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ECONOMIC EDUCATION OUTREACH

November 2016

Professor Holahan contributes to the public conversation on economics in two ways, invited talks and guest editorials in newspapers.

A. RECENT INVITED TALKS ON PUBLIC POLICY

"To Conserve Water, Price it Correctly!" Wisconsin Green Summit, May 18, 2009.

"The Economics of Water Depletion," League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County, August 24, 2009

"Milwaukee and the Great Recession," The Urban Studies Forum: Henry Maier State of Milwaukee Summit, November 10, 2011

"The Economics of Water Pricing," Water Law Program, Marquette Law School, November 22, 2011

"WisPolitics Forum on the Milwaukee Economy," Discovery World, January 25, 2012; Rebroadcast on 'Lake Effect' WUWM 89.7 FM

"Economic Issues Facing the Nation," Fidelity Investments, Brookfield Office. January 31, 2012

"Economic Issues of the 2012 Presidential Election," Osher Program, School of Continuing Education, February 15, 2012.

"Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Facts and Myths;" Forum on Health Care Policy Co-sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Milwaukee County and St. John's on the Lake October 20, 2012;

"Why the Price of Water Must Rise," Plenary speaker at the annual meeting of the American Society of Water Resources, March 7, 2013

"The Best Way to Reduce the Deficit is to Reduce Unemployment," St. John's Tower Public Policy Forum, April 8, 2013

"Economics of Water Quality Trading," Sweet Water Trust Annual Meeting, April 25, 2013

"Macroeconomic Issues and Their Political Implications," Series of talks on Macroeconomics to the Astor Street Policy Lunch, Milwaukee County, 2005-present.

"The Performance of the U.S. Economy, 2001 – 2013," Featured Speaker, Wisconsin Coalition of Annuitants, Twenty-Second Annual Conference, May 13, 2013.

Talks, cont'd

"Has Anyone Noticed that the Deficit is Coming Down?" St. John's Tower Public Policy Forum, May 30, 2013

"Health Care Cost Trends Looking Better – A Lot Better." St. John's Tower Public Policy Forum, January 13, 2014.

"Secular Stagnation, The New Normal?" St. John's Tower Public Policy Forum, April 14, 2014.

"Skills Shortage, Real or Mirage?" WORT FM 89.9 Madison, WI May 19, 2014

"The Macroeconomic Impact of Infrastructure Spending," St. John's Tower Public Policy Forum, August 19, 2014

"Economy Produces Private Sector Jobs for 54 Straight Months, Why are We So Glum?" St. John's Tower Public Policy Forum, September 8, 2014

"Repair our Infrastructure and Jolt the Economy," joint appearance with Carl Sutter, American Society of Civil Engineers. Havenwoods State Forest Environmental Center. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, October 25, 2014.

"Suppressing Demand Slows Growth in Wisconsin," St. John's Tower Public Policy Forum, January 8, 2015.

"Wisconsin's Slow-growth Budget Costs Jobs," St. John's Tower Public Policy Forum, April 13, 2015.

"Massive Slow-down in Infrastructure Repair Robs the Future and the Present," St. John's Tower Public Policy Forum, August 8, 2015.

"March 2016 Jobs Report: Big Downturn in Manufacturing Bad News for Wisconsin," St. John's Tower Public Policy Forum, April 11, 2016.

Economics Mini-course, "Economic Issues of the 2016 Presidential Election." University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Bernard Osher chapter, August, 2016.

"Jobs and Income Up — In Time for Election, or Too Late?" St. John's Tower Public Policy Forum, September 14, 2016.

"Economic Issues in the 2016 Presidential Election," Greenfield Library Forum, October 17, 2016.

B. **GUEST NEWSPAPER COLUMNS**

"Will U.S. Refuse to Export Food if Result is Inflation?" *Milwaukee Journal*, August 25, 1974

With Michael Elconin:

"Education Vouchers: A Win-Win Plan," New *York Times*, May 9, 1990, p. A15

With Marc Levine:

"It's No Time for Another Cut to UW System," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, November 15, 2011

With Charles O. Kroncke:

"Social Security: Working As Planned," *St. Petersburg Times*, November 21, 2010.

"Recovery Bonds are a Way out of the Tax Debate," St. *Petersburg Times*, November, 29, 2010.

"Keep Large Debt Numbers in Context," *St. Petersburg Times*, January 24, 2011.

"Free Market Alternatives to the Affordable Care Act," *St. Petersburg Times*, February 28, 2011.

"Business Model Doesn't Work in Government," *St. Petersburg Times*, March 25, 2011.

"A Closer Look at Public Employee Compensation," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, April 1, 2011.

"Small Adjustments Can Fix Social Security," *St. Petersburg Times*, April 21, 2011.

"Precariously Close to Edge of Fiscal Cliff", *St. Petersburg Times*, May 23, 2011.

"Oil Subsidies Subvert Free Market Functions," *St. Petersburg Times*, June 13, 2011.

"Instant Runoff Gives All A Voice," *St. Petersburg Times*, June 24, 2011.

"Tax-Expenditures are Government Spending," *St. Petersburg Times*, July 17, 2011.

"Back From the Brink of Default," *St. Petersburg Times*, August 4, 2011.

"Chain-Weighted Consumer Price Index," *St. Petersburg Times*, August 18, 2011.

"Water Pricing in Milwaukee," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, August 28, 2011.

"How Does Cutting Social Security Help Reduce the Deficit?" *St. Petersburg Times*, August 28, 2011.

"Are Profit-Seekers Job Creators?" *Orlando Sentinel*, August 31, 2011.

"Job-Killing Budget Cuts," *The Ledger*, September 1, 2011.

"Social Security has not been "Raided", and it is not a "Ponzi Scheme," *St. Petersburg Times*, September 9, 2011.

"Is Smaller Government, Better Government?" *The Ledger*, September 19, 2011.

"Why Do We Have Individual Mandates?" *St. Petersburg Times*, October 5, 2011.

"Business Instincts and Government Decisions," *The Ledger*, October 10, 2011.

"The Cost of Neglect," *The Ledger*, November 5, 2011.

"One Job at A Time Is Not Double-Dipping," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, November 13, 2011.

"Debt Numbers are Big; Real Problem is Less So," *Tampa Bay Times*, January 6, 2012.

"Healthcare Costs not Health Insurance are the Issue", *Tampa Bay Times*, January 25, 2012.

Guest newspaper columns with Charles O. Kroncke (cont'd)

"We All Like Firing People; Let's Make Sure We Can", *Tampa Bay Times*, February 13, 2012.

"Parking in the City? There's an App for That!", *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, February 19, 2012.

"Who Pays for Worker Fringe Benefits?", *Tampa Bay Times*, February 27, 2012.

"Who Pays for Contraceptives Under the Affordable Care Act?", (April 9, 2012), http://americamagazine.org/blog/blog.cfm?blog id=2

"Do Cost-Benefit Analysis Before Deciding on Arena", *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, April 10, 2012.

"Businesses Don't Have Last Word ON U.S. Economy", *Tampa Bay Times*, April 26, 2012.

"Should Students Borrow for Their Education?, *Tampa Bay Times*, May 18, 2012.

"Block Grants Can't Work for Social Programs", *Tampa Bay Times*, May 30, 2012.

"On U.S. Infrastructure, Spend Now, Gain Later," *Tampa Bay Times*, June 12, 2012

"The Affordable Care Act and Economic Freedom," *Tampa Bay Times*, July 10, 2012.

"Why Blame Bush?" *Tampa Bay Times*, July 18, 2012.

"How Much Can We Squeeze Public Employees? *Tampa Bay Times*, September 26, 2012.

"Should Seniors Worry about Romney/Ryan Changes to Medicare?" *Tampa Bay Times*, October 4, 2012.

"Is Medicare Bankrupt?" *Tampa Bay Times*, October 28, 2012.

"Negotiating A Grand Burden" *Tampa Bay Times*, December 5, 2012.

"New Energy Sources Create New Policy Options" *Tampa Bay Times*, December 24, 2012

"Keep Social Security Off the Table," *Tampa Bay Times*, January 7, 2013

"The Math Will Force Us to Be Responsible," *Tampa Bay Times*, January 28, 2013

"Is Debt Denial the Same as Climate Denial?" *Tampa Bay Times*, February 18, 2013

"Sequester versus Economic Growth" *Tampa Bay Times*, March 4, 2013.

"Invasion of the MOOCs" *Tampa Bay Times*, April 8, 2013.

"Will Social Security Enslave Our Young? *Tampa Bay Times*, April 22, 2013.

Guest newspaper columns with Charles O. Kroncke (cont'd)

"Keep the Cap" *Tampa Bay Times*, May 20, 2013.

"Is Social Security Intergenerational Theft?" *Tampa Bay Times*, May 27, 2013.

"Cap-and-Trade" *The Capital Times,* May 24, 2013.

"Does Social Security Add to the National Deficit?" *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel,* June 23, 2013.

"Cap and Trade: Harnessing Market Forces to Control Greenhouse Gas Emissions," *Tampa Bay Times*, July 7, 2013.

"The Value of Labor versus Its Wage," *Tampa Bay Times*, August 16, 2013.

"English and Math Prep Will Cut College Costs," *Tampa Bay Times*, September 27, 2013.

"How to Meet Waukesha's Water Needs," *UrbanMilwaukee.com*, October 15, 2013.

"Interstate Tax Competition and Higher Education," *Tampa Bay Times*, October 25, 2013.

"What can Henry Ford teach us about the minimum wage?" *Tampa Bay Times*, November 15, 2013.

"Payfor = Pay More," *Tampa Bay Times*, January 17, 2014.

"Should We Cut Military Pensions to Reduce the Deficit?" *Tampa Bay Times*, January 31, 2014

"Is the Minimum Wage a Job-Killer?" *Tampa Bay Times*, March 7, 2014

"Raising the Minimum Wage Poses Small Job Loss," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, April 27, 2014.

"Repairing infrastructure: A Win – Win," *Tampa Bay Times*, May 19, 2014.

"The Tea Party is Not Conservative; It is Confused!" *Tampa Bay Times*, August 11, 2014.

"Economics of the Minimum Wage," *Janesville Gazette*, September 1, 2014.

"To Gain Taxpayer Support for an Arena: Offer a Better Deal, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, September 12, 2014.

"Raising the Gas Tax: Market Economics Blocked by "Conservatives," *Tampa Bay Times,* September 15, 2014.

"The Great Suppression," *Tampa Bay Times*, December 24, 2014.

"The Jock Tax Mirage," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, December 26, 2014.

"The Job Creator Myth Kills Jobs," *Tampa Bay Times*, December 31, 2014.

Guest newspaper columns with Charles O. Kroncke (cont'd)

"Misunderstanding Social Security," *Montgomery Alabama Advertiser*, *Montgomery Advertiser*, January 25, 2015.

"Raise the Wisconsin Gasoline Tax," *WisOpinion.com*, February 26, 2015. http://www.wisopinion.com/index.iml?mdl=article.mdl&article=59762.

"Crunching the Numbers on Dynamic Scoring," *Tampa Bay Times*, March 13, 2015,

"Governor Walker's Plan for UW Will Backfire," Urban Milwaukee, April 5, 2015

"Don't Change UW Governance," *Urban Milwaukee*, April 12, 2015.

"The High Cost of Low-Priced Water," *Tampa Bay Times*, May 11, 2015.

"A Pro-growth Solution to the Wisconsin Budget Deficit," *Urban Milwaukee*, June 4, 2015,

"Tenure and Shared Governance Still the Best UW "Business Model," *Urban Milwaukee,* July 8, 2015

"The Pope and the Price of Carbon," *Tampa Bay Times*, July 10, 2015

"Social Security is Based on Sound Principles," *Tampa Bay Times*, July 31, 2015.

"Do Political Labels Inform or Mislead?" *Tampa Bay Times*, November, 27. 2015.

"Raising the Gas Tax: The Conservative Thing to Do," *Montgomery Advertiser*, January 10, 2016.

"Tenure under Attack at UW," *Capital Times*, January 19, 2016.

"Ask Candidates Tougher Questions," *Montgomery Advertiser*, January 21, 2016.

"To Fix Roads, Use Conservative Approach," *Urban Milwaukee*, January 25, 2016.

"User Fees Differ From All Other Taxes," Montgomery Advertiser, February 2, 2016.

"Rubio and Christie Wrong on Social Security," Tampa Bay Times, February 8, 2016.

"You are Losing Your University," *Urban Milwaukee*, May 17, 2016.

"Easing the Burden of College Costs," *Montgomery Advertiser*, May 17, 2016.

"Gov. Walker Holds Down Gas Tax — And Growth," *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, June 31, 2016.

"The Balanced Budget Amendment is a Misguided Effort to Do Good," *Tampa Bay Times*, July 4, 2016.

"Misplaced Voter Anger," *Montgomery Advertiser*, July 5, 2016.

"Not All Taxes are Created Equal," *Tampa Bay Times*, July 25, 2016

Guest newspaper columns with Charles O. Kroncke (cont'd)

"Higher Gas Tax Would Not Violate 'No New Taxes' Pledge, Capital Times, August 25, 2016.

"Ronald Reagan was No Charles Ponzi," Urban Milwaukee, August 30, 2016.

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