

# SIGNÉ THOMAS

## CURRICULUM VITA



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## EDUCATION

Masters in Applied Economics, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, August 2014

B.A. in Economics and International Affairs, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, May 2013

## HONORS THESIS AND FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

**FSU Honors Thesis:** “How Economic Freedom Impacts Women’s Socioeconomic Status” (2013)

**Chairman of Thesis Committee:** Randall Holcombe

**Fields:** Economic Education, Economic Freedom, and Economic Development

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**CSE Project Director** (2014–Present), Common Sense Economics (CSE), The Stavros Center for the Advancement of Free Enterprise and Economic Education, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL; 2014–present: **Responsibilities include:** collaborate with James Gwartney to coordinate program initiatives and projects. Role includes but is not limited to teaching, marketing, course development and curriculum design (for CSE 1000, 1001, and 1002), and course building in online course learning management systems. Proficient in 3 systems: Canvas, Blackboard, Moodle. Creator and manager of intern program at the FSU Stavros Center.

**Adjunct Faculty for University of Colorado – Colorado Springs (UCCS);** 2016–present.

## TEACHING

### Graduate:

- Instructor for CSE for Life Educators course (ECON 5010). This course teaches college educators how to promote basic economic & personal finance literacy, and how to teach economics and personal finance to their own students. Taught online at University of Colorado - Colorado Springs as Adjunct Faculty. 2016–present.

### Undergraduate:

- Instructor for Survey of Economics – Common Sense Economics course (ECON 1310). This course teaches students introductory level economics and personal finance. Taught online at University of Colorado – Colorado Springs as Adjunct Faculty. 2016–2017
- Co-instructor with James Gwartney for Principles of Microeconomics (ECO 2023) and Principles of Macroeconomics (ECO 2013) seated classes (both regular and Honors sections) at Florida State University.
- Co-instructor with Joe Calhoun for Personal Finance (ECO 3041) at Florida State University.

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### PUBLISHED TEXTBOOKS, LESSON PLANS, AND CURRICULUM

- **Invited:** *JA Economics* (with Tawni Ferrarini), Junior Achievement (forthcoming, 2018)
- “Lessons in Economic Freedom.” Contracted by the Fraser Institute as the author and content developer of lessons and interactive activities for instructors to use in the classroom (June 2017); content of curriculum is the basis of a new teacher workshop series on Economic Freedom of the World.
- How Markets Work course: Contracted by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) as the content developer for all curriculum assessments (November 2016); also assisted in the creation and production of an economics video series for the course (October 2016)

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### PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS)

- **Working Paper:** “Choke-slammng the Vote: Negative Shocks, The Media, and Election Outcomes” (with Arthur Nelson).
- **Working Paper:** “Read, Watch, Listen, Do: Pre and Post Assessment of Economic Reasoning Measurement” (with Tawni Ferrarini).

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### ADDITIONAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND/OR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

- “Why Save?” (with John Morton), Module K of Common Sense Personal Finance course, 2015
- “Building Wealth Over Time,” (with John Morton and Scott Niederjohn), Module K of Common Sense Personal Finance course, 2015

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### OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN ECONOMIC EDUCATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Copyeditor for *Economics: Private and Public Choice, 16th ed.* (Gwartney, James D., et al. Cengage Learning, 2018.)
- Content provider, copyeditor, and infographic creator of *Common Sense Economics: What Everyone Should Know About Wealth and Prosperity, 3rd ed.* (by Gwartney, James D., et al., St. Martin’s Press, 2016.)
- Content provider and copyeditor of testbank for *Economics: Private and Public Choice, 16th ed.* and Cengage’s testbanks for *Economics: Private and Public Choice* in their online MindTap program, 2017-2018.
- Content provider and copyeditor of testbank for *Common Sense Economics: What Everyone Should Know About Wealth and Prosperity, 3rd ed.*, 2015-2016.
- Copyeditor for 8 supplementary modules for Common Sense Economics and Common Sense Personal Finance curriculum, 2015: Module E: Economics, Work, and Happiness; Module F: Economics, Markets, and Morality; Module G: The Economics of Poverty; Module H: Economics of the Environment; Module I: Smart Choices for Earning More Income; Module J: Smart Choices for Managing Credit; Module K: Smart Choices for Saving and Investing; Module L: Smart Choices for Insurance
- Member, Board of Advisors for the James Madison Institute, Tallahassee, FL; 2016–present.

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### WORKSHOPS, SPEECHES, AND INVITED TALKS

- Teacher Workshop on Economic Freedom of the World: contracted by the Fraser Institute to be the sole instructor of the workshop: Vancouver, BC, Canada; May 24, 2018

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- Teacher Workshop on Economic Freedom of the World: contracted by the Fraser Institute to be the sole instructor of the workshop: Mississauga, ON, Canada; May 4, 2018
  - Teacher Workshop on Economic Principles: contracted by the Fraser Institute to be the sole instructor of the workshop: Edmonton, AB, Canada; November 3, 2017
  - Teacher Workshop on Economic Principles: contracted by the Fraser Institute to co-instruct the workshop, Saskatoon, SK, Canada; May 19, 2017
  - Teacher Workshop on Economic Principles: contracted by the Fraser Institute to co-instruct the workshop, Mississauga, ON, Canada; November 18, 2016
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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- “Innovative Lessons in Economic Freedom.” Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV; April 4, 2018. Session Chair of Innovative Programs in Economics Education II.
  - “The Common Sense Approach to Personal Finance.” Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Maui, HI, April 10, 2017.
  - “The Common Sense Economics Tools for Assessing the Economic Way of Thinking.” Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV; April 5, 2016.
  - “Common Sense Economics: Quantitative Improvement in Economic Understanding” with Brandon Brice. Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Cancun, Mexico; April 14, 2015.
  - Association for Private Enterprise Education Conference, Las Vegas, NV; 2014.
  - Financial Literacy and Economic Education Conference by the Council for Economic Education: Brooklyn, NY; 2017.
  - Workshop in Classical Liberal Ideas: Cevro Institute, Prague and Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic; 2016.
  - Economics for Heroes: Wisconsin Veterans Workshop: Pewaukee, WI; 2016.
  - FreedomFest Conference: Las Vegas, NV; 2015, 2014.
  - Creative Teaching Ideas for Your Basic Economics Course Annual Workshop, Tallahassee, Tampa, and Miami, FL; 2013–present.
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## ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Private Enterprise Education, 2014–present.
  - Council for Economic Education, 2017–present.
  - National Association of Economic Educators, 2017–present.
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## AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Markets & Institutions Certificate, Economics Specialized Studies, Florida State University, 2013.
- Bestowed membership into FSU’s Presidents Club and the Robert Strozier Society, 2014.