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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Washington, 2010  
*Dissertation Supervisor: Yoram Barzel*

M.A. in Economics, University of Washington, 2008  
B.S. in General Science, Oregon State University, 1994

### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor, Seattle University – Department of Economics, 2009  
Instructor, University of Washington – Department of Economics, 2007-2009

### PRIVATE SECTOR

Amazon.com, 1995 to 2001. I joined the company as its 7<sup>th</sup> employee, and served in a variety of roles as it grew into a complex, international organization. By many measures, it was one of the fastest growing businesses in American history. From 1995 to 1998, my principal focus was to implement projects to scale the business. From 1998 to 2000, I worked exclusively in technical capacities. In the course of my career, I managed projects, negotiated with vendors, interviewed candidates and supervised employees.

### RESEARCH

“Transaction Costs, Legal Regimes and Divorce” (with Michael J. Hansen)  
“The Influence of Divorce Law on Intrahousehold Competition”  
“Asymmetric Payoffs and the State’s Choice of Marriage Contract”  
“Violent Rebellions and Criminal States”

### PRESENTATIONS

2010: AEA Annual Meeting

2009: AEA Annual Meeting, Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

2008: Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting

## COMMUNITY

Social Venture Partners Seattle, 1998 to present. Serve on the Board of Directors (2009-2012). Previously served on the Portfolio Grant Committee (2003-2006) and K-12 Education Grant Committees (1999, 2003).

Amara Parenting and Adoption Services, Board of Directors (2003-2006).

## COMMENTARY

“Schools won’t improve till leaders do,” *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

“Why I give,” published online by Social Edge. Featured as part of the “Thought Leaders on The Edge” series, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

“Bubble’s aftermath, not outsourcing, keeps jobs down,” *Puget Sound Business Journal*, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

“Purity, beauty and ease: the way of life in Costa Rica,” *The Seattle Times*, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

“The challenges in improving K-12 education,” *The Seattle Times*, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.

“Globalization allows societies to express cultural strengths,” *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

“Currency warfare isn't the answer to China challenge,” *Puget Sound Business Journal*, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The *San Antonio Business Journal* republished this piece on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003.

“Newsweek’s schools ranking distracts from meaningful qualities,” *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

“Expensing creates a more accurate financial picture,” *Puget Sound Business Journal*, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

“Our economic hole is deeper than some people think,” *Puget Sound Business Journal*, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

## AWARDS

Grover and Creta Ensley Fellowship in Economic Policy (2009), U. of Washington Economics  
Langton Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching (2008), U. of Washington Economics