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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION	Degree	Date
Clemson University, Clemson SC, Applied Economics	Ph.D.	May, 2004
University of Delaware, Newark DE, Agricultural Economics	M.S.	May, 2000
University of Delaware, Newark DE, Economics	B.S.	May, 1997

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Regional Economics, Regional Economic Development Policy, Statistics, Econometrics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor August, 2004-Present
Department of Economics, Finance and Marketing
Tennessee Technological University
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Graduate Teaching Assistant July, 2003-May, 2004
EX ST 801: Statistical Methods I
Department of Applied Economics and Statistics
Clemson University
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Instructor May, 2003-June, 2003
EX ST 301: Introductory Statistics
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- Graduate Teaching Assistant** Jan., 2003-May, 2003
APEC 612: Regional Economic Development Theory and Policy
Department of Applied Economics and Statistics
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- Graduate Research Assistant** Aug., 1999-Present
Rural Equity Capital Project (Directed by David Barkley)
Rural Policy Research Institute Project (Univ. of Missouri)
Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina
- Credit Analyst** 1989-1998
MBNA America
Newark, Delaware

PUBLICATIONS

Barkley, David L., **Ferdinand DiFurio**, and John Leatherman. "The Role of a Public Venture Capital Program in State Economic Development: The Case of Kansas Venture Capital, Inc.," Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy.

Barkley, David L., Mark S. Henry and **Ferdinand DiFurio**. 2004. **Does School Quality Contribute to Local Labor Force Quality?** REDRL Research Report 03-2004-01, Regional Economic Development Research Laboratory, Clemson University, Clemson, SC, March 2004.

Tallamy, D. W., D. P. Whittington, **F. DiFurio**, D. A. Fontaine, P. M. Gorski and P. W. Gothro. Sequestered Cucurbitacins and Pathogenicity of *Metarhizium anisopliae* (Moniliales: Moniliaceae) on Spotted Cucumber Beetle Eggs and Larvae (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae), Environmental Entomology, Volume 27, Number 2, pp. 366-372, April 1998.

Barkley, David L., Christopher Ferland, **Ferdinand DiFurio**, David Freshwater, Deborah M. Markley, Julia S. Rubin, and Ron Shaffer. Directory of State-Assisted Venture Capital Programs, 2000. Rural Policy Research Institute, University of Missouri, 2000.

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RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

DiFurio, Ferdinand. “Evaluating the Small Business Energy Loan Program,” Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development: Energy Division, Nashville TN, 2006.

PRESENTED PAPERS

DiFurio, Ferdinand. “Business Survival in Tennessee: A Regional Perspective,” 45th Annual SRSA Meeting, St. Augustine, FL, March 30-April 1, 2006, Accepted and Presented.

DiFurio, Ferdinand. “Business Survival in Tennessee: A Regional Perspective,” 6th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Business, Waikiki Beach, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 25-28, 2006, Accepted.

DiFurio, Ferdinand. “Business Survival in Tennessee: A Regional Perspective,” The Academy of Economics and Finance 33rd Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas, February 8-11, 2006, Accepted.

DiFurio, Ferdinand. "Incorporating Undergraduate Students in Faculty Academic Research Projects," Kentucky-Tennessee Best Practices Conference, Murray State University (Hopkinsville Campus), Hopkinsville, KY, February 25, 2005, Accepted and Presented.

DiFurio, Ferdinand, David Barkley, and John Leatherman. “The Role of a Public Venture Capital Program in State Economic Development: The Case of Kansas Venture Capital, Inc,” First Annual Fulbright Summer Institute on Regional Economic Development, Chapel Hill, NC, June 7-11, 2004, Accepted and Presented.

DiFurio, Ferdinand, David Barkley, and John Leatherman. “The Role of a Public Venture Capital Program in the Survival and Growth of State Businesses,” Southern Regional Science Association Meetings, Louisville, KY, Apr. 10-12, 2003, Accepted and Presented.

Barkley, David L., Mark S. Henry, and **Ferdinand DiFurio.** “Does School Quality Contribute to Local Labor Force Quality?,” North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 20-22, 2003, Accepted and Presented.

Barkley, David L., **Ferdinand DiFurio,** and John Leatherman. “The Role of a Public Venture Capital Program in State Economic Development: The Case of Kansas Venture Capital, Inc.,” North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov. 14-16, 2002, Accepted and Presented.

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Member, Curriculum Committee, College of Business Administration, Tennessee Technological University, Spring 2005-Present.

CONSULTING AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Board of Directors, Kiwanis Club of Putnam County, 2006

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Member, Omicron Delta Epsilon, Tennessee Eta chapter, Spring 2005-Present.

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

Recipient of the Summer Research Grant, College of Business, Tennessee Tech University, 2005.

Presenter at the Fulbright Summer Institute on Regional Economic Development, Chapel Hill, NC, June 7-11, 2004.

Recipient of the Wade Stackhouse Graduate Fellowship Award for 2003-04.

Recipient of the Scarborough Award, 2002-2003.

Recipient of the Wade Stackhouse Graduate Fellowship Award for 2002-03.

Recipient of the J.S. Lytle Award, 2001-2002.

President of Graduate Student Organization for Dept. of Applied Economics and Statistics, Clemson University, 2002-2003.

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