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Employment:

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, **New Mexico State University**, 2012-present
Director, **The Center for Economic and Personal Finance Education** 2009-present

Previous Positions:

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, **New Mexico State University**, 2006-2012
Visiting Professor, **Aleksandër Moisiu University**, Durres, Albania, Summer 2010
Assistant Director, **The Center for Economic and Personal Finance Education** 2007-2009
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, **Pomona College**, 2005-2006
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, **Scripps College**, 2004-2005
Temporary Instructor, Department of Economics, **Colorado State University**, 2000-2004
Graduate Faculty Liaison, Department of Economics, **Colorado State University**, 2002-2004
Research Assistant, Department of Economics, **Colorado State University**, 2000-2002
Graduate Assistant, **New Mexico State University**, 1997-1998

Education

Colorado State University	Ph.D. Economics	2005
Dissertation: "Economic Development in the Inner City"		
<i>Committee: Stephan Weiler (advisor), Charles Revier, David Mushinski, Stephen Davies</i>		

New Mexico State University	M.A. Economic Policy Analysis	December 1998
New Mexico State University	B.A. Business Administration	May 1997

Research and Teaching Interest:

Primary

Urban/Regional Economics
Public Finance
Microeconomics
Development

Secondary

Econometrics
Managerial Economics
Environmental Economics
Macroeconomics

Courses Taught at NMSU:

Regional Economic Modeling I,II (graduate)
Principles of Microeconomics
Principles of Macroeconomics
Money and Banking

Public Expenditure (graduate)
Intermediate Microeconomics
Intermediate Macroeconomics
Independent Study (graduate)

Senior Thesis Advising

Carla Kitchin (Scripps, Economics 2005)
Katy Dofflemyer (Scripps, Economics 2005)

Exam Committee Service

8 Doctoral of Economic Development Defense
48 Master Student Oral Examination

Publications

Refereed Journal

Sweidan, Osama and Benjamin Widner (2014) "Inflation Targeting and the Uncertainty Level in Developing Countries" *Journal of Economic Research* 19(2), 137-170.

Weiler, Stephan, Mushinski, David, and Benjamin Widner (2014) "The impact of retail establishments in hinterlands on the export role of retail establishments in rural places." *The Annals of Regional Science*. 52(2), 469-487

Tazifor, N. T., Enomoto, C. E., Widner, B., Pan, M., C. M. (2014 in press). "How Culture Affects Doing Business in the Global Economy". *To appear in Economics & Business Journal: Inquiries & Perspectives*.

Pan, M., Widner, B., Enomoto, C. E. (2013) "Growth and Crime in Contiguous States of Mexico." *Review of Urban & Regional Development Studies*, 24(1-2), 51-64.

Gegax, D. A., Blank, L. R., Widner, B. (2012). Econometric Benchmarking of Electric Distribution Utilities in the Philippines. *Asian Social Science*.

Widner, B., Enomoto, C. E. (2012). Did the Market Forecast the Passage of the Health Care Reform Bill? Evidence from an Event Study. *American Journal of Business Research*, 5(1), 49-59.

Pan, M., Enomoto, C. E., Widner, B. "Spillover Effects of Crimes in Neighboring States of Mexico." *International Journal of Business and Social Science*, 3(14), 14-32.

Widner, B., Reyes-Loya, M. L., Enomoto, C. E. (2011). Crimes and Violence in Mexico: Evidence from Panel Data. *The Social Science Journal*, 48(4), 604-611.

Ranjith, J. G. S., Widner, B. (2011). Sri Lanka's Garment Industry: Prospects for Agglomeration, Challenges and Implications for Regional Development. *South Asian Journal of Management*, 18(4).

Miguel Vicens and Benjamin Widner (2011) "Puerto Rico and the Port of Las Americas" *International Journal of Economics and Research*, 2(2), 46-60

Sweidan, Osama and Benjamin Widner (2008) "Transparency and Central Bank Losses in Developing Countries" *Research in Economics*, 62(1), 45-54

Weiler, Stephan, Jesse Silverstein, Katherine Chalmers, Erin Lacey, William Rogers, and Benjamin Widner (2003) "Understanding the Retail Business Potential of Inner Cities." *Journal of Economic Issues*, 37(4), 1075-1106.

Reports and Proceedings

Weiler, Stephan, Mushinski, David, and Benjamin Widner (2010) "Inferring Geographic Interdependencies for Retailing" *New Mexico Business Outlook*, August 2010

Matta, Benjamin, Stokley, Sue, and Benjamin Widner (2010) "Class Size does Matter: At Least When Teaching Economics" New Mexico Business Outlook, May 2010

Anthony Popp and Benjamin Widner (2009) "Changes in Required Rates of Return on CDs: Unintended Consequences of New Mexico State Treasury Policy" New Mexico Business Outlook, July 2009

Anthony Popp and Benjamin Widner (2009) "New Mexico's Public Funds Investment Policies: Impact on Financial Institutions and the State Economy" Report Submitted to Independent Bankers Association of America, 1-55

Christopher A. Erickson and Benjamin Widner (2007) "Socio-Economic Impact of the Camino Real Landfill on Sunland Park, NM" Public Hearing: Before the New Mexico Environment Department, 1-54

Weiler, Stephan and Benjamin Widner (2003) "The Business Potential of Inner-City Denver: Universities and Private Capital as Complements." In Proceedings of 'Colorado's Future' Conference, pp. 25-34. Colorado Springs: Center for Colorado Policy Studies.

Book Chapters

Pan, M., Widner, B., Enomoto, C. E. (2014). The effects of crime on marriages, divorces, and births to single mothers, in bordering states of Mexico. In Michael Harry Pearson (Ed.), *Crime: International Perspectives, Socioeconomic Factors and Psychological Implications*

Selected Presentations

Regional Science Association International. "Using Geographic Interdependencies to Assess Retail Base Spectra." November 2008. Brooklyn, New York

Southern Economic Association "Class Size and Student Achievement in Introductory Economics." November 2007. Toronto, Canada

Regional Science Association International. "Small Banks: A Resource Growth for New Mexico." November 2006. Toronto, Canada

Economics Society Dinner Guest Speaker. "Topics in Urban and Regional Economics" December 2004. Claremont, CA

Regional Science Association International. "Comparing the Forecast Accuracy for Housing Prices" and "Estimating the Stability of Weighting Matrices in a Time Series Spatial Model" November 2004. Seattle, WA.

Western Economic Association International. "Assessing the Spatial Impact of Brownfield Sites." July 2003. Denver, CO

Western Social Science Association. "Brownfield Redevelopment: Evaluating Private Profitability Perceptions, Neighborhood Spillovers, and Social Concerns." April 2003. Las Vegas, NV

Regional Science Association International. "Evaluating the Spatial Economic Impact of Brownfield Sites." November 2002. San Juan, PR.

Colorado's Future Conference. "The Business Potential of Inner-City Denver: Universities and Private Capital as Complements." September 2002. Colorado Springs, CO

Western Social Science Association, "Illuminating Neglected Inner City Opportunities" April 2002. Albuquerque, NM

Center for Economic and Personal Finance Education Activities

Meeting with Lupe Edens and Stephen Clayton of El Paso Branch and Dallas Federal Reserve Bank respectively to discuss possible workshop collaboration with CEPFE and FED during summer 2011.

Appointed to Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Denver Branch - Economic Education Advisory Council. Two year term beginning 2010.

Co-PI on two current National Council Economic Education (NCEE) grants evaluating economic knowledge in New Mexico. To be completed April 2008

Co-PI on five new NCEE grants to continue the work of the Center all proposals have been accepted for funding.

Presenter and cosponsored with Federal Reserve Banks "Decision Making: A Look at the Fed, the Economy and the Role of the Consumer" Albuquerque, New Mexico. July 2007

Organized and presented several teacher training workshops in economics and personal finance. New Mexico. Summer 2007.

Invited presenter. New Mexico Association of Career Technical Education Conference. Ruidoso, New Mexico. June 2007.

Attended the 5th Annual Career Cluster Institute on behalf of the NM PED, and the Career Technical Workforce Education Bureau. Phoenix, Arizona June 2007

Conducted workshop, "Mathematics and Economics: Connections for Life" Parral, Mexico June 2007.

Invited presenter at NM Public Education Spring Budget Workshop. Albuquerque, New Mexico. April 2007

Sponsored Research

Matta, B. N. (Principal), Matta, B., Widner, B. (Co-Principal), "Teaching Innovation for the New Economy," Sponsored by National Council On Economic Education (NCEE), Other, \$38,754.00. (November 14, 2007 - May 1, 2009).

Matta, B. N. (Principal), Matta, B., Widner, B. (Co-Principal), "Youth Entrepreneurship Workshops," Sponsored by National Council On Economic Education (NCEE), Other, \$26,668.00. (May 22, 2007 - December 31, 2008).

Committee Activities

Department Econ Assessment Committee – 2013 - **present**
College Graduate Committee- 2013-**present**
Bicycle Friendly University – 2013-**present**
Department EASIB search committee ASTAT college prof - 2014
College of Business Dean Search Committee – 2013-2014
Doctoral of Economic Development Theory Examination Committee – Fall 2009 to **present**
Department of Economics Faculty Search Committee – Fall 2010, 2011, 2012
University General Education Course Certification Committee – September 2009- 2013
College Promotion and Tenure Revisions committee – August 2007 to January 2008
College Technology advisory committee – July 2006 to **present**
Department Curriculum committee – August 2006 to present
Member of Graduate Faculty – December 2007 – **present**

Professional Associations Awards and Appointments

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Denver Branch - Economic Education Advisory Council Member 2010 – 2012

Association For Institutional Thought – Board Member 2009- **2012**

American Society of Hispanic Economist VP of communications and member: **Service Award Winner 2008**), 2006-**present**

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association (AEA).
American Society of Hispanic Economist (ASHE).
Regional Science Association International (RSAI).
Southern Economic Association (SEA).
Western Social Science Association (WSSA).
Elected official Webmaster, American Society of Hispanic Economist (ASHE). (2006).

Development Activities Attended

Seminar/Workshop, "Completed Phase I of Teaching Innovations Program (TIP) in Economics," NMSU Department of Economics and International Business, Las Cruces, NM. (2007).

Conference Attendance, "5th Annual Career Cluster Institute on behalf of the NM PED and the Career Technical Workforce Education Bureau," Phoenix, AZ. (June 2007).

Seminar/Workshop, ""Mathematics and Economics: Connections for Life", " Parral. (June 2007).

Seminar/Workshop, "Invited presenter at NM Public Education Spring Budget Workshop," Albuquerque, NM. (April 2007).

Seminar/Workshop, "Certified as a Principal Investigator." (2006).

Seminar/Workshop, "Completed Banner training," NMSU, Las Cruces, NM. (2006).

Seminar/Workshop, "Completed clickers in the classroom training," NMSU, Las Cruces, NM. (2006).

Seminar/Workshop, "Completed IMPLAN certification training," NMSU, Las Cruces, NM. (2006).

Seminar/Workshop, "Completed InforED training," NMSU, Las Cruces, NM. (2006).

Seminar/Workshop, "Completed SPINPlus training, certificate awarded," NMSU, Las Cruces, NM. (2006).

Teaching Experience

New Mexico State University

Econ Modeling I, 3 courses.

251, Principles of Macroeconomics, 1 course.

252, Principles of Microeconomics, 2 courses.

304, Money and Banking, 1 course.

457, Managerial Economics, 1 course.

AEEC 522, PUBLIC SECTOR ECON I, 4 courses.

ECDV 372, Intermediate Macro theory, 1 course.

ECDV 596, Individual Study, 2 courses.

ECDV 661, ECON MODELING I, 5 courses.

ECDV 662, Econ Modeling II, 1 course.

ECON 251, Principles of Macroeconomics, 4 courses.

ECON 332, PUBLIC FINANCE, 3 courses.

ECON 371, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, 4 courses.

ECON 372, INTRMD MACROECON THRY, 5 courses.

GOVT 522, PUBLIC SECTOR ECON I, 1 course.

Non-Credit Instruction

Workshop. (June 2007).