

Mark A. Price

CURRENT POSITION:

Labor Economist, Keystone Research Center (www.keystoneresearch.org), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

TEACHING INTERESTS:

Labor Economics, History of Economic Thought, Poverty and Inequality, Contending Economic Perspectives, Economic History.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

The Construction Labor Market, Wage Mandates (Prevailing Wages, Minimum Wages, Living Wages), History of Labor Economic Thought and Industrial Relations Scholarship, Direct Care Labor Markets (Early Childhood Education, Nursing and MH/MR Care).

EDUCATION:

Ph.D in Economics, 2005. University of Utah.

B.S. in Economics & Management, *Westminster College of Salt Lake City*, June 1997, Summa Cum Laude.

DISSERTATION:

State Prevailing Wage Laws and Construction Labor Markets

PUBLISHED PAPERS:

- "Pension and Health Insurance Coverage in Construction Labor Markets." In Azari Rad et al., *Prevailing Wages: Maintaining Labor Standards and Improving Industry Performance Through Regulation*, Ashgate Publishers, (2005).
- "The Decline of Midwest Construction Unions," (with Peter Philips). In Richard Schneirov, ed., *Encyclopedia of the Midwest*, Indiana University Press, 2004.

BRIEFING PAPERS:

- "Losing Ground in Early Childhood Education: Declining Workforce Qualifications in an Expanding Industry, 1979-2004 (with David Bradley and Stephen Herzenberg) 2005. Available online (<http://www.epi.org/content.cfm/ece>).
- "The State of Working Pennsylvania 2005 (with Stephen Herzenberg and Peter Wiley). Available online (<http://www.stateofworkingpa.com>).
- "An Analysis of the R. S. Means New Castle County Assessment of the Economic Impact of Adopting Prevailing Wage Laws on New Castle County Government Construction Projects" (with Stephen Herzenberg).
- "Displacement in Appalachia and the Non-Appalachian United States, 1993-2003: Findings Based on Five Displaced Worker Surveys." (with Stephen Herzenberg and Howard Wial). This work will be available on the website of the Appalachian Regional Commission (www.arc.gov) in 2006.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- "Losing Ground in Early Childhood Education: Declining Workforce Qualifications in an Expanding Industry 1980-2004." Presentation before the Early Childhood Leadership Institute at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) (Washington D.C.) November 7th, 2005.
- "Losing Ground in Pennsylvania Early Childhood Education: Declining Workforce Qualifications in an Expanding Industry 1980-2004." Presentation before Success by Six, United Way of Cumberland County (Carlisle, PA), October 11th, 2005.

- Business Matters. Televised (WFMZ-TV, Allentown, PA) panel discussion of proposals before the Pennsylvania general assembly to raise the state minimum wage.
- "Manufacturing and Layoff Aversion." Presentations at three planning sessions on developing a network of workforce and economic development officials aimed at detecting and preventing manufacturing job loss: December 1st, 2004 (Scranton, PA). December 7th, 2004 (Youngwood, PA). December 10th, 2004 (Harrisburg, PA).
- "The State of the Pennsylvania Economy" Three presentations at town meetings on trade: December 10, 2003 at Harrisburg Community College. February 18th, 2004 at Butler County Community College, and March 24th, 2004 at Pennsylvania State College.
- "Pension and Health Insurance Coverage in Construction Labor Markets: The Role of Collective Bargaining and State Prevailing Wage Laws." Eastern Economic Association meetings., New York City, February 22, 2003.
- "Race to the Bottom: The impact of the repeal of little Davis-Bacon on the payment of pension and health benefits for construction workers." *Center to Protect Workers' Rights*. Economic Research Network Meeting. October 24-25, 2002.
- "When Immigrants Are Welcome: Immigration in the U.S. and Utah with a focus on the Construction Industry," by Peter Philips and Mark A. Price. *Rocco C. Siciliano Colloquium: Nation and State: Diversity and Identity*. University of Utah. November 01-02, 2001.

MEDIA RELATIONS:

Since joining the Keystone Research Center I have been interviewed by numerous radio and newspaper reporters about my research. I have been quoted in the Patriot-News (Harrisburg, PA), Philadelphia Inquirer (Philadelphia, PA), Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Times Leader (Wilkes-Barre, PA), Times-Tribune (Scranton, PA), and the Centre Daily Times (State College, PA). I have done radio interviews on WITF (Harrisburg, PA), WGMU (Kansas City, MO) and WBAI (New York, NY).

RESEARCH ASSISTANT:

Research Assistant, Summer 1999 - Spring 2002: Conducted journal searches, data collection and provided editorial assistance for E.K. Hunt in preparation for the release of the updated 7th edition of *Property and Prophets* as well as the release of the updated 2nd edition of *History of Economic Thought: A Critical Perspective*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Adjunct Instructor, Dickinson College, Fall 2003, Spring 2005

❖ Introductory Microeconomics

Instructor, University of Utah, Fall 1999 – Fall 2002

Graduate Courses (Masters Level):

❖ Public Policy Towards Labor, Summer 2002

Undergraduate Courses:

❖ Collective Bargaining & Labor Law, Summer 2002

❖ Labor Economics, Spring 2001, Fall 2002

❖ Intermediate Macroeconomics, Fall 2000

❖ Macroeconomic Principles, Fall 1999, Summer 2000, Spring 2000, Summer 2001

Instructor, Westminster College of Salt Lake City, Summer 2000 – Spring 2002

❖ Elementary Macroeconomics, Summer 2000, Fall 2001, Spring 2002

Teaching Assistant, University of Utah, Fall 1998 – Spring 1999

❖ Microeconomic & Macroeconomic Principles

Student Instructor, Westminster College of Salt Lake City, Fall 1996-Spring 1997

❖ Elementary Macroeconomics

HONORS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS:

- Marriner S. Eccles Fellow, University of Utah, 2002-2003
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- Rasmussen Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, University of Utah, 1998-1999

- Teaching Assistantship, Department of Economics, University of Utah, 1998-2001

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

- *Living Wage Subcommittee, Jobs With Justice - Utah Chapter, Summer 2002 – Summer 2003*
Worked with other activists collecting information on tax breaks and development subsidies issued by State and Local entities to firms that paid poverty level wages in support of a living wage ordinance for Salt Lake City. Contact: George Neckle (utjwj@xmission.com).
- *President, Heterodox Economics Students Association (HESA), Spring 2000-Spring 2002*
Duties include securing organizational funding from the Associated Students of the University of Utah (ASUU), organizing a lecture series by graduate students, faculty, and guest speakers from outside the University of Utah. www.econ.utah.edu/hesa/
- *Living Wage Working Group, Utah Progressive Network, Summer 2000*
Worked with a team of graduate students directed by Al Campbell of the Department of Economics at the University of Utah in the analysis of the potential cost of implementing a living wage in Salt Lake City.