

Recent Professional Activities

Robert P. Strauss

February 10, 2012

Recent Awards

20 Years of Service Award, Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Advisory Board, 2007.

David C. Lincoln Fellow, Lincoln Land Institute, 2006-2007

2005 Steven B. Gold Award, from the Association of Public Policy and Management, National Tax Association, and Federation of Tax Administrators, Washington, DC (November 4, 2005).

Recent Public and Professional Service

Consultant, Government Development Bank of Puerto Rico, Fall, 2010.

Member, Education Committee, *Pittsburgh Today*, www.pittsburghtoday.org, September, 2010--.

Founding Advisory Committee Member, Pennsylvania School Boards Association Education Research and Policy Center, 2010--.

Session Chair, Education Adequacy and the Courts, March 18, 2010, American Education Finance Association, 35th Annual Research Conference, Richmond, Virginia.

Program Committee Member, 101st Annual Research Conference on Taxation, National Tax Association, Philadelphia, Pa. , November 19-21, 2008

Co-Chair with R. Mattoon, Federal Reserve Board of Chicago, National Tax Association, May 16, 2008 Annual Spring Conference on Taxation, State and Local Program, Washington, D.C.

Member of Selection Committee, Otto A. Davis Memorial Lecture Series, Center for Study of Public Choice, George Mason University, February, 2008.--

Member, National Academy of Sciences Panel on Census of Governments Statistics, January, 2006.--August, 2007.

Consultant on Real Estate Assessments, Pittsburgh Public Schools, October 1, 2005 - December 31, 2009.

Consultant on Student Learning Outcomes, Pittsburgh Public Schools, October 1, 2005 – December 30, 2008.

Member, Academic Advisory Panel, New Mexico Tax Policy Institute, May, 2004.--

School Finance Panel Member, Institute for Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education, 2004, 2005.

Informal advisor on tax and intergovernmental finance issues, Office of the Majority Leader, United States Senate, 2003-2006.

Informal advisor on tax, social policy and intergovernmental finance issues, Office of the Speaker, United States House of Representatives, 2007-2010.

Recent Panels, Presentations and Briefings

2011

February 7, 2012, PCNC/Straight Talk, “Re-Assessment in Allegheny County,” ½ hour interview, 8PM.

February 7, 2012, Northmont Presbyterian Church, North Hills, Pa.,”Treating ReAssessment Fever in Allegheny County with Facts,” 9AM

May 31, 2011 Northmont Presbyterian Church, North Hills, Pa., “Fixing What’s Broken in Pennsylvania: Taxation of Internet Sales and Raising the Student Teacher Ratio to Fund Teacher Pensions”

May 18, 2011, “The Impact of Not Collecting Sales and Use Tax on Internet Sales into Pennsylvania, *Testimony* before the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Committee on Finance, Room 650, Irvis Office Building, Harrisburg, PA., 10AM.

May 4, 2011, “The Impact of Not Collecting Sales and Use Tax on Internet Sales into Pennsylvania,” *Testimony* before the Pennsylvania Senate Committee on Finance, North Office Building, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 9:30AM.

http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/user/rs9f/RP_Strauss_Final_Alliance_Internet%20Tax_Report_5_3_2011.pdf

News Coverage of Testimony:

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/alliance-for-main-street-fairness-to-release-pennsylvania-economic-impact-study-121091489.html>

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/05/02/3595297/alliance-for-main-street-fairness.html>

<http://www.centralpennbusiness.com/article/20110503/CPBJ01/110509971>

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/05/03/3598253/pennsylvania-losing-hundreds-of.html>
http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=714675&Itemid=30
<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11125/1144252-454.stm>
<http://www.centralpennbusiness.com/article/20110506/FRONTPAGE/110509937>

2010

November 9, 2010, Presentation on Pittsburgh Public Schools Enrollment and City Population, Baptist Ministers Conference. A Public Hearing on Public Education in Pittsburgh, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA.

September 15, 2010, Presentation, "Education Policy Research of Professor Robert P. Strauss," Education Committee, *Pittsburgh Today!*, www.pittsburghtoday.org , Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

September 15, 2010, Panelist, *The Promise and Perils of Marcellus Shale*, Heinz College Carnegie Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 13, 2010, Briefing with Veronica Acha for Pennsylvania Boroughs Association on Road Damage Assessment System (RODAS), Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon.

August 16, 2010, Seminars: Pennsylvania Business Council, Selected Senate Legislative Staff of the Democratic Caucus, and Selected Senate Legislative Staff of the Office of the Republican Majority Leader: Tax and Transportation Policy Projects related to Marcellus Shale under the direction of Professor Robert P. Strauss, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

August 6, 2010, Panelist, "Night Talk: Get to the Point -- Transportation Issues in Pittsburgh and the Region," WPXI TV, 8-9PM, rebroadcast Monday August 9, 2010 5-6PM..

April 29, 2010, Host, Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett, "Ensuring Things Work in the Public Interest in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: The Role of the Attorney General and the Role of the Governor," McConomy Auditorium, Carnegie Mellon University. Broadcast, Pennsylvania Cable Network News April 30, 2010.

April 26, 2010, "Journalists' Roundtable," Pennsylvania Cable Network, Panel Discussion before the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Boroughs Association, Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Broadcast, April 30, 2010, May 3, 2010.

April 23, 2010, Invited Participant, American Tax Policy Institute, Roundtable on Federal-State Tax Relations in the 21st Century: Conformity, Coordination and Conflict.

April 22, 2010, “Facts about Education in Pennsylvania: Teacher Preparation, Recruitment and Student Achievement,” Pennsylvania Business Council,” Crowne Plaza Hotel, Harrisburg, PA.

March 19, 2010, “Patterns of Retirement and Return Employment of Pennsylvania’s Professional School Personnel: 1984-2006,” with Jinxiang Liu, American Education Finance Association 35th Annual Research Conference, Richmond, Virginia.

March 18, 2010, “Functional Form and Error Distribution in Value-Added Educational Modeling: A Box-Cox Approach,” with Abby Clay Turner, American Education Finance Association 35th Annual Research Conference, Richmond, Virginia.

March 1, 2010, Host, Pennsylvania Auditor General Jack Wagner, “Ensuring Things Work in the Public Interest in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: The Role of the Auditor General and the Role of the Governor,” Heinz College Auditorium, Carnegie Mellon University.

February 25, 2010, “*Fixing Pittsburgh’s Pension Problems*,” Testimony before the Post Agenda, Session Pittsburgh City Council, 1:30 PM, Thursday, February 25, 2010
http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/user/rs9f/rpstrauss_written_remarks_2_25_2010.pdf

Print Coverage:

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_677948.html

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<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10057/1038757-53.stm>

Online Coverage:

<http://content.usatoday.com/topics/quote/Places,+Geography/Towns,+Cities,+Counties/Atlanta/0c9V0oo8Ebh2o/07y7cof3yUeNU/0>

Recent Presentations and Briefings

2009

October 27, 2009, “Major Research Findings on Teacher Preparation, Teacher Selection, Teacher Quality, and k-12 Student Achievement in Pennsylvania, PSLC Seminar, Newell Simon Hall, Carnegie Mellon.

July 30, 2009, "Patterns of Teacher Retirement and Return Employment," Regional Education Laboratory, South West, Conference on Teacher Pensions and Quality, Dallas Texas.

June 2, 2009, Testing 1,2,3: An Analysis of 4Sight in Pennsylvania," with Abigail Clay Turner, Econometric Society, Boston Summer 2009 Meetings.

May 20, 2009, "Major Findings of the Three Year Study of the Effects of Teacher Quality Reforms in 2000 for the Pennsylvania State Board of Education," Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, The Pennsylvania State Board of Education.

April 23, 2009, "IT Centralization and its Risks: Issues Surrounding the Reauthorization of the E-Government Act of 2002: A Presentation to the Staff Director of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Operations Committee." US Senate, Washington, DC.

April 17, 2009, " Suggestions for Federal Form 990 Evolution," A Presentation to the IRS/Statistics of Income Advisory Board, Washington, DC.

April 9, 2009, "Teacher Quality and its Effects on Student Learning in Pennsylvania: Major Findings of a 3 Year Study Funded by the Heinz Endowments and William Penn Foundation. A Briefing to the Legislative Staff of the Pa. House and Senate." 10 AM-1PM, Room 14E, The Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

March 20, 2009, American Education Finance Association, Annual Research Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

"Testing 1,2,3: An Analysis of 4Sight in Pennsylvania," with Abigail Clay Turner;

"A Comparative Analysis of the Preparation and Supervision of Nursing and Teaching Services in Pennsylvania," with Sarah E. Strauss.

February 26, 2009, "Results of Pennsylvania's Teacher Hiring Practices and a Governance Reform Proposal," American Federation of Teachers, Washington, D.C..

February 19, 2009, "Patterns of Pennsylvania School Personnel Retirement and Re-Employment: 1984-2007," *RETHINKING TEACHER RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEMS* National Center on Performance Incentives, Second Annual Conference, Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.

2008

November 25, 2008, Northmont Presbyterian Church, North Hills, Pa., "The Change We Need?"

November 21, 2008, Presentation to the Finance Director of the City of Philadelphia and the Finance Director of the School District of Philadelphia, “Evolving Issues in Real Estate Assessment and Taxation in Philadelphia.”

November 21, 2008, Co-Chair, Session on the Crisis in State and Local Finance; paper presentation: “Options for Reinstating a Taxable Property Values Survey.” Annual Research Conference, National Tax Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

November 13, 2008, Luncheon Keynote Speaker, “Teacher Quality and Student Learning Outcomes A Progress Report on a Major Research Study for the Pennsylvania State Board of Education,” Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Unit Human Resources and Business Managers, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA.

May 16, 2008 Chair, Session on the Twin Crises in State and Local Finance, National Tax Association, Spring 2008 Research Conference, Washington, D.C.

April 29, 2008. “The Supply and Demand for Highly Qualified Teachers in Philadelphia,” Briefing for Dr. Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Public Schools, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

April 26, 2008, “The Research Project on Diversion Effects on Bingo and Small Games of Chance of Casino Gambling in Pennsylvania,” Annual Advisory Board Meeting of the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute, Springdale, Pennsylvania.

April 24, 2008, “Hiring Practices, Teacher Quality and Student Achievement in Pennsylvania,” A Presentation to the Education Trust, Washington, D.C.

April 12, 2008, “The Market for Classroom Teachers in Pennsylvania and the Financial Position of Publicly Supported Teacher Preparation Institutions,” American Education Finance Association, Annual Research Conference, Denver Colorado, with Tara Tucci and Ji Yang.

April 11, 2008, “The Production of Early Reading and Math Skills in the Pittsburgh Public Schools,” American Education Finance Association, Annual Research Conference, Denver Colorado, with Haijing Hao, Zixia Sheng, and William Vogt.

April 11, 2008, “Classroom Teacher Hiring Practices in Pennsylvania: 1997 and 2006 ,” with Celeste M. Strauss, Anne Gorman, and Jiniang Liu, American Education Finance Association, Annual Research Conference, Denver Colorado,

February 3, 2008, “The Project on Teacher Quality for the Pennsylvania State Board of Education,” Superintendent of the Erie Public Schools and Research Coordinator, General Electric Corporation of Erie, Pennsylvania.

Recent Interviews and Related Coverage:

2012

PCNC NightTalk, February 7, 2012, Allegheny County Reassessment

February 5, 2012 Penn Energy

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ABC News Online, February 3, 2012

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/states-offer-big-tax-breaks-shell-oil-plant-15492786#.TywmUvnQdI0>

February 1, 2012, Associated Press, Location of Proposed Shell Oil Company Investment

http://www.kdwn.com/index.php?page=2§ion=BREAKING_NEWS&title=3_states_offer_big_tax_breaks_for_Shell_Oil_plant

Pittsburgh Business Times, February 2, 2012

The Guardian Online, 2/2/2012

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/feedarticle/10072108>

2011

Pittsburgh Tribune Review, December 20, 2011, Allegheny County Assessments

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_772828.html

Harrisburg Patriot-News, November 29, 2011, Online Sales and Use Tax

http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2011/11/state_urges_consumers_to_pay_u.html

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, October 31, 2011, Sales Tax on Internet Purchases

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/business/s_764704.html

Johnstown Tribune-Democrat, October 25, 2011, Sales Tax on Internet Purchases

<http://tribune-democrat.com/local/x1990851590/Experts-business-owners-seek-tax-system-changes>

Bloomberg News, October 14, 2011, Municipal Distress

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-10-24/harrisburg-receivership-bill-shows-states-becoming-faster-to-seize-control.html>

York Daily Record, October 3, 2011, Value of 4Sight Testing

http://www.ydr.com/local/ci_19025920

Pittsburg Tribune-Review, October 1, 2011, Energy Sector Jobs

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/business/s_759681.html

Philadelphia Inquirer, September 26, 2011, Managing the Philadelphia School District

<http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/130540778.html&ct=ga&cad=CAcQAhgAIAAoATAAOABAstSA9ARIAVgBYgJlbg&cd=7mLyqdrbGYM&usg=AFQjCNH8omEX8zrc8oc5mfpVnjd5HK9ugA>

Philadelphia Inquirer, August 23, 2011, Resignation of Arlene Ackerman

http://articles.philly.com/2011-08-23/news/29917782_1_permanent-superintendent-school-reform-commission-city-schools

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, August 11, 2011, 2nd Recession?

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/email/s_751043.html?_s_icmp=et

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, August 7, 2011, S&P Downgrading of US Credit

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_750425.html

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, August 2, 2011, Conflict between City & ICA

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s_749498.html

Blomberg.com July 19, 2011, Amazon's California Ballot Initiative

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-07-19/amazon-cleared-to-gather-signatures-for-vote-on-california-tax.html>

Sacramento Bee, July 15, 2011, California Internet Use Tax Issues

WHYY Radio/TV Philadelphia, July 7, 2011, Amazon Tax Issues

Allentown Morning Call, July 7, 2011, Internet Use Tax Issues

<http://www.mcall.com/business/mc-allentown-amazon-jobs-20110706,0,282984.story>

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, July 6, 2011, Delay in Allegheny County Reassessment

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_745309.html

Wall Street Journal, June 20, 2011, Residential Real Estate Market in Pittsburgh

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702303657404576363150295506130.html>

WDUQ, June 20, 2011, Morning Edition, Marcellus Shale Policy Issues

<http://www.wduq.org/images/audio/Marcellus%20Shale/taxvsfeefeature.mp3>

Pittsburgh Tribune Review, June 18, 2011, Pittsburgh's finances.

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_742793.html

WITF, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Public Radio, June 8, 2011, Taxation of Internet Sales (1 hour)

<http://www.witf.org/smart-talk/taxing-on-line-purchases-cell-phones-cause-cancer>

Pittsburgh Tribune Review, June 5, 2011, Tax Return Privacy

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/state/s_740229.html

Pittsburgh Tribune Review, May 23, 2011, CMU Tuition Benefits

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/regional/s_738444.html

WDUQ FM, May 10, 2011, Increasing Student-Teacher Ratios to Fund PSERS

KDKA 1020 AM, May 10, 2011, Increasing Student-Teacher Ratios to Fund PSERS

Pittsburgh Tribune Review, May 10, 2011, School District Class Size and Budgets

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/s_736192.html

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WPXI, April 27, 2010, Pittsburgh's Potholes

<http://www.wpxi.com/target11/27690316/detail.html>

Pittsburgh Tribune Review, April 21, 2011, Pittsburgh Oversight

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_733273.html

KDKA TV, April 5, 2011, School Consolidation in Allegheny County

Pittsburgh Tribune Review, March 30, 2011, North Shore Parking Garage Losses

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_729643.html

Philadelphia Enquirer, March 23, 2011, Philadelphia Real Estate Assessments and Budget

<http://www.philly.com/philly/news/118479964.html?viewAll=y>

KDKA Radio, March 9, Pittsburgh's Potholes, www.rodasproject.org

WTAE Channel 4, March 7, 2011, Pittsburgh's Potholes, www.rodasproject.org

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WPXI TV Channel 11, Pittsburgh's Potholes, www.rodasproject.org

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KDKA TV Channel 2, March 7, 2011, Pittsburgh's Potholes, www.rodasproject.org

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KQV Radio, March 7, 2011, , Pittsburgh's Potholes, www.rodasproject.org

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, March 7, 2011, Pittsburgh's Potholes, www.rodasproject.org

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_726131.html

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, March 7, 2011, Pittsburgh's Potholes, www.rodasproject.org

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11066/1130252-53.stm>

WPXI March 4, 2011, Federal and State Budget Cuts

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, February 22, 2011, Allegheny County Reassessment

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_724011.html

Wall Street Journal, February 5, 2011, Pittsburgh Pension

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Philadelphia Inquirer, January 30, 2011, Philadelphia Property Reassessment

http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/20110130_Group_sues_to_force_new_Philadelphia_tax_system.html

Philadelphia Inquirer/South Jersey Edition, January 30, 2011, Philadelphia Property Reassessment

<http://philly.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/showlink.aspx?bookmarkid=KMP5OBWNESG4>

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<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11030/1121375-28.stm>

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, January 24, 2011, Pittsburgh Airport

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_719518.html

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, January 14, 2011, County Executive Legacy

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_718156.html

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Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, October 27, 2010, Governors and Job Creation

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/regional/s_706258.html

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, September 12, 2010, Penn Hills School District

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_699218.html

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, September 12, 2010, Marcellus Shale Taxation

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/regional/s_699244.html

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, August 5, 2010, Economic Impact of North Shore Connector

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/pittsburgh/s_693509.html

Allentown Morning Call, August 1, 2010, Challenges Facing Next Pa. Governor

<http://www.mcall.com/news/local/elections/mc-pennsylvania-competitiveness-20100731,0,5117569,full.story>

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, June 6, 2010, Veterans Administration

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Philadelphia Inquirer, May 23, 2010, Board of Revenue and Taxation Vote

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Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, May 13, 2010, Teacher Contract Settlements

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Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, April 24, National Jobs Numbers

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Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, March 24, Pittsburgh Pension Liabilities \$1 billion

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/breaking/s_674239.html

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, March 24, State Revenues Down

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WTAE, March 15, 2010, Gas Prices

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<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/southsouthwest/ct-x-s-0310-harvey-mayor-20100310,0,5834888.story>

WTAE. January 4, 2010, National, Regional, Economic Outlook

<http://www.thepittsburghchannel.com/money/22123659/detail.html>

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, March 1, 2010, Charitable Giving for Chile

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Tax Notes, December 18, 2009, IRS IT Centralization
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, November 24, 2009, Mayor Ravenstahl's lawyer
Pittsburg Post-Gazette, November 15, 2009, Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority
L'Express, October 16, 2009, Credit Cards, US Economy, G-20
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, August 28, 2009 Pittsburgh's Pensions
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, August 18, 2009 Statewide School Budgets
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TheNotebook.Org, June 16, 2009, Teacher Shortage?
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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, March 24, 2009, Takings Clause

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2008

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WTAE, December 20, 2008, Automobile Market, Bailout

KQV, December 5, 2008, Regional and National Economy

WTAE, December 3, 2008, Mortgages, Refinancing

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WTAE, November 7, 2008, Weak Dollar, Mixed Blessing

WTAE, November 3, 2008, Credit Card Crunch

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WTAE, October 23, 2008, UPMC Layoffs

WTAE, October 21, 2008, Credit Crunch

WTAE, October 6, 2008, Gasoline Price Volatility

WTAE September 30, 2008, Failure of Congressional Bailout

WTAE September 26, 2008, National City Stock Price Decline

Bloomberg News, September 26, 2008 National Home Builders Tax Credit Idea

WTAE September 24, 2008, UPMC and Regional Economy

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WTAE July 30, 2008 Decline in Car Leases
WTAE July 10, 2008 Housing Market
WTAE July 9, 2008 Property Taxes and Debt
WTAE June 26, 2008 National Economy
CBS.Com April 11, 2008 Pennsylvania Primary
WTAE May 12, 2008 Bingo Diversion
WTAE May 9, 2008 Energy Costs
WTAE April 4, 2008 Obama Campaign
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Frank Moxie, Youngstown State, School of Education, “Teacher Hiring Practices in Ohio, 2011--.

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Recent Masters Thesis Supervision

Eric Meyer, “Billion Dollar Babies: An Examination of Public Authorities in Pennsylvania,” May, 2008.

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Kendal Fowler, Road Bonding Requirements for Road Hauling in Pennsylvania, Spring 2011.

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Recent Teaching

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Fall, 2009 Public Finance, Microeconomics for Managers

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