand for Economics Journals"
- Carl Frost Center for Social Science Research (Frost Center), Faculty-Student Research Grant, \$1,950
 - Ruth Arevalo ('08) presented findings in a September 2008 Frost Center Colloquium
- 10/08 Best Paper Award, International Business & Economics Research Conference
- 9/06 – 5/07 Republic of Armenia Fulbright Scholar
- Lecturing/Research Award, American University of Armenia, \$43,500
- 4/06 Earhart Fellow, Association of Private Enterprise Education, \$330
- 9/05 – 12/05 "Measurement and Construction of an Index of Economic Indicators: The Lakeshore Economic Barometer"
- Lakeshore Advantage, \$500
- 5/05 – 8/05 "Measurement and Construction of an Index of Economic Indicators: The Lakeshore Economic Barometer"
- Carl Frost Center for Social Science Research (Frost Center), Faculty-Student Research Grant, \$1,425
 - Amy Schuster ('06) presented findings at the 2006 National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR)
- 5/04 – 8/04 "Bringing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) into the Economics Curriculum, and Economics into the Frost Center through GIS"
- Frost Center, \$4,400
- 8/03 – 12/03 Research Award, Hope College Faculty Fund for Faith and Learning
- 8/02 – 5/03 "Beyond Bounded Rationality: Why Do Faculty Spread their Academic-Year Pay Over Twelve Months?"
- Frost Center, Faculty-Student Research Grant, \$1,050
 - Christine Diestl ('03) presented findings at NCUR 2003, and at the 2003 Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, & Letters
- 8/01 – 5/02 "The Timing of Paychecks: Do Those Who Should Know Better Act Better?"
- Frost Center, Faculty-Student Research Grant, \$1,275
 - Ross Poll ('02) presented findings at NCUR 2002
- Ongoing *Who's Who Among American Teachers, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in Business and Finance*

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles, Books, Book Chapters, and Doctoral Dissertation:

- Claar, Victor V. Forthcoming. "Ethics and Economics." in Rhona Free, ed., *21st Century Economics: A Reference Handbook*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Claar, Victor V. Forthcoming. *Free Trade vs. Fair Trade*. Grand Rapids, MI: Studies in Christian Social Ethics and Economics monograph series, Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty.
- Claar, Victor V, Robert Frey, and Vicki R. TenHaken. 2009 (Forthcoming). "Entrepreneurial Attitudes of MBA Students in the United States Relative to the CIS: The Case of Armenia." *International Business & Economics Research Journal*.
- Claar, Victor V., and Vicki R. TenHaken. 2008. "Entrepreneurial Attitudes in the West Relative to the CIS: The Case of Armenia." in Ryszard Borowiecki and Andrzej Jaki, eds., *Enterprises in the Face of 21st Century Challenges*. Kraków: Kraków University of Economics, pp. 347-54.
- Claar, Victor V., and Robin J. Klay. 2007. *Economics in Christian Perspective: Theory, Policy, and Life Choices*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic.
- Claar, Victor V. 2006. "Is the NAIRU More Useful in Forecasting Inflation than the Natural Rate of Unemployment?" *Applied Economics* 38: 2179–89.
- Claar, Victor V., and John N. Oswald. 2006. "Can Neoclassical Economics Handle a Scriptural View of Forgiveness?" *Journal of Markets & Morality* 9: 71-89.
- Klay, Robin J., and Victor V. Claar. 2006. "The Challenge of Generational Transition: In Mexican NGOs, and the Role of Social Entrepreneurs." *Journal of Turkish Weekly*, 22 December, <http://www.turkishweekly.net/articles.php?id=157> (accessed January 27, 2007).
- Claar, Victor V. 2005. "A Kalman-Filter Approach to Estimating the Natural Rate of Unemployment." *Proceedings of Rijeka School of Economics: Journal of Economics and Business* 23: 1-24.
- Claar, Victor V. 2001. "Full Employment." in Jonathan Michie, ed., *Reader's Guide to the Social Sciences*. London: Fitzroy Dearborn, vol. 1, pp. 620-23.
- Claar, Victor V. 2000. "The Natural Rate of Unemployment, Its Estimation, and Evaluation of Its Estimators." Ph.D. dissertation, West Virginia University.
- Claar, Victor V. 1998. "An Incentive-Compatibility Approach to the Problem of Monitoring a Bureau." *Public Finance Review* 26: 599-610.

Refereed Conference Proceedings:

- Klay, Robin J., and Victor V. Claar. 2006. "The Challenge of Generational Transition in Mexican NGOs, and the Role of Social Entrepreneurs." With Robin J. Klay. Third International Symposium on the Non-Governmental Organizations, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart Üniversitesi, Çanakkale, Turkey, December, 479-84.
- Claar, Victor V. 2005. "Can Competitive Forces Reinforce Nominal Wage Rigidities?" International Business & Economics Research Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Other Publications:

- Claar, Victor V. 2008. Rev. of Christianity and the Soul of the University, Douglas V. Henry and Michael D. Beaty, eds. *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* 20: 202-03.
- Claar, Victor V. 2006. Rev. of Economy of Grace, by Kathryn Tanner. *Christian Scholar's Review* 35: 416-23.
- Claar, Victor. 2005. Rev. of Economic Theory and Christian Belief, by Andrew Britton and Peter Sedgwick. *Faith & Economics* 45: 76-78.
- Claar, Victor and Robin Klay. 2004. Rev. of Wealth, Poverty, and Human Destiny, Doug Bandow and David L. Schindler, eds. *Christian Scholar's Review* 34: 138-40.
- Claar, Victor V. 2003. Rev. of The Fed, the Markets, and the Metamorphosis of the Business Cycle: A Christian Perspective, by John E. Charalambakis. *Christian Scholar's Review* 33: 143-45.
- Claar, Victor. 2002. Rev. of Bulls, Bears & Golden Calves: Applying Christian Ethics in Economics, by John E. Stapleford. *Journal of the Association of Christian Economists* 31: 41-43.
- Claar, Victor V. 2002. Rev. of Christianity and the Culture of Economics, Donald A. Hay and Alan Kreider, eds. *Faith & Economics* 40: 35-36.
- Klay, Robin and Victor Claar. 2002. "Where There's Smoke, Is There Asthma?" *Viewpoint on Public Issues* November 4.
- Klay, Robin and Victor Claar. 2002. "Law Prevents Electronic Pricing." *Viewpoint on Public Issues* July 3.
- Reprinted as the following:
2002. "New study: pricing law prevents innovation, savings." *Michigan Retailer* July/August: 5.
2002. "Electronic Pricing Ban Denies Savings." *Holland Sentinel* July 11: A4.
2002. "Law Prevents Electronic Pricing." *The Flint-Genesee County Legal News* July 26: 2.

Claar, Victor and Robin Klay. 2002. "Farmers Getting Angry over 'Checkoff' Programs." *Viewpoint on Public Issues* June 3.

Claar, Victor and Robin Klay. 2002. "Steel Producers Don't Need Protection." *Grand Rapids Press* April 5: A13.

PAPERS PRESENTED & INVITED ADDRESSES

Research Paper Presentations in Conferences and Invited Seminars:

"Entrepreneurial Attitudes of MBA Students in the United States Relative to the CIS: The Case of Armenia." With Vicki R. TenHaken and Robert Frey. International Business & Economics Research Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2008.

"Entrepreneurial Attitudes in the West Relative to the CIS: The Case of Armenia." With Vicki R. TenHaken. 5th International Conference Section, "Entrepreneurship, Employment, and Beyond," within 12th International Conference, "Restructuring Potential under Globalization and New Economy Conditions," sponsored by Kraków University of Economics (Poland), Southern Stockholm University (Sweden), and Durham University (United Kingdom). Krynica, Poland, 2007.

"Spreading Academic Pay over Nine or Twelve Months: Economists Are Supposed to Know Better, But Do They Act Better?" With Christine M. Diestl and Ross D. Poll. American University of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia, 2007.

"The Challenge of Generational Transition in Mexican NGOs, and the Role of Social Entrepreneurs." With Robin J. Klay. Third International Symposium on the Non-Governmental Organizations, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, 2006.

"Spreading Academic Pay over Nine or Twelve Months: Economists Are Supposed to Know Better, But Do They Act Better?" With Christine M. Diestl and Ross D. Poll. Annual meetings of the Midwest Economics Association, Chicago, Illinois, 2006.

"Can Competitive Forces Reinforce Nominal Wage Rigidities?" International Business & Economics Research Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2005.

"Can Neo-Classical Economics Handle a Scriptural View of Forgiveness?" With John Oswald. Annual meetings of the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2004.

"Can Neo-Classical Economics Handle a Scriptural View of Forgiveness?" With John Oswald. Scripture and the Disciplines Conference, Wheaton (IL) College, 2004.

"The Timing of Paychecks: Do Those Who Should Know Better Act Better?" With Christine M. Diestl and Ross D. Poll. Annual meetings of the Southern Economic Association, San Antonio, Texas, 2003.

"An Economic Model of Forgiveness." With John Lunn and Katie Sherron. The 56th International Atlantic Economic Conference, Quebec City, Canada, 2003.

"An Economic Model of Forgiveness." With John Lunn. Conference Presentation, Baylor (TX) University, 2002.

"The Timing of Paychecks: Do Those Who Should Know Better Act Better?" With Ross D. Poll. Invited Seminar, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University, 2002.

"The Timing of Paychecks: Do Those Who Should Know Better Act Better?" With Ross D. Poll. Annual meetings of the Southern Economic Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2002.

"The Timing of Paychecks: Do Those Who Should Know Better Act Better?" With Ross D. Poll. Invited Seminar, Hope College, 2002.

"Can Competitive Forces Reinforce Nominal Wage Rigidities?" Annual meetings of the Southern Economic Association, Tampa, Florida, 2001.

"Comparative Evaluation of Alternative Estimators of the NAIRU: A Photo Finish?" Invited Seminar, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University, 2001.

"Comparative Evaluation of Alternative Estimators of the NAIRU: A Photo Finish?" Annual meetings of the Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC, 2000.

"A Kalman-Filter Approach to Estimating the Natural Rate of Unemployment." Annual meetings of the Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, Georgia, 1997.

Invited Addresses and Interviews:

"Why Keynesianism Failed." Acton University, Acton Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Summer 2009.

"The Music and Culture of Armenia." With Dr. Elizabeth Claar and Araksya Mikaelyan. Women's City Club of Grand Rapids, Thursday, February 5, 2009, 11 a.m.

"A Visit to Armenia," Social Hour, Dinner, and Program. With Dr. Elizabeth Claar. Women's City Club of Grand Rapids, Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 5 p.m.

"How Can We Be Christians in Our Economic Life?" With Robin Klay. Winter Happening, Hope College, 2009.

"Wise and Faithful: Enhancing the Effectiveness of Our Compassion." January 11, 18, and 25, 2009. Three-week Learning Communities series, Mars Hill Bible Church, Grandville, Michigan.

"Pursuing Our Calling in Business." Vocational Messages Program, Founders Day, Houghton College, Fall 2008.

"Why Keynesianism Failed." Acton University, Acton Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Summer 2008.

"Economics in Christian Perspective: Theory, Policy, and Life Choices." With co-author Robin Klay. Two-week discussion series of our book. Grace Episcopal Church, Holland, Michigan, Spring 2008.

“Reflections upon a Fulbright Year in Armenia.” With Dr. Elizabeth Claar. Global Coffee Hour, Hope College, Sponsored by the Fried International Center, Spring 2008.

“A Fulbright Year in Armenia.” With Dr. Elizabeth Claar. JOYful Days (Special activity days for senior citizens), Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Spring 2008.

Economics in Christian Perspective: Theory, Policy, and Life Choices. 30-minute interview conducted with Brent Siddall for broadcast on Trans World Radio—UK, Winter 2007.

“Heeding the Call: The Moral Imperative for Economic Growth.” Amnesty International FOCUS Week, Hope College, Holland, Michigan, Fall 2007.

“Economics in Christian Perspective: Theory, Policy, and Life Choices.” With co-author Robin Klay. Four-week discussion series of our book. Christ Memorial Church, Holland, Michigan, Fall 2007.

“Economics in Christian Perspective: Theory, Policy, and Life Choices.” With co-author Robin Klay. Four-week discussion series of our book. Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Fall 2007.

“Reflections.” 2007 Europe and Eurasia Fulbright Pre-Departure Orientation, Washington, D.C., Summer 2007.

“Economics, Public Policy, and Neighborhood Wisdom.” Acton University, Acton Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Summer 2006.

“Going Beyond Markets: Renewing Neighborhoods, Reconciling People, and Restoring Hope.” Acton University, Acton Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Summer 2006.

“Continue the Cycle: Preparing the Leaders of Tomorrow.” With Thomas Smith and Vicki Ten Haken. Executive Series Seminar, Hope College, 2003.

“Christianity and the Culture of the Market.” With Thomas Smith and Vicki Ten Haken. Winter Happening, Hope College, 2003.

“Economic Growth.” With Robin Klay. Intern University, Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Midland, Michigan, Summer 2002.

“Christianity and the Culture of the Market.” With Thomas Smith and Vicki Ten Haken. Christ Memorial Church, Holland, Michigan, Winter 2002.

“Biblical Principles for Economic Life: The Views of Donald Hay.” Trinity Episcopal Church, Morgantown, West Virginia, 2000. Sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee: *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, *Applied Economics*, *Review of Political Economy*, *Faith & Economics*, *Journal of Markets & Morality*, *Christian Scholar's Review*

Pre-publication Manuscript Reviewer, *Is God an Economist? An Institutional Economic Reconstruction of the Old Testament* by Sigmund Wagner-Tsukamoto. London: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2009.

Reviewer, 2007 Junior Faculty Development Program (Armenia), US Department of State and American Councils for International Education

Pre-publication Textbook Reviewer, *Econometrics: A Modern Introduction*, by Michael P. Murray. Boston: Addison-Wesley, 2006

Outside Reader, Business Thesis, "Factors Affecting the Success of Accumulation and Receiving Returns to Human Capital of the Structurally Unemployed" by Olga Ricko. Lithuania Christian College, 2006

Author, The Lakeshore Economic Barometer (index of local economic activity)

Adjunct Scholar, Mackinac Center for Public Policy, 2002-present

Faculty Mentor, Genzink Steel, Hope College Institute for Student Consulting, 2004-05

Expert Source: *Detroit News, Holland Sentinel*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, Association of Christian Economists, Southern Economic Association (Life Member), UK Association of Christian Economists

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

National Anthem *a capella* Solo Vocalist, Hope College Flying Dutchmen Basketball, DeVos Fieldhouse, January 21 and 31, 2009.

Offertory Solo Vocalist, Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Sunday, August 31, 2008.

National Anthem *a capella* Solo Vocalist, NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament, Sectional Playoff, DeVos Fieldhouse, March 14, 2008.

National Anthem *a capella* Solo Vocalist, MIAA Men's Basketball Tournament Semifinal, DeVos Fieldhouse, February 29, 2008.

National Anthem *a capella* Solo Vocalist, Hope College Flying Dutch Basketball, DeVos Fieldhouse, December 8 and 22, 2007.

Member, World Outreach Committee, Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 2006-present.

Director, Black River Public School, Holland, Michigan. 2005-present.

Advisory Board member, Office of Public Policy and Advocacy, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. 2005-present.

Overnight host, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 2005-present.

Choir member and cantor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. 2004-present.

SERVICE TO COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENT

8/08 – Present	Mentor	Hope College Faculty Mentoring Program
8/08 – Present	Member	Departmental Committee on Space Utilization
8/08 – Present	Lecturer	U.S. Economy Lecture, Meiji Gakuin University American Studies Seminar at Hope College
5/08	Presenter	“YouTube and the Principles of Microeconomics Class.” Technology Biker Rally, sponsored by CIT and ACAT, and underwritten in part by NITLE
10/07	Panelist	Provost’s Panel on Faculty Sabbaticals, Hope College Board of Trustees
8/07 – Present	Lecturer	Economics Lecture, Meiji Gakuin University Global Management Seminar at Hope College
8/07 – 5/08	Member	Hope Fund Faculty-Staff Campaign Team
8/07 – Present	Member	Greek Judicial Board
8/05 – Present	Official Representative	Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research
2/05 – 5/05	Chair	Strategic Thinking Committee for Enrollment Management
12/04 – 12/05	Member	Planning Committee, 2005 Critical Issues Symposium
1/04 – 12/07	Member	Provost’s Committee for the Celebration of Student Research
10/03	Presenter	“Teaching at Hope,” Hope College Board of Trustees
10/03	Panelist	“Balance,” Teaching Enhancement Workshop
9/03 – 8/06	Member	Teaching Circle
8/03 – 8/06	Member	Academic Council, Great Lakes Colleges Association
7/03 – 8/03	Member	Planning Committee, 2003 Pre-College Faculty Conference
3/03 – Present	Panelist	Hope College Mentoring Program

1/03 – Present	Consultant	Van Wylen Library (regarding computing resources)
8/02 – 7/08	Member	Departmental Committee on Technology
4/02 – 4/03	Panelist	Pew Society Faculty Panel on Pursuing a Graduate Degree
11/01	Panelist	Saturday Faculty Panel, Midterm Grading, Parents Weekend
8/01 – 8/06	Advisor	Hope College Hockey Club
8/01 – 8/02	Member	Library Committee
9/00 – Present	Faculty	Annual Admissions Van Trips to Detroit, MI, and Chicago, IL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave Faculty Talk in Detroit in 2008

REFERENCES

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