

Rand W. Ressler

Current Position

Chair, Department of Finance and Economics, Georgia Southern University,

July 1, 2013 – present.

Professor of Economics, Georgia Southern University, July 1, 2013 – present.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Economics): Auburn University, 1993.

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Economics): Auburn University, 1988.

Previous Experience

Department Head, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, fall 2008 – Spring 2013.

Professor, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Fall 2006 – Spring 2013.

Associate Professor, University of Louisiana at Lafayette (formerly the University of Southwestern Louisiana), Fall 1999 – Summer 2006.

Assistant Professor, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Fall 1993 – Summer 1999.

Graduate Research Assistant, Auburn University, Fall 1989 – Summer 1993.

Professional Memberships

American Economic Association

Southern Economic Association

Western Economic Association

Omicron Delta Epsilon

Courses Taught

Principles of Microeconomics

Principles of Macroeconomics

Economic Development

Labor Economics

Managerial Economics (undergraduate and MBA)

Mathematical Economics

Price Theory (intermediate microeconomics)

Public Finance

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics

Household Economics

Economics of Crime

Public Choice

Labor Economics

Industrial Organization

Refereed Publications

- “On Teaching Production Theory: Integrating Short-Run and Long-Run Analyses” by Heath, W.C. and R.W. Ressler. *Journal for Economic Educators* Vol. 15(1), 2015, pp. 1-12.
- “Rent Seeking in Successive Monopoly: The Case of Casino Gambling in New Orleans” by Mixon, F.G. and R.W. Ressler. *Evolutionary and Institutional Economic Review* Vol. 11(1), 2014, pp. 41-51.
- “Beyond the Friday night lights: Social networks, migration, and individual success in college football” by Mixon, F.G.; Ressler, R.W. and R.J. Cebula. *Economics Bulletin* Vol. 32(1), 2012, pp. 16-26.
- “Do Designated Drivers and Workplace Policies Effect Alcohol Consumption?” by Austin, W.A. and R.W. Ressler. *Journal of Socio-Economics* Vol. 40, 2011, pp.104-109.
- “Welfare Reform and the Spread of HIV” by Ressler, R.W.; Waters, M.S. and R.C. Hill. *Review of Applied Economics*, Vol. 7, 2011, pp. 1-15 (lead article).
- “Important, and Often Overlooked, Aspects of Market Equilibrium” by Heath, W.C. and R.W. Ressler. *Journal of Economics and Economic Education Research*, Vol. 12, 2011, pp. 77-82.
- “The Ritalin Riddle: What Affects a Family’s Decision to Medicate a Child with ADHD?” by Ressler, R.W. and S.J. Skinner. *The E-Journal of Business and Economic Issues*, Vol. 6, 2011. www.business.subr.edu.
- “Twitter and the public choice course: A pedagogical vignette on political information technology,” by Mixon, F.G.; Burgess, C.A.; and R.W. Ressler, *Journal of Economics and Finance Education*, Vol. 9, 2010, pp. 43-49.
- “False Advertising and Experience Goods: The Case of Political Services in the U.S. Senate” by Mixon, F.G.; Ressler, R.W. and T. Gibson. *Public Choice*, Vol. 138, 2009, pp. 83-95.
- “Marginal Deterrence and Multiple Murders” by Ekelund, R.B.; Jackson, J.D.; Ressler, R.W. and R.D. Tollison. *Southern Economic Journal*, Vol. 72, 2006, pp. 521-541 (lead article).
- “Contributing Factors to the Spread of Sexually Transmitted Diseases: the Case of Welfare” by Ressler, R.W.; Waters, M. S. and J. K. Watson. *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, Vol. 65, 2006, pp. 943-961.

“Theoretical Determinants of Catholic Annulment Rates in the United States” by Heath, W.C.; Waters, M.S. and R.W. Ressler. *The E-Journal of Business And Economic Issues*, 2006, http://www.business.subr.edu/online_journal.html.

Refereed Publications (continued)

“Welfare Payments and the Spread of HIV in the United States” by Ressler, R.W.; Waters, M.S.; Hill, R.C. and J.K. Watson. *Contemporary Economic Policy*, Vol. 23, 2005, pp. 40-49.

“Congressional Membership as Political Advertising: Evidence from the U.S. Senate” by Mixon, F. G.; Ressler, R. W. and M. T. Gibson. *Southern Economic Journal*, Vol. 70, 2003, pp. 414-424.

“An Economic Analysis of Hate Crime” by Gale, L. R.; Heath, W. C. and R. W. Ressler. *Eastern Economic Journal*, Vol. 28, 2002, pp. 203-216.

“Loyal Political Cartels and Committee Assignments in Congress: Evidence from the Congressional Black Caucus” by Mixon, F. G. and R. W. Ressler. *Public Choice*, Vol. 108, 2001, pp. 313-330.

“The ‘Death Effect’ in Art Prices: A Demand-Side Exploration” by Ekelund, R. B.; Ressler, R. W. and J. K. Watson. *Journal of Cultural Economics*, Vol. 24, 2000, pp. 283-300.

“Female Earnings and the Divorce Rate: A Simultaneous Equation Model” by Ressler, R. W. and M. S. Waters. *Applied Economics*, Vol. 32, 2000, pp. 1889-1898.

“A Note on the Elasticity and Price Dispersions in the Music Recording Industry” by Mixon, F. G. and R. W. Ressler. *The Review of Industrial Organization*, Vol. 17, 2000, pp. 465-470.

“Is Offering a Degree in Law an Effective Strategy for Increasing State Educational Appropriations?” by R. W. Ressler. *Applied Economics Letters*, Vol. 7, 2000, pp. 749-753.

“An Economic Model of Cohabitation and Divorce” by Waters, M. S. and R. W. Ressler. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol. 40, 1999, pp. 195-206.

“Integrating the Concept of Rent-Seeking into the Principles of Economics Classroom: Evidence from Survey Data” by Mixon, F. G. and R. W. Ressler. *Journal of Education for Business*, Vol. 74, 1998, pp. 24-27.

“Estimates, Bias and ‘No Sales’ in Latin-American Art Auctions, 1977-96: A Note” by Ekelund, R. B.; Ressler, R. W. and J. K. Watson. *Journal of Cultural Economics*,

Vol. 22, 1998, pp. 33-42.

Refereed Publications (continued)

- “Full Wages, Part-Time Employment, and the Minimum Wage” by Ressler, R. W.; Watson, J. K. and F. G. Mixon. *Applied Economics*, Vol. 28, 1996, pp. 1415-1419.
- “An Empirical Note on the Impact of College Athletics on Tuition Revenues” by Mixon, F. G. and R. W. Ressler. *Applied Economics Letters*, Vol. 2, 1995, pp. 383-387.
- “The Economics of Cohabitation” by Ressler, R. W. and M. S. Waters. *KYKLOS*, Vol. 48, 1995, pp. 577-592.
- “The Demand for Cigarette Smuggling” by Saba, R. P.; Beard, T. R.; Ekelund, R. B. and R. W. Ressler. *Economic Inquiry*, Vol. 33, 1995, pp. 189-202.
- “Advertising and Information: An Empirical Study of Search, Experience and Credence Goods” by Ekelund, R. B.; Mixon, F. G. and R. W. Ressler. *Journal of Economic Studies*, Vol. 22, 1995, pp. 33-43.
- “The South-Nonsouth Faculty Salary Differential” by Jones, E. B. and R. W. Ressler. *Eastern Economic Journal*, Vol. 19, 1993, pp. 33-42.
- “Union Influence and Right-to-Work Law passage: Evidence from Hazard Model Estimates” by Mixon, F. G. and R. W. Ressler. *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, Vol. 52, 1993, pp. 183-192.
- “The Alchian-Allen Effect in Higher Education: Public versus Private Enrollment” by Kroncke, C. O. and R. W. Ressler. *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 12, 1993, pp. 345-349.
- “An Empirical Note on Union Influence of Workers’ Compensation Payments” by Mixon, F. G. and R. W. Ressler. *Revista Internazionale di Scienze Economiche e Commerciali*, Vol. 40, 1993, pp. 805-812.
- “Consumption of Pet Companionship and the Allocation of Time” by Mixon, F. G. and R. W. Ressler. *Atlantic Economic Journal* (Anthology section), Vol. 24, 1996, p. 181.
- “A Note on Human Capital v. Screening: Evidence from Sportometrics” by Mixon, F. G.; Ressler R. W. and R. B. Wilder. *Atlantic Economic Journal* (Anthology section), Vol. 21, 1993, P. 96.

Other Publications

Economics; Private Markets and Public Choice, 7th edition. By Robert B. Ekelund, Jr., Rand W. Ressler, and Robert D. Tollison. Pearson 2006.

Works in Progress

“Terrorism and the Alchian-Allen Theorem” with J.H. Brown. Accepted for presentation at the 13th Annual International Industrial Organization Conference, April 24-26, 2015, Boston.

“Does the Probability of Being Arrested and Booked for a Crime Depend on Income?” With W.A. Austin. Under review at *Journal of Legal Economics*.

Papers Presented

“The Impact of Welfare Reform on Rates of Abortion” by Ressler, R.W.; Waters, M.S. and R.C. Hill. Presented at the 82nd Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 2012, New Orleans.

“Binge Drinking and Designated Drivers: a Moral Hazard Dilemma” by Austin, W.A. and R.W. Ressler. Presented at the 79th Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 2009, San Antonio.

“Welfare Reform and the Spread of HIV” by Ressler, R.W.; Waters, M.S. and R.C. Hill. Presented at the 76th Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 2006, Charleston.

“Welfare Reform and the Spread of HIV” by Ressler, R.W.; Waters, M.S. and R.C. Hill. (presented by Waters) Invited Lecture. Texas A&M University – Commerce. February 3, 2006.

“American Catholic Marriage Annulment: An Empirical Study” by Heath, W.C.; Ressler, R.W. and M.S. Waters. Presented at the 74th Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 2004, New Orleans.

“Welfare and the Spread of AIDS” by Ressler, R.W.; Hill, R.C.; Waters, M.S. and J.K. Watson. (presented by Waters) Invited Lecture, Department of Economics Seminar Series, Mississippi State University, September 26, 2003, Starkville, MS.

“Regular or Extra Crispy?: Murder, Marginal Deterrence and Capital Punishment” by Ekelund, R. B.; Ressler, R. W. and R. D. Tollison. Presented at the 2003 American Economic Association meetings, Washington, D.C.

“The Effectiveness of Bias-Crime Legislation” by Gale, L. R.; Keaty, A. and R. W. Ressler. Presented at the 2003 American Economic Association meetings,

Washington, D.C.

Papers Presented (continued)

- “AFDC Payments and the Spread of AIDS: An Empirical Note” by Ressler, R. W.; Waters, M. S. and J. K. Watson. Presented at the 69th Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 1999, New Orleans.
- “Predicting ‘No Sales’ from Auction Records: Evidence from the Latin American Market” by Ressler, R. W. and J. K. Watson. Presented at the 67th Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 1997, Atlanta.
- “An Economic Interpretation of Hate Crime” by Heath, W. C. and R. W. Ressler. Presented at the 1997 Annual Conference of the Academy of Economics and Finance, Lafayette, Louisiana.
- “Male and Female Earnings and the Divorce Rate” by Waters, M. S. and R. W. Ressler. Presented at the 66th Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 1996, Washington, D.C.
- “Is There a ‘Death Effect’ in Art Prices? Evidence on Latin American Artists” by Ekelund, R. B.; Ressler, R. W. and J. K. Watson. Presented at the 66th Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 1996, Washington, D.C.
- “An Economic Model of Cohabitation and Divorce” by Waters, M. S. and R. W. Ressler. Presented at the 65th Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 1995, New Orleans.
- “Full Wages, Part-Time Employment, and the Minimum Wage” by Ressler, R. W. and F. G. Mixon. Presented at the 63rd Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 1993, New Orleans.
- “The South-Nonsouth Differential in Federal Grant and Contract Funding to Higher Education” by Jones, E. B.; Ressler, R. W. and J. D. Jackson. Presented at the 62nd Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 1992, Washington, D.C.
- “The South-Nonsouth Faculty Salary Differential” by Jones, E. B. and R. W. Ressler. Presented at the 61st Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 1991, Nashville.
- “The Economic Effects of Cigarette Bootlegging Across State Lines” by Saba, R. P.; Ekelund, R. B. and R. W. Ressler. Presented at the 60th Annual Conference of the

Southern Economic Association, 1990, New Orleans.

Other Conference Activities

Session Chair: “Empirical Analysis of Criminal Justice Policies” 2003 American Economic Association Meetings, Washington, D.C.

Discussant: 74th Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 2004, New Orleans.

Discussant: 1997 Annual Conference of the Academy of Economics and Finance, Lafayette, LA

Discussant: 62nd Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association, 1992, Washington, D.C.

Grants and Contracts

Agency: Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund

Title: Establishment of the Louisiana Supply Network Education Testbed (LouiSNET)

PI(s): Dr. Ramesh Kolluru
(Dr. R. W. Ressler listed as “Co-PI”)

Date: June 1, 2003 through June 30, 2005

Award: \$65,640

Agency: United States Department of Commerce

Title: Acadiana Region Strategic Planning Initiative

PI(s): Drs. R. Morris Coats, Jim Underwood
(Dr. R. W. Ressler is “other investigator”)

Date: September 1999 through June 2000

Award: \$75,000

Honors

Recipient of University of Louisiana at Lafayette Award for Excellence in Academic Advising, 2011 and 2008 Academic Years. (One of several recipients)

Named Professor of the Year (2006 – 2007 academic year) by the MBA Association, B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Awarded the Edward G. Schlieder Educational Foundation/BORSF Professorship, Fall 2001 and renewed in Fall 2004, Fall 2007, and Fall 2012.

Awarded the University of Southwestern Louisiana College of Business Administration *Award for Research Excellence*, Spring 1996.

Awarded the University of Southwestern Louisiana College of Business Administration
Certificate of Merit for Research Excellence, Spring 1994.

Referee Experience

Have served as a referee for the following journals:

American Economic Review

Australian Economic Review

Journal of Economic Education

Journal of Institutional

and Theoretical Economics

Southern Economic Journal

Bulletin of Economic Research

Eastern Economic Journal

Applied Economics

Personal

Born in Columbus, Ohio

Married with three children