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RESEARCH, TEACHING AND SERVICE: YEARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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RESEARCH

My main research interests are welfare economics, law and economics, and the value of life.

Welfare Economics and Social Choice Theory, 2nd Edition, with Roberto Serrano, was published by Springer Science+Business Media, at the beginning of 2006.

“Victim or Injurer, Small Car or SUV: Tort Liability Rules Under Role-Type Uncertainty,” with Jeonghyun Kim, was published in *International Review of Law and Economics*, vol. 26, no. 4, 2006, pp. 455-477. This paper modifies the standard tort liability model by introducing uncertainty about which party would be the victim in an accident, and which would be the injurer. It also develops a model of motor vehicle accidents based on the vehicle sizes of the parties.

“Welfare Economics,” in S. Durlauf and L. Blume (eds.), *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics, 2nd Edition*, Palgrave Macmillan Ltd., London, is forthcoming in 2008.

“Arrow’s Impossibility Theorem: Preference Diversity in a Single-Profile World,” with Roberto Serrano, Working Paper 2007-12. This is a revised version of W.P. 2006-11. We are currently shopping the paper at journals.

“Comparative Vigilance,” with Ram Singh. This preliminary paper analyzes a tort liability rule that parallels comparative negligence, but is applied when both parties spend *more* than the efficient amounts on precaution, that is, when they are both *vigilant* rather than negligent.

I am also interested in the abstract utilitarian theory of life/death choices.

TEACHING

Calendar year 2006.

Spring 2005-2006

On sabbatical.

Fall 2006-2007

Econ. 171. Investments. Section 1. Enrollment 120.

Econ. 171. Investments. Section 2. Enrollment 75.

Calendar year 2007.

Spring 2006-2007

Econ. 138. Economics and the Law. Enrollment 59.

Fall 2007-2008

Econ. 1170. Welfare Economics. Enrollment 49.

Teaching goals and effectiveness. I think have been highly effective in teaching large undergraduate courses.

Graduate teaching. I have no Ph.D. students currently.

Advising. I was principal undergraduate concentration advisor for many years, through 2006-2007, with scores of advisees each year. I continue to have a handful of undergraduate advisees.

SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY

In 2006-2007 I was director of undergraduate studies in the economics department. In 2007-2008 I serve on the Graduate Council.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Listed in *Who's Who in America*, 57th Edition, 2003, and subsequent editions, and in various other *Who's Who's*.

Brown University Economics Department Omicron Delta Epsilon "Best Teacher of the Year" award, May 2003.