

Curriculum Vita

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Biographical synopsis:

Roger Conover has been a member of the faculty at Azusa Pacific University for twenty three years. Dr. Conover teaches courses in Economics and Religion, Microfinance and Microenterprise Development, Environmental Economics, and Comparative Economics. He served as the Undergraduate Chair of the School of Business from 1999-2003. In 2007 was awarded APU's "Chase Sawtell Inspirational Faculty Award," and in 2013 was nominated for APU's Teaching and Campus Leadership Award.

Dr. Conover designed the undergraduate Economics and Finance programs for Azusa Pacific University. The Economics program includes BA and BS degrees in Economics with concentrations in International Development and Business. His research studies the integration of environmental and development economics with Christian missions work, as well as the conversation between economics and theology on such issues as scarcity, competition, and value, making points of integration between Christian beliefs and economics more accessible.

Dr. Conover received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Riverside in 2002 with a focus on the economics of sustainable human development, the relationships among economic growth, environmental conditions and income distribution, using China as a case. Before joining the APU faculty, he was the Executive Secretary of Floresta, USA, a Christian Non-Governmental Organization doing agroforestry-based microenterprise development and environmental work in the Dominican Republic. He has served on the Board of Directors for GMI, Inc., an organization doing strategic Christian missions research and the mapping of linguistic, cultural and economic data, and remains involved with that organization in an advisory capacity.

Education: Ph.D., Economics, University of California, Riverside, 2002

Fields: Development Economics, Environmental Economics. Dissertation: "The Sustainability of Growth in an Era of Globalization: The Case of the Chinese Economy." Advisors: Azizur Rahman Khan, Keith Griffin.

MA, Economics, University of California, San Diego, 1982.

BA, Economics, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA. 1980.

Teaching Experience:

Areas: International and Comparative Economics, Economics and Religion, Microfinance and Microenterprise Development, Development, Environmental Economics, Quantitative Analysis (Management Science).

1991 - Present: Assistant Professor / Associate Professor / Professor, Azusa Pacific University (Director of Economics Program 2007-present, Chair SBM Teaching and Assessment Committee, 2006-2010; Chair of Undergraduate Programs, SBM, 1999-2003).

1985: Lecturer, Dept. Finance and Business Economics, University of Southern California

1981-1986: Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UC San Diego

Experience Outside Education:

1986 - 1990: Executive Secretary, Floresta USA- In charge of all US operations of this economic development organization helping poor farmers in developing countries to shift from environmentally harmful farming techniques to agroforestry. Responsible for planning, advising and facilitating the work of the international on-field staff, performance of all business functions of the not-for-profit corporation, encouraging vision among US supporters, and reporting the progress of the work to the Board of Directors. (This organization is now called Plant with Purpose).

Professional Affiliations: American Economic Association; Association of Christian Economists; Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture.

Publications:

(2014). "Economics: Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*, (1776)." Chapter 7 of Wilkens, S. and Thorsen, D., eds. *Twelve Great Books that Changed the University, and Why Christians Should Care*. (Cascade Books, Wipf and Stock Publishers).

(2010). "China and the Pollution Haven Hypothesis: A Spatial Analysis of Pollution and Investment," with Strother, S. C. and Frank, E. *Journal of Asia Entrepreneurship and Sustainability*, v. VI(1), 85-96.

(2007). "Value and Values as a Basis for Teaching Faith-Integrated Economics." Proceedings: Christian Business Faculty Association Annual Meetings.

(2005). "Economic Recovery from Natural Disaster." Proceedings: Christian Business Faculty Association Annual Meetings.

(2005). "Sustainable Development in an Era of Globalization: Conflicts and Complementarities." *Forum on Public Policy*, v. 1(1), 21- 46.

Papers Presented and Presentations:

"Understanding Scarcity." March, 2013. Common Day of Learning, Azusa Pacific University.

"Moral and Immoral Scarcity." January, 2013. Sabbatical Research Colloquium, Azusa Pacific University.

"Competition and Competitive Markets: Clarifying the Discourse." April, 2011. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Alexandria, VA.

"Competing Concepts of Competition." March, 2011. Common Day of Learning, Azusa Pacific University.

"Faith Integration in Economics." September, 2009. Azusa Pacific University Fall Faculty Workshop.

- “The Value Content of Economics.” April, 2009. West-Coast Annual Economics Teaching Conference, University of Nevada, Reno.
- “Rural Poverty, Environmental Degradation and the Role of the Church.” October, 2008. Second Annual Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.
- “Exploring the Environment.” February, 2008. Panel Discussant, Matheteis Forum, Azusa Pacific University.
- “The Foundations of Economic Understanding.” November 2007. The Economic Summit. Azusa Pacific University.
- “Value and Values as a Basis for Teaching Faith-Integrated Economics.” October 2007. Christian Business Faculty Association Annual Meetings. (Later published in Proceedings)
- “Economic Recovery from Natural Disaster.” October 2005. Christian Business Faculty Association Annual Meetings. (Later published in Proceedings)
- “Sustainable Development in an Era of Globalization: Conflicts and Complementarities.” August 2004, Oxford Round Table, Oxford, England. (Later published in Forum on Public Policy)
- “Beyond 2000: The Not-for-Profit Sector.” October 1994, Christian Business Faculty Association Annual Meetings.
- “Recent Trends and Practical Developments in International Trade.” June 1992, Nan-Tai Jr. College of Industrial and Commercial Management, Tainan, Taiwan, ROC.

Recent Conferences Attended:

- January 2014. Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meetings (attendee, recruiter). Philadelphia, PA.
- January 2013. Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meetings (attendee). San Diego, CA.
- January 2012. Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meetings (attendee). Chicago, IL.
- April 2011. Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture Annual Meeting (presenter, discussant). Alexandria, VA.
- January 2011. Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meetings (attendee, recruiter). Denver, CO.
- January 2010. Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meetings (attendee, recruiter). Atlanta, GA.
- April, 2009. West-Coast Annual Economics Teaching Conference (presenter), University of Nevada, Reno.
- October, 2008. Second Annual Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture (presenter), Baylor University, Waco, Texas.
- January 2008. Allied Social Sciences Association Annual Meetings (attendee, recruiter). New Orleans, LA.
- November 2008. The Economic Summit (presenter and panelist). Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA.
- October 2007. Christian Business Faculty Association Annual Meetings (presenter). Seattle, WA.
- September 2007. Free Market Forum: The role of markets and government in pursuing the common good (attendee). Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI.

July 2007. UNU Global Seminar: Education for global peace and sustainable development (session moderator). Handong Global University, Pohang, South Korea.

Other Research Activity:

2006 – present: Reconstructing Economics- a program redefining economics and making more accessible points of integration between Christian beliefs and economics.

2004- 2007: Developed and organized resources on economic recovery from natural disasters in response to the 2004 tsunami disaster. A website was created (joint with Steve Micetic, research assistant) to disseminate this information:
www.apu.edu/~stevemmicetic.

1997-98: Participant in the project, “Civil Society: A Foundation for Sustainable Economic Development.” The Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities and Mercy Corps International sponsored this project, which examined the relationship between civil society, economic theory and business practices.

1993-1995: Director, San Gabriel Valley Economic Project. Oversaw collection and analysis of data on the economic conditions of the San Gabriel Valley of Southern California, including the economic impacts of groundwater contamination in the area.

University Service (recent):

2009 – present: Reviewer, Faith Integration responses and papers, University faculty evaluation process.

2006 – present: Developed the Undergraduate Economics Program for the School of Business and Management, with BA and BS majors in Economics and concentrations in International Development and Business. Currently serve as Program Director.

2009: Chair, Academic Department Review Committee: Undergraduate Psychology.

2004-2006, 2008: Developed the China Study Abroad Program for the School of Business and Management. Coordinated and managed administration. Led the first study abroad group, 2004; traveled and taught 2008.

2004-2006: Total Rewards Compensation Task Force.

2003-2005: Faith Integration Mentor, School of Business and Management.

2005: Search Committee- Director of Study Abroad.

2004: Academic Department Review Committee: Undergraduate Psychology.

University Councils and Committees:

Present: General Education Council

Past: Honors Program Council; Faith Integration Council, Faculty Development Council; International Studies Council; Undergraduate Studies Council (Educational Council); Student Conduct Committee; Faculty Senate

Recognition and Honors:

Teaching and Campus Leadership Award, Nominee, 2013.
Chase A. Sawtell Inspirational Faculty Award, 2007.
Teacher of the Year, School of Business and Management, 2007, 1999.
Who's Who in America, Who's Who among America's Teachers, various years.
Dean's Special Award for Economic Development, 2005.
Dean's Award for Service, 1994.

Professionally Related Community Activities:

2011 - Present: President's Long Range Planning Advisory Council, Marymount California University.
2010 Presentation to "The Alternative Board" (an OC Business Leadership group) "Global and National Economic Conditions."
2009 - 2011: Business Advisory Council, Marymount College (assisting in developing curriculum strategy for move from 2-year to 4-year institution).
2008 - Present: Board of Directors, GMI, Inc. (Strategic Mission Research and Mapping. Treasurer).
2003 - 2012: Fullerton USD GATE Parent Advisory Committee (President, 2009-2012)
1989 - 2000: Member, Board of Directors, Floresta USA , (1995- Chairman)
1997 - 1998: Member, Azusa Economic Redevelopment Advisory Committee.

Church Affiliation:

Fullerton Evangelical Free Church. Co-leader, Life Together Sunday School class.