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Education

Masters Economics 2017, George Mason University, Arlington, VA
Masters Economics 2015, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON
BA (Hons) Economics 2014, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS

Professional Experience

April 2023 – present:

Chief Economist, Foundation for American Innovation, Washington, DC

Conducting research, analysis and commentary on innovation and science policy, state capacity, and the impact of AI and other disruptive technologies on U.S. institutions.

May 2016 – March 2023:

Director of Social Policy, Niskanen Center, Washington, DC

Directing research, legislative affairs, communications and fundraising initiatives for the Niskanen Center's Social Policy team (formerly the Poverty and Welfare program), with a focus on family economic security, social insurance, regional development, and innovation policy.

Aug 2015 – April 2016:

Graduate Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA Research and writing for the university research center's Technology Policy Program, with a specialization in supersonic aviation and consumer drone policy.

Sept 2014 – Aug 2015:

Coordinator, Atlantic Institute for Market Studies, Ottawa, ON

Coordinating the student program for the Canadian think tank focused on the Atlantic provinces; editing and maintaining AIMS.ca.

May 2013 – July 2014:

Junior Economist, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, Halifax, NS

Research and data analysis in the policy branch of the Government of Canada's federal agency for economic development in the Atlantic region. Research areas included transportation infrastructure, trade, inter-provincial migration, venture capital markets, rural community vulnerability, and municipal financial solvency.

Selected Publications

Jon Askonas and Samuel Hammond, "Common Sense on AI." American Affairs Journal. Summer 2023.

<https://americanaffairsjournal.org/2023/05/common-sense-on-ai/>

Samuel Hammond and Gabriela Rodriguez, "[America's flagship program for innovative small businesses is](#)

[broken.](#)” The Hill, September 9, 2022.

Samuel Hammond, “[To help children, democrats are going to have to reach across the aisle.](#)” The New York Times, April 12, 2022.

Samuel Hammond and Elaine Maag, “[Issues in Child Benefit Administration in the United States Subtitle Imagining the Next Stage of the Child Tax Credit.](#)” Urban Institute, December 2, 2021.

Samuel Hammond, Daniel Takash and Steven Teles, “[Cost Disease Socialism: How Subsidizing Costs While Restricting Supply Drives America’s Fiscal Imbalance.](#)” Niskanen Center, September 9, 2021.

Samuel Hammond and Robert Orr, “[The Conservative Case for a Child Allowance.](#)” Niskanen Center, February 4, 2021.

Samuel Hammond and Brink Lindsey, “[Faster Growth, Fairer Growth: Policies for a High Road, High Performance Economy.](#)” Niskanen Center, Fall, 2020.

Samuel Hammond, “[The China Shock Doctrine.](#)” National Affairs Journal, Fall 2019.

Samuel Hammond, “[It \(Still\) Takes a Nation: Why Private Charity Will Never Replace the Welfare State.](#)” Independent Review, Spring 2019.

Samuel Hammond and Robert Orr, “[The American Family Act: A Roadmap To End Child Poverty.](#)” Niskanen Center, March 8, 2019.

Samuel Hammond, “[The Free-Market Welfare State: Preserving dynamism in a volatile world.](#)” Niskanen Center, May 1, 2018.

Samuel Hammond, “[Bone Marrow Mismatch: How compensating bone marrow donors can end the transplant shortage and save lives.](#)” Niskanen Center, November 15, 2016.

Samuel Hammond and Robert Orr, “[Toward a Universal Child Benefit.](#)” Niskanen Center, October 25, 2016.

Eli Dourado and Samuel Hammond, “[Make America Boom Again: How to Bring Back Supersonic Transport.](#)” Mercatus Center, October 27, 2016.

Eli Dourado and Samuel Hammond, “[Do Consumer Drones Endanger the National Airspace? Evidence from Wildlife Strike Data.](#)” Mercatus Center, March 14, 2016.

Conferences

November 17-20, 2021: 114th Annual Conference of the National Tax Association [Presenter] October 11-12, 2019: [The Future of Work.](#) George Mason University, VA. [Organizer and presenter] November 19-21, 2016: Southern Economic Association, Washington, DC. [Presenter] April 3-5, 2016: 41st Annual Meetings of The Association of Private Enterprise Education, Las Vegas, NV. [Presenter] March 10-12, 2016: Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, Ft Lauderdale, FL. [Presenter] November 2015: FDA Premarket Approval and the Future of Innovation policy research seminar, New Orleans, LA. [Participant] August 2015: Institute for Liberal Studies Freedom Week, McGill University, QB. [Participant] July 2015: Institute for Humane Studies Research Colloquium, Chapman University, CA. [Presenter] April 2015: Liberty Fund Symposium, Hayek and Keynes on Human Nature and Liberty, Arlington,