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Education:

Ph.D. in Economics, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. 2020 – Present.

B.S. in Economics, Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro, Tennessee. 2016 – 2020.

Positions:

Executive Officer (XO) Blue Raider Battalion: U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, April 2021 – Present. ([Link](#))

Student Researcher: Business and Economic Research Center (BERC), Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, May 2020 – December 2020. ([Link](#))

Corporate Lending Risk Analyst: JB&B Capital, Franklin, Tennessee, October 2018 – Present. ([Link](#))

Financial Planning Intern: The R.O.W. Group, Nashville, Tennessee, April 2018 – September 2018. ([Link](#))

Research Interests:

Evolutionary Economics, Utilitarian Economics, Political Economy, and Econometrics

Research:

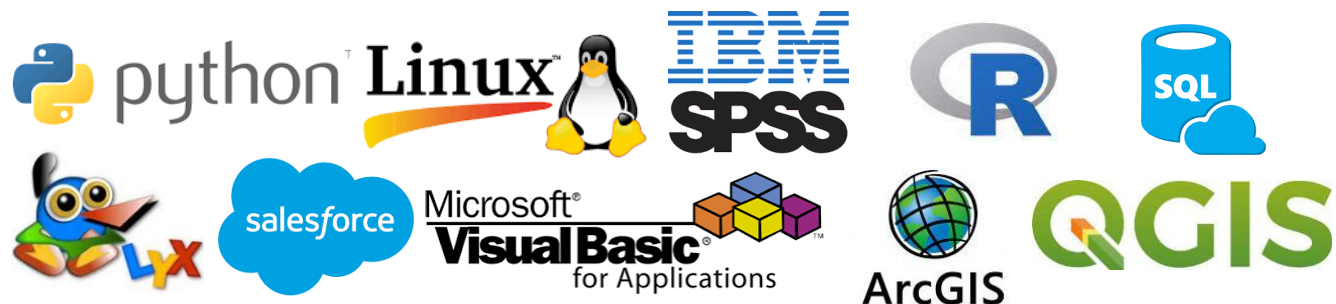
Watts, Caleb. “What Fools these Populists Be: A Selected Review of the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.” (2020). ([Link](#))

Watts, Caleb. “Does Populism Decrease Institution’s Freedom?” (2021)

Conferences & Seminars:

PERI Political Economy Seminars: Political Economy Research Institute, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 20 November 2020.

Relevant Skills:



Acknowledgments & Awards:

The American Legion (Silver) Award for General Military Excellence: U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, April 2021.

PMS Incentive Fund Monetary Award: U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 12 January 2021.

Dean's List Award: U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Fall 2020.

PERI Ph.D. Summer Fellowship: 2021 Political Economy Research Institute, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, May – August 2021. ([Link](#))

ROTC Cadet Scholarship: U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, August 2020 – May 2022.

PERI Undergraduate Fellowship: 2020 Political Economy Research Institute, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Summer of 2020.

Honors College Coursework Recognition: Completion of 20 hours lower-division Honors coursework, Middle Tennessee State University Honors College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Fall of 2017. ([Link](#))

A.P. Scholar: May 2016. ([Link](#))

Missouri Boys State: The American Legion, Summer 2015. ([Link](#))

Professional Training:

Cadet Command CST: Assessment of Cadet's Leadership, Cadet Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky, June 22 – July 29, 2020. ([Link](#))

FTXs (Field Training Exercises):

- U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, Middle Tennessee State University, Volunteer Training Site Tullahoma, Tullahoma Tennessee, September 24 to 27, 2020.
- U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, Middle Tennessee State University, Fort Knox, Kentucky, March 12 to 16, 2021.

Cadet Command Basic Camp: An Introduction to the Army for Cadets, Summer 2020. Note: Coronavirus of 2020 effected aspects of the program. ([Link](#))

In the News:

“MTSU Student Takes First Step for Military Career” – Murfreesboro Post, September 2020, Andy Heidt. ([Link](#))