

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

UCLA (Ph.D., M.A., economics, 1993)  
University of Texas-Austin (B.S., major in economics, minor in computer science, 1985)  
International Chinese Language Program, National Taiwan University, 2010-11, 2017.

### Academic Experience

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Wright State University	Assistant Professor Associate Professor Professor Department Chair (interim)	Sept., 1994 – May, 2001 May, 2001 – May, 2006 May, 2006 – Present August, 2016-May, 2017
Fudan University (China)	Visiting Scholar	Oct.-Dec. 2018
Soochow University (Taiwan)	Visiting Professor	Sept., 2008-Jan., 2009; Dec., 2011-Jan., 2012, May, 2018-June, 2018
University of Applied Sciences, Jena (Germany)	Visiting Professor	Nov.-Dec. 2009
Osaka University, Institute Of Social and Economic Research (Japan)	Visiting Foreign Scholar	Sept., 2002-May, 2003
California State U., Fullerton	Adjunct	Aug., 1993-May, 1994

## **Professional Membership**

American Economic Association

North American Association of Sports Economists

## **Awards**

### *Research*

April, 2015: WSU Brage Golding distinguished Professor of Research (university-wide career-achievement award, awarded to one Wright State faculty member annually)

Spring, 2002: "Truth, Effort and the Legal Battle" awarded Duncan Black Prize as outstanding paper published in 2001 in *Public Choice*.

Spring, 2002: Outstanding scholarship award, Wright State University Raj Soin College of Business, 2001-2002 academic year.

Spring, 2001: Outstanding scholarship award, Wright State University Raj Soin College of Business, 2000-2001 academic year.

Spring, 1999: Outstanding scholarship award, Wright State University College of Business and Administration, 1998-1999 academic year.

### *Teaching*

Spring, 2015: Outstanding teacher award, Wright State University Department of Economics, 2014-2015 academic year.

Spring, 2013: Outstanding teacher award, Wright State University Department of Economics, 2012-2013 academic year.

Spring, 2012: Outstanding teacher award, Wright State University Department of Economics, 2011-2012 academic year.

March, 2008: Recipient of Fulbright Grant #8177, 2008-9 academic year, from United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, to teach on globalization at Soochow University, Taipei, Taiwan (September 2008-January 2009)

Spring, 2006: Outstanding graduate teacher award, Wright State University Raj Soin College of Business, 2005-2006 academic year.

Spring, 2004: Best teacher, 2003-2004 Wright State China MBA cohort. (Note: students in program took classes from thirteen teachers.)

Note: WSU has approximately 600 tenure-line professors eligible for university-wide research awards. Raj Soin College of Business has approximately 70 faculty eligible for college teaching and 55 tenure-line professors eligible for college scholarship awards. The Department of Economics typically has about 11 faculty members eligible for its teaching awards.

## **Scholarship**

### Printed Scholarship

#### *Scholarly Books*

Osborne, Evan. *Self-Regulation and Human Progress: How Society Gains When We Govern Less* (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2018).

Osborne, Evan. *The Rise of the Anti-Corporate Movement: Corporations and the People Who Hate Them* (Westport, CT: Praeger/Greenwood, 2007; issued as paperback by Stanford University Press in March, 2009).

#### *Refereed journal articles*

Osborne, Evan. "Captive of One's Own Theory: Joan Robinson and Maoist China," *Econ Journal Watch* 17 (1), March 2020, 191-227.

Feng, Xingyuan, Li, Weisen and Osborne, Evan. "Classical Liberalism in China: Some History and Prospects." *Econ Journal Watch*, 14 (2), May 2017, 218-240.

Osborne, Evan. "China's Transitioning Class Identity." *China Finance and Economics Review* 4 (5), March 13, 2016, DOI: 10.1186/s40589-016-0028-9

Osborne, Evan. "A Revolutionary's Evolution: Changing Views of The Wealth of Nations in China." *Adam Smith Review* 9, 2016, 295-319.

Osborne, Evan. "The State of Creativity in Contemporary China." *Contemporary Finance*, 2014 (1), 11-25. (欧思博, "当代中国真正创造力的程度与形成。" 当代财经 2014年01期11页至25页) (In Chinese)

Osborne, Evan. "Art as a Capital Asset." *Cultura* 10 (2), December 2013, 23-39.

Osborne, Evan. "Upsets." *Journal of Sports Economics*, 13 (3), June 2012, 314-320.

Osborne, Evan. "China's First Liberal." *The Independent Review*, 16 (4), Spring 2012, 533-551.

Osborne, Evan. "Economic Freedom, Ethnic Separatism and Ethnic Conflict." *Journal of Developing Areas* 44 (1), Fall 2010, 367-381.

Osborne, Evan. "Why Do (Some Kinds of) Stars Get the Calls?" *Journal of Sports Economics* 11 (2), April 2010, 203-213.

Osborne, Evan and Schiller, Shu. "Order and Creativity in Virtual Worlds." *Journal of Virtual Worlds Research*, 2 (3), 2009, [http://jvwresearch.org/index.php?\\_cms=1256156644](http://jvwresearch.org/index.php?_cms=1256156644)

Osborne, Evan. "Commerce is Beautiful." *Independent Review*, 13 (1), Summer 2008, 41-56.

Archontakis, Fragiskos, and Osborne, Evan. "Playing it Safe? A Fibonacci Strategy for Soccer Betting." *Journal of Sports Economics* 8 (3), June 2007, 295-308.

Osborne, Evan. "Corruption and Technological Progress: A Takeoff Theory of Good Governance." *Atlantic Economic Journal* 34 (3), September 2006, 289-302.

Osborne, Evan. "The Sources of Growth at Different Stages of Development." *Contemporary Economic Policy* 24 (4), October 2006, 536-547.

Osborne, Evan. "Baseball's International Division of Labor." *Journal of Sports Economics* 7 (2), May 2006, 150-167.

Osborne, Evan. "Education Reform as Economic Reform." *Cato Journal* 25 (2), Spring/Summer 2005, 297-317.

Osborne, Evan. "Measuring Bad Governance." *Cato Journal*, 23 (3), Winter 2004, 403-422.

Osborne, Evan. "Rethinking Foreign Aid." *Cato Journal*, 22 (2), Fall 2002, 297-316.

Osborne, Evan. "What's Yours is Mine: A Rent-Seeking Theory of the Common Law." *Public Choice*, 111 (3-4), June 2002, 399-415.

Hirshleifer, Jack, and Osborne, Evan. "Truth, Effort and the Legal Battle." *Public Choice*, 108 (1-2), July 2001, 169-195.

Osborne, Evan. "Financial Crashes in the Globalization Era." *The Independent Review*, 6 (2), Fall 2001, 165-184.

Osborne, Evan. "Culture, Development, and Government: Reservations in India." *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 49 (3), April 2001, 659-685.

Osborne, Evan. "Efficient Markets? Don't Bet on It." *Journal of Sports Economics*, 2 (1), February 2001, 50-61.

Osborne, Evan. "Diversity, Multiculturalism, and Ethnic Conflict: A Rent-Seeking Perspective." *Kyklos*, 53 (4), 2000, 509-526.

Osborne, Evan. "Labor Surplus in Korea: A Reassessment." *International Economic Journal*, 14 (4), Winter 2000, 125-141.

Osborne, Evan. "Who Should be Worried About Asymmetric Information in Litigation?" *International Review of Law and Economics*, 19 (3), September 1999, 399-409.

Osborne, Evan. "The Deceptively Simple Economics of Workplace Diversity." *Journal of Labor Research*, 21 (3), Summer 2000, 463-475.

Hirsch, Werner Z. and Evan Osborne. "The Privatization of Government Services: Pressure-Group Resistance and Service Transparency." *Journal of Labor Research*, 21 (2), Spring 2000, 315-326.

Osborne, Evan. "Is the Exclusionary Rule Worthwhile?" *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 17 (3), July 1999, 381-389.

Osborne, Evan. "Courts as Casinos? An Empirical Investigation of Randomness and Efficiency in Civil Litigation." *Journal of Legal Studies*, 28 (1), Jan. 1999, 187-203.

Osborne, Evan. "A Theory of Gridlock: Strategic Behavior in Legislative Deliberations." *Atlantic Economic Journal*, 26 (3), Sept. 1998, 238-251.

Hirsch, Werner Z. and Osborne, Evan. "The Funding of Government Mandates." *Kyklos*, 47 (2), 1994, 421-436.

Hirsch, Werner Z. and Osborne, Evan. "Law and Economics -- Valuable But Controversial." *Law and Social Inquiry*, 17 (3), Summer 1992, 521-537.

*Articles in non-scholarly journals*

Evan Osborne, "Life Among the Academic Radicals," James G. Martin Center, <https://www.jamesgmartin.center/2019/03/life-among-the-academic-radicals/>, March 15, 2019

Osborne, Evan. "The Meaning of the Self-Destructive Strike at WSU," *Quillette*, February 9, 2019, <https://quillette.com/2019/02/09/the-meaning-of-the-self-destructive-strike-at-wsu/>.

Osborne, Evan. "The Diversity Ideology," *Quillette*, February 12, 2018, <https://quillette.com/2018/02/12/the-diversity-ideology/>

*Book chapters*

Osborne, Evan. "International Labor Mobility and the National Basketball Association." In Leo Kahane and Steven Shmanske (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Sports Economics Volume I: The Economics of Sports*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012, 137-155.

Osborne, Evan. "Motivating College Athletics." In John Fizel and Rodney Fort (eds.), *Economics of Collegiate Sports*. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2004.

*General-interest books*

Osborne, Evan. *Reasonably Simple Economics: Why the World Works the Way it Does* (New York: Apress, 2013).

自英文到中文：我三十多年的中文旅程 (*From English to Chinese: My 30-Plus-Year Journey*) (self-published via Amazon Kindle, September 2020).

*Translation work*

Zhang Zhenshan, *A Chinese Garden in Germany* (画谈潜园——中国园林在德国) (Shanghai: Tongji University Press, 2020).

Unpublished papers, presented at conferences or cited by others

Osborne, Evan. "A Theory of What's Legal," presented at the annual meetings of the Western Economic Association, 2012.

Osborne, Evan. "Identity Crisis," presented at the annual meetings of the Western Economic Association, 2011.

Osborne, Evan. "A Model of Firms in a Virtual World," presented at the annual meetings of the Western Economic Association, 2009.

Osborne, Evan. "Rivalries," presented at the annual meetings of the Western Economic Association, 2008.

Osborne, Evan. "Performance-Enhancing Drugs: An Economic Analysis," presented at the annual meetings of the Western Economic Association, 2005.

Osborne, Evan. "The Determinants of Happiness: Some Migration Evidence." (2005)

Osborne, Evan. "The Keys to the Kingdom: Income Taxation and the State," presented at the annual meetings of the Western Economic Association (2002).

Osborne, Evan. "Try, Try Again: Does the Appellate System Correct Errors?," presented at the annual meetings of the International Atlantic Economic Association, Montreal, October, 1999.

Osborne, Evan. "Cui Bono? An Economic Model of Conspiracy Theories," presented at the annual meetings of the Western Economic Association, San Diego, 1999.

Hirsch, Werner Z. and Osborne, Evan. "The Labor Factor in Contracting Out," presented at the annual meetings of the American Economic Association, San Francisco, 1996.

**Teaching**

Courses personally created, Wright State University

*Marxism, as it Happened.* An honors-course exploration of the economic thinking of Karl Marx and the Marxists who came after him, as well as an exploration of the grim historical record of communism as actually practiced.

*Adam Smith.* An investigation of the ideas, including their historical resonance, found in *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations* and *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*. What was groundbreaking about Smith's thinking? What do we think today he got right and wrong?

*Business and Society.* A seminar for freshman students, which takes a partly social-science, partly humanities approach to the conflicting views about the influence business and commerce have on society. Students read journalism, articles by social scientists, song lyrics, literature and judicial decisions as raw material for discussing these questions. The course number this class carries allows professors from a variety of departments to design a class on a theme that interests them, and to use it to introduce students to the world of ideas and to the university itself.

*Economic and Financial Instability.* An upper-division elective on the financial and technological sources of economic crashes, as well as of positive and negative economic instability generally. (Also taught at Soochow University, Taiwan)

*Economics of State and Society.* Part of the Wright State University general-education sequence introduced in spring, 2014. It is part of a course cluster with a companion course in the philosophy department, and covers the economics of government in the context of a liberal society.

*Analysis of Global Economic Conditions* (formerly *International Business and the Global Economy*). An MBA course that is a unique and comprehensive survey of the key features and implications of globalization. (Also taught at Soochow University, Taiwan, and the University of Applied Science, Jena, Germany.)

*Law and Economics.* A standard upper-division course in law and economics, with a few twists.

*The Economics of Sports.* Use of professional and collegiate sports to illustrate core theoretical concepts from labor economics, industrial organization, microeconomics, financial economics, law and economics, and international economics. Includes material generally not covered in sports-economics courses elsewhere, including issues in the law and economics of sports, sports and international-trade theory, and presentation, at the end of term, of latest published research from others.

*The Economics of Diversity.* Applying new developments in the economics of conflict as well as older insights from labor economics, public choice and elsewhere to understand how highly diverse societies function: discrimination and whether and why it happens, ethnoreligious conflict and cooperation, the economics of identity creation, the economics of immigration, the effects of globalization on cultural diversity. As far as I



have been able to ascertain, this is the first (and still only) course on this theme anywhere in the world.

*The Great Depression.* A unique course on the economics and history of the Depression. Among the questions explored: Why did it begin? Why did it last so long? What was the relation between the Depression and enthusiasm for totalitarianism? Why did the U.S. fare worst? (Also taught at University of Applied Sciences, Jena, Germany)

Courses Taught, Wright State University

Economic Life (survey course for non-majors)

Economic Life (Honors)

Microeconomic Principles

Macroeconomic Principles

Global Economic, Business, and Social Issues. Lower-division course, with teachers given flexibility on how to teach, as long as it involves these questions. I have students do readings from the media that involve economic ideas, and then engage in Socratic dialogue to understand and evaluate the claims of the readings.

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

International Economic Relations

International Trade

International Monetary Theory

Global Economic Conditions (formerly International Business and the Global Economy, MBA course on globalization)

Global Economic Conditions – China (same course, taught for cohorts of MBA students at Wright State University from China)

Law and Economics

The Social and Regulatory Environment of Business (Department of Management)

The Economics of Sports

The Economics of Diversity

The Great Depression (Honors course)

Economic and Financial Instability

Freshman seminar, Business and Society

Adam Smith

Marxism, as it Happened (Honors course)

The Economics of State and Society

### **Other Professional Activities**

#### Refereeing

Referee for *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Economic Inquiry*, *International Review of Law and Economics*, *Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Journal of Legal Studies*, *Journal of Sports Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Economic Surveys*, *Journal of Economics and Business*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *Journal of Applied Economics*, *Journal of School Choice*, *Review of Developing Areas*, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *International Journal of Sports Finance*, *Libertarian Papers* and for the National Science Foundation.

#### University Service

Organized discussion group for business-college faculty on various aspects of teaching improvement, 2017- (ongoing).

Organization of numerous independent interdisciplinary book groups within WSU's general-education and, separately, business-college faculty.

Organization of "Liberty Lunch" discussion series (university-wide). For several years twice a term I led a discussion, primarily with students (although all in the university community were invited) on topics in political economy. Later these discussions migrated to the economics club. Subsequently and several years later, with external funding, organized a university-wide student reading group with no formal name but with a broader themes of social organization and freedom of expression.

Periodic faculty advisor to student Economics Club, and annual advisor to WSU

badminton club.

Committee work: standard undergraduate curriculum committees (department- and college-level), Raj Soin College of Business faculty-governance committee (Faculty Executive Committee, FEC), university committee to select common freshmen text, university general-education committee, university first-year experience committee, university free-speech committee, university writing committee, undergraduate academic-programs committee, assorted hiring committees at both university and department level. Chair of RSCOB FEC, late fall 2013-spring, 2015. Was able in this role to work productively, I hope, with senior university leadership to oversee college improvement and manage such conflicts in the college as arose.

Member of ad hoc group to improve assessment at Wright State University, under direction of university's senior vice president for curriculum and instruction (2005-2008).

Spring and Summer, 2002: Participant in curriculum development in association with United States Department of Education Title VIA Grant, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program: "Encountering the Old and New Worlds: Enhancing Student and Faculty Involvement in European and Western Hemispheric Studies."

### Media Relations

Comments have appeared in or on AP, Reuters, Orange County Register, Christian Science Monitor, New York Times, National Public Radio, Newsweek International, Bloomberg Radio, WCBS-AM (New York City), Slate, Chicago Daily Herald, Forbes.com, Veja (Brazilian national newsweekly), Dayton Daily News, Richmond Times-Dispatch, Dayton Business Weekly, several Dayton TV and radio stations. Research mentioned twice on widely read *Marginal Revolution* blog. My comments on several aspects of sports economics have frequently appeared in newspapers worldwide, and I have appeared on several major radio talk shows to talk about anti-corporate thought and activism.

### **Languages**

Chinese (Fluent reading and writing, as well as speaking and listening in Mandarin; have published in and translated work in the language, as noted above )

Japanese (Some reading, minimal speaking and listening, no writing)

French (Fluent reading, some writing, speaking and listening)